

NEWSLETTER

AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGACY

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A message from the Chair & Vice Chair

The past two years have been filled with change, but in all that has transpired, AAL has continued its mission to uplift and support the Black community in Chicago so that they will thrive. As we transition into a new season, we are excited to announce the 2022 grant recipients, Donald Stewart Fellowship Recipient, Life Directors, and Vice Chair [Kimberly Casey](#). In addition, we highlighted Black excellence during Black Philanthropy Month with the proclamation and the Legacy Awards. This is only the beginning. There's more work to do, and we hope you'll join us and stay engaged with African American Legacy.

STRONGER TOGETHER,

Troy Boyd Jr., Chair
Kimberly Casey, Vice Chair

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\$2 Million Fundraising Campaign

In 2021, the Engagement and Asset Growth Committee, inspired by the \$500,000 Facebook grant which increased support to Black-led and Black-supporting organizations, launched a campaign to raise an additional \$1.5 million. An additional \$300,000 from Glasser & Rosenthal Family Foundation has increased funding to \$800,000.

STRATEGY



Raise awareness of the needs of African American-led nonprofits in the Chicago region.



Advocate for greater focus on infrastructure development for African American-led nonprofits.



Increase the operational capacity of African American-led nonprofits.

IMPACT



Increase support and **spark** new energy to vitalize and strengthen the infrastructure for Black-led nonprofit organizations.



Support organizations that help Black Youth and families learn financial literacy & seek careers in the financial and investor sector.



Enable Chicago's African American communities to **thrive**.

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LEGACY AWARDS

In celebration of Black Philanthropy Month, The African American Legacy Fund hosted the Legacy Awards to celebrate the Legacy of Leadership, Service, and Giving.



The ceremony held on August 27, 2020 at Gallery Guichard honored the recent Donald Stewart Fellow, Tonika Johnson, the social justice artist known for the Folded Map Project; the former CEO & President of The Chicago Community Trust and recently appointed President of Spelman College, Helene Gayle; exemplary former board member, Daniel Ash, the newly appointed President of The Field Foundation; and the African American Legacy Fund grant recipients of 2020 and 2021.



GRANTS

PARTNERSHIP

In 2020, as a commitment to supporting Black people and communities, Facebook announced \$20 million in cash grants to 20 community foundations across the United States providing grants to Black-serving organizations. The Chicago Community Trust was among the awarded foundations and partnered with Unity Fund and The African American Legacy Fund for grant making to local organizations for two years. AAL was able to increase its support to Black-led and Black-serving organizations.

AAL GRANTS COMMITTEE AWARDS

\$482,500

- LIVE FREE CHICAGO
- LUGENIA BURNS HOPE CENTER
- SOUTHSIDE ORGANIZING FOR UNITY AND LIBERATION
- WESTSIDE RISING

ACTIVISM

- AAMPA
- AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTS ALLIANCE OF CHICAGO
- CONGO SQUARE THEATRE PROJECT
- DEEPLY ROOTED PRODUCTIONS
- GIRLS LIKE ME PROJECT
- HONEY POT PERFORMANCE

ARTS

- ACADEMY OF SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT
- PROJECT EDUCATION PLUS
- THE BLACK STAR PRO
- WESTSIDE RISING

EDUCATION

- ECOWOMANIST INSTITUTE
- LADIES OF VIRTUE
- LIGHT OF LOVING KINDNESS
- A NEW LIFE KNEW SOLUTIONS

MENTAL HEALTH

- GRAY MATTER EXPERIENCE

JOB CREATION

2020 & 2021 GRANT RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



GRANTS COMMITTEE



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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



TROY BOYD

CHICAGO DEFENDER'S 2022 MEN OF EXCELLENCE

In June 2022, Troy Boyd Jr. was awarded the Chicago Defender Men of Excellence Award. The Chicago Defender's highly anticipated awards ceremony recognized 50 world-class men from the Chicagoland area who have displayed the highest level of leadership, whose commitment to excellence is empowering, and whose achievements are unparalleled. The distinguished award has been presented to 700 of Chicago's brightest and most accomplished men, CEOs, presidents, business owners, corporate professionals, and students to celebrate their profound influence within their communities. In addition, AAL's chair was nominated by fellow board member Christal Stinson to be part of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Inaugural Class of Masterminds.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AWARD

MARY PATTILLO



Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts and the Chicago Council of Lawyers will honor **Dr. Mary Pattillo**, Harold Washington Professor of Sociology & chair of the Department of African American Studies at Northwestern University, with the Commitment to Justice Award. The October 25 luncheon will include a panel discussion moderated by **Laura Washington**, acclaimed columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, contributing editor for *In These Times*, and political analyst for ABC-7 Chicago, and feature **Dr. Matt Epperson**, associate professor at the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice & Director of the Smart Decarceration Project, **Dr. Julian Thompson**, assistant professor of Criminology, Law, and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and **Garien Gatewood**, Chicago Appleseed Board Member & director of the Illinois Justice Project.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

In June of 2022, Northwestern Medicine announced an outpatient care center planned in the Bronzeville neighborhood. Dr. Kimbra Bell has been named as the medical director of the facility. According to NBC, the facility is the focus for the city's \$1.4 billion INVEST South/West initiative to address decades of disinvestment in "high risk" neighborhoods. The project is expected to create 1,000 construction jobs and 100 permanent health care positions according to Northwestern Medicine.

Northwestern Medicine's Bronzeville location is expected to open by summer 2025.



Excerpt from NBC Chicago's, "State-of-the-Art Medical Center Coming to Bronzeville." June 2, 2022, Chris Hush.



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