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"Love" is one of the most foundational emotions and equips us with a lense through which we can navigate the world and understand self-worth. Many people have obstacles on interpreting how love fits into their lives and should be manifested. Love Not Lost is an opportunity for attendees to learn about various challenges involving love. Attendees will also learn about two local nonprofits addressing these challenges.

Erie Family Health Center's Teen Health Services serve thousands of teens each year at the only freestanding comprehensive teen health center in the Chicago Area by providing various services ranging from family planning to STD/HIV counseling, testing, and treatment. Chicago House serves individuals and families who are disenfranchised by HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ marginalization, poverty, homelessness, and/or gender noncomformity by providing housing, employment services, medical linkage and retention services, HIV prevention services, legal services, and other supportive programs.

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- An Art Gallery featuring over 30 local artists
- Music Performances by Lili K, Samantha Turner, and more
- Local Beers and Spirits
- Arts and Crafts tables at our Creative Corner
- Themed Photo Booth
- A marketplace featuring local Artisans, Businesses, and Food
- And more!

Visit www.echoesofchicago.org for further details and opportunities for participation/collaboration.

Echoes believes that events can be entertaining while maintaining cultural integrity and affordability for tastemakers, creatives, and people simply looking to explore new communities. Echoes sees their work as creative placemaking, creating culturally vibrant, relevant, and accessible spaces for the public – "where people want to be." For example, Echoes only asks for a suggested donation upon entry to their events and, most importantly, no one is turned away.

## **About Echoes of Chicago**

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Morgan's on Fulton is located in the Fulton Market District and has been renovated by James Geier, president of 555 International, into an amazing multi-level event space. Their mission is to make this space into "a place -where people want to be," which resonates with how Echoes thinks about events. Echoes works to create events where attendees and their interactions are as important as the art on display and music being performed.

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