JOSÉ ABONCE
Austin Coming Together
Community Organizer
Austin Coming Together’s mission is to increase the collective impact of their member organizations on improving education and economic development outcomes for the Austin community.

BERTO AGUAYO
The Resurrection Project
Community Organizer (Safety and Nonviolence)
The Resurrection Project’s mission is to build relationships and challenge individuals to act on their faith and values by creating community ownership, building community wealth, and serving as stewards of community assets.

RECO BATES
Chicago Tech Academy
School Counselor
Chicago Tech Academy is an educational community whose mission is to educate, empower and connect a diverse next generation of entrepreneurial thinkers to discover their passions, succeed in college and thrive in a digital world.

EVELYN BENÍTEZ
Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
Youth Services Coordinator
The Chicago Department of Family & Support Services works to provide assistance to Chicago’s residents, particularly those most in need, beginning at birth through the senior years.

JESSICA CAÑAS
Enlace Chicago
College Pipeline Specialist
Enlace Chicago convenes, organizes, and builds the capacity of Little Village stakeholders to confront systemic inequities and barriers to economic and social access.

TEISHETTA DANIEL
Chicago Park District
Center Director
The mission of the Chicago Park District is to enhance the quality of life in Chicago by becoming the leading provider of recreation and leisure opportunities, provide safe, inviting and beautifully maintained parks and facilities, and create a customer-focused and responsive park system that prioritizes the needs of children and families.
TEVONNE ELLIS  
Claretian Associates  
Collective Impact Manager  
Claretian Associates carries on a rich and collaborative tradition of responding to the needs of South Chicago and its surrounding communities by providing affordable housing and vital services that benefit the safety and wellbeing of residents and families.

JUDY IDROVO  
Planned Parenthood of Illinois  
CHAT Program Assistant Manager  
Planned Parenthood works to educate and empower communities, provide quality health care, lead the reproductive rights movement, and advance global health. Planned Parenthood believes sexual and reproductive health rights are basic rights.

DARIS JASPER  
Children’s Museum of Art and Social Justice  
Museum Director  
The Children’s Museum of Art and Social Justice is dedicated to exhibiting the artwork of youth alongside working artists in order to promote social change. The mission of the museum is to act as a voice for individuals whose perspectives are often omitted from the mainstream dialogue. The Children’s Museum of Art and Social Justice seeks to showcase their artistic explorations of social injustices and to inspire action toward political and social change.

ITZEL LÓPEZ-HINOJOSA  
Illinois Math and Science Academy  
Residential Counselor  
IMSA’s mission is to ignite and nurture creative, ethical, scientific minds that advance the human condition.

CYNTHIA NAMBO  
Network for College Success at the University of Chicago  
Leadership Coach  
The Network for College Success (NCS) envisions Chicago neighborhood high schools that continuously cultivate collaboration, powerful learning, and a culture of high achievement to prepare all students for college and career success.

LUIS NARVAEZ  
Chicago Public Schools  
Director of Strategic Projects  
At Chicago Public Schools, the mission is to provide a high quality public education for every child, in every neighborhood, that prepares each for success in college, career and civic life. To fulfill our mission, we make these three commitments to our students, their families and to all Chicagoans: academic progress, financial stability, and integrity.
DEEDEE PACHECO
Urban Gateways
Program Manager, Residency & Special Projects
Urban Gateways engages young people in arts experiences to inspire creativity and impact social change. Urban Gateways works to overcome social and economic barriers for youth to access Chicago’s artistic and cultural vitality. The vision is a creative and artistically responsive society.

LEILA RAHRAVAN
Center for Changing Lives
Employment Coach
The mission of the Chicago Center for Changing Lives partners with those held back by lack of resource and economic opportunity in order to uncover possibilities, overcome barriers, and realize their potential.

SAEED RICHARDSON
Community Renewal Society
Director of Policy
Community Renewal Society informs and brings people of faith and congregations together, in partnership with communities, coalitions, interfaith organizations, and civic leaders, to intentionally and decisively transform society toward greater social justice at the intersection of racism and poverty. CRS’ vision is a just community where race and class no longer limit each person’s full participation in all aspects of society.

CLAUDE ROBINSON
UCAN
Executive Vice President of External Affairs and Diversity
UCAN’s programs are guided by a Clinical Philosophy and united under a cohesive approach for treating clients who are challenged by their histories of trauma. UCAN’s objective is to provide a consistent approach for serving youth and families. Clients are empowered by building upon their strengths, encouraging their sense of independence, and instilling hope for their futures.

SONICA RUIZ
Chicago Park District
Program Specialist
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SIEMON E SMITH
Family Focus Englewood
Infant Mental Health Specialist
The mission of Family Focus is to promote the well-being of children from birth by supporting and strengthening families in and with their communities. They help parents gain confidence and competence as the primary caregivers and educators of their children. They also provide parents and their children with critical resources and learning opportunities to encourage healthy development in their communities.
**CORY STEVENSON**  
Open Arch Chicago  
Teacher, Open Arch Chicago (Board Member)

Open Arch Chicago’s mission is to work with communities to create sustainable, innovative, and socially responsive design. They mobilize architects, designers, and neighborhood leaders to end injustice in our communities.

**JORGE VALDIVIA**  
National Museum of Mexican Art  
Volunteer

The mission of the National Museum of Mexican Art is to showcase the beauty and richness of Mexican culture by sponsoring events and presenting exhibitions that exemplify the majestic variety of visual and performing arts in the Mexican culture; to develop, conserve and preserve a significant permanent collection of Mexican art; to encourage the professional development of Mexican artists; and, to offer arts-education programs.

**NICOLE WARD**  
Metropolitan Family Services  
Youth and Family Specialist/Therapeutic Respite Worker

Metropolitan Family Services empowers families to learn, to earn, to heal, to thrive. Metropolitan Family Services has been the engine of change that empowers Chicago-area families to reach their greatest potential and positively impact their communities.

**LILLIANE WEBB**  
Big Shoulders Fund  
Auxiliary Board Member, Schools Committee

The Big Shoulders Fund helps Chicago’s children in need achieve their dreams through access to a quality, values-based education. They accomplish this by scholarship support and academic enrichment for students, operational improvements for schools, leadership development programs for the next generation of school leaders, and academic programs and professional development for teachers.

**RAFAEL YÁNEZ**  
U.N.I.O.N. Impact Center  
President/CEO

The mission of U.N.I.O.N. Impact Center is to provide distressed communities the tools necessary for financial, physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth.

**SHANAVIA STEVENS**  
La Casa Norte  
Casa Corazon Program Coordinator

The mission of La Casa Norte is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness. LCN provides access to stable housing and deliver comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities.