

# SOUTHSIDE BLOOMS RECOGNITION POP-UP



On May 16, 2023, Upstate Volunteer Programs Coordinator Cecilia Maciel Martinez visited Southside Blooms, an initiative by Chicago Eco House, to provide Governor's Certificates of Appreciation for their most outstanding and committed volunteers. Southside Blooms is a farm-to-vase florist on the Southside of Chicago, providing unique and fashion-forward arrangements while maintaining an uncompromising dedication to the environment and surrounding communities. Every purchase directly contributes to job creation for youth and young adults from under-resourced and marginalized communities. Their flowers are “beyond-organic” because they do not use pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic fertilizers.

The volunteers recognized were Andy Brown, James Harris, LaShawn Etheridg, Warren Skipper. and David Lapidus. Pictured above are Chicago Eco House Founder, Quilen Blackwell, and afterschool student workers.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTHSIDE BLOOMS!**

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