Who Do You Think We Are?

- Homeless Shelters?
- Theater Producers?
- Student Mentors?
- Health Providers?
- Community Liaisons?
- Economic Developers?
- Heritage Preservationists?
- Philanthropists?
- College Consultants?
- Employment Specialists?
- Social Activists?
- HIV/AIDS Counselors?
- Educators?

We Are All of the Above & More

In the tradition of "Helping People Help Themselves," the Black United Fund of Illinois (BUF), Inc. has been all of the above over the years by providing funding and technical assistance to over 700 nonprofit grassroots organizations that are dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life in our communities.

Since 1985, the Black United Fund of Illinois has developed and implemented systematic mechanisms that are designed to encourage individuals at every economic level to set aside a portion of their own resources (i.e., ideas, money, supplies, skills and time) to support economic development, alternative education projects, arts and culture, health and human services, social justice, legal services, research and emergency needs.

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950-0010 BLACK UNITED FUND OF ILLINOIS
A self-help organization that provides financial and technical support to projects that improve the quality of life in African-American communities throughout Illinois. (773) 324-0494; www.bufi.org

950-0030 African Women’s Organization
Provides support, information referral, educational and cultural leadership training services for social change for African women and women of African descent and their families (773) 224-2300

950-0032 A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum
Uses history of the Pullman Porters to provide cultural education and inspiration to over 20,000 people annually encouraging interest in Black labor and civil rights history. (773) 850-8580; www.aprpullmanportermuseum.org

950-0033 Betty Shabazz International Charter School
We seek to educate students to achieve academic excellence and cultural stability through learning experiences that have a historical, cultural and community context. (773) 651-2425; www.bsics.org

950-0040 Black Ensemble Theater
Our mission is to eradicate racism. We achieve our mission through theatrical productions and outcomes that transform, inspire and unite the human race. (773) 769-4451; www.blackensembletheater.org

950-0055 Black Star Project
Our mission is to eliminate the racial academic achievement gap by providing educational services such as tutoring, mentoring, parent engagement, and workforce development. (773) 285-9600; www.blackstarproject.org

950-0175 The Boulevard of Chicago the Road To Health And Home
A unique organization that serves homeless men and women released from hospitalization with medical recovery needs that cannot be appropriately addressed in the shelter system. (773) 533-6013; www.blvd.org

950-0060 Chicago Defender Charities, Inc.
Standing on the success of the Bud Billiken Parade, we offer educational, cultural, and social programs to serve the community throughout the year. (773) 536-3710. www.budbillikenparade.org

950-0090 Clara’s House
Emergency transitional shelter for single women and their families. (773) 778-2811 www.clarashousechicago.org

950-0110 Community Christian Alternative Academy
CCA Academy, serving high school dropouts since 1978, uses urban agriculture and restorative justice to increase real life learning and to help students graduate. (773) 762-2272; www.ccaacademy.org

950-0346 Congo Square Theatre
We are developing the next generation of great writers through workshops, innovative productions, and community driven initiatives that champion the African American experience. (773) 296-1108 www.congosquaretheatre.org

950-0125 DuSable Museum of African American History
Is dedicated to the collection, documentation, preservation, interpretation and dissemination of the history and culture of Africans and Americans of African descent. (773) 947-0600; www.dusableduseum.org

950-0130 ETA Creative Arts Foundation
To train and employ youth in the dramatic and technical arts for theatre, visual arts, and produce professional theatre for our communities. (773) 752-3955; www.etacreativearts.org

950-0131 Family Legacy Foundation
Established to help break the poverty cycle for Chicago families through education, training and mentoring. Provides assistance and guidance to adults who are low income and first generation in accessing higher education. (773) 341-1530 www.flfchicago.org

950-0135 Freedom in Holiness Mission
A mission that provides food, clothing and educational life workshop for families in need. (217) 522-2527

950-0137 Global Girls, Inc.
Youth learn communication, life and work skills through dance and theatre training. Annually, over 1,200 participants investigate issues and create presentations reflecting their findings. (773) 902-2359; www.globalgirlsinc.org

950-0140 Grant-A-Wish, Inc.
Arranges for the granting of wishes to needy, disabled and abused children of all ethnic backgrounds in and around the Chicago area. (773) 222-0525; www.grantawishinchicago.org
950-0150 IAMABLE Center for Family Development
To provide stabilizing mental health services that generate hope and wellness. This is accomplished with love of our professional staff of clinicians, educators, and administrators. (773) 826-2929; www.iamablecenter.org

950-0173 Institute of Positive Education
To provide educational services for children, parents, teachers and members of the community including pre-school, after-school evenings and weekend programs. (773) 651-9599; www.ipeclec.org

950-0177 Jackie Robinson West Little League
Provides recreational, social and educational programs for youth. (773) 968-4706

950-0180 Kenwood Oakland Community Organization
Celebrating 50 years of service, KOCO uses community organizing and social service delivery to address the structural inequities facing low-income and working families. (773) 548-7500; www.kocoonline.org

950-0190 Link & Options Center, The
A comprehensive community-based social services and community mental health center empowering children, adolescents, adults and families with stabilization options through advocacy, treatment and intervention. (708) 331-4880; www.link-option.com

950-0200 Matthew House
To provide food, daytime shelter, emergency housing assistance and supportive services to homeless men, women, and children who are homeless (including veterans and ex-offenders). (773) 653-6328; www.matthewhousechicago.org

950-0220 Muntu Dance Theater
Serves the community with authentic African based education and entertainment through interactive performances, programs, and residencies K-12. (773) 241-6080; www.muntu.com

950-0347 NAJWA Dance Corps
Performs dance styles and techniques of different eras reflective of the African American experience. Inspiring, educating and entertaining audiences of all ages and cultural backgrounds. (312) 850-7224; www.najwadance.org

950-0225 Napolean & Ada Moton Chapman Institute
Is organized to meet the educational and scientific needs of people of all ages, creeds, and colors through self-help. (630) 739-9660

950-0230 National Black United Front
Social action, after-school tutoring programs, and a prison correspondence project. (773) 493-0900; www.nbufront.org

950-0240 National Hook-up of Black Women, Inc.
Provides direct assistance to women and children in education, scholarship and healthcare. (773) 667-7061; www.nhbwinc.com

950-0265 Real Men Charities, Inc.
Focuses its building healthy families and communities mission in schools and communities, presents the “Real Men Cook ®” Father’s Day celebrations. (773) 425-4113; wwwrealmencook.com

950-0300 Sankofa-Safe Child Initiative
A village that’s challenged to leave No Family Behind, providing supportive services that reduce the number of families involved in child welfare/juvenile justice systems. (773) 826-9520; www.sankofasafechild.org

950-0330 South Shore Drill Team
Uses performing arts to engage youth throughout their critical teenage years, mitigate dangers of gangs & drugs, and guide them to be responsible adults. (773) 651-0220; www.southshoredrillteam.org

950-0330 South Shore Planning and Preservation Coalition
SSCAC preserves, conserves, and promotes the legacy and future of African American art and artists while educating the community on the value of art and culture. (773) 373-1026; www.southsidecommunityartcenter.com

950-0325 South Side Community Arts Center
Seeks to teach talented young artists, provides gallery space for artists and serves as a resource for African-American artists. (773) 373-1026; www.southsidecommunityartcenter.com

950-0335 South Side Help Center
Provides programs for at-risk youth and families, including after-school tutoring, cultural enrichment, violence prevention, alcohol and drug prevention, HIV/AIDS education and prevention, and mentoring. (773) 445-5445; www.southsidehelp.org

950-0340 Totally Positive Productions, Inc.
Provides after-school and weekend programs, entertainment workshops and free cultural and enrichment field trips and produces talent competitions and showcases. (773) 488-9553; www.totallypositiveproductions.com