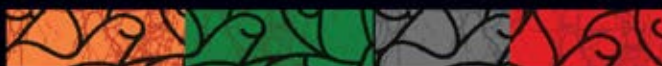




*The Mission of the Pan-African Association is to serve, empower, and promote the integration of refugees, asylees, and immigrants from Africa and around the world.*

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP THE PAN-AFRICAN ASSOCIATION

### VOLUNTEER:

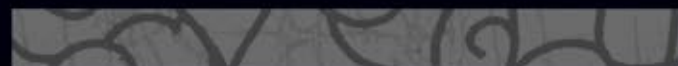
As a mentor, assist with English language learning, job readiness, and provide insight about life in the USA by forming a two-way culture-sharing friendship with someone new to our country. Become a community support partner by organizing your peers and community members to support gift drives and special events. In our office, assist staff with numerous projects including event planning, data entry, and more. Share your expertise with our clients on topics like employment, health, financial literacy, and adjustment related issues. Interpret to assist people with navigating their new city, attend important meetings with service providers, or translate documents.

**BECOME A DONATING PARTNER:**  
 The Pan-African Association is a small agency, where every dollar is carefully spent to ensure the greatest number of lives are touched. In other words, your tax-deductible contribution of \$20, \$50, \$100 or more will matter. Your gift will bring hope. To donate, visit [www.panafricanassociation.org](http://www.panafricanassociation.org).



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The history of America is forged upon the mutual assistance of community members, who have helped one another in acclimating to new surroundings, building new lives, and living the American Dream. The Pan-African Association continues this historic tradition of mutual aid, empowering individuals to live better lives through the strength of community.

Our purpose is a powerful one: to enable Chicago's African refugees and immigrants to come together as a cohesive, supportive group. People work hand-in-hand to ensure self-reliance, and healthier, happier lives. We do so in a variety of ways: providing tools that enable self-sufficiency and improve family health; strengthening mental outlooks through mentorship, workshops, and support groups; building bridges between Africans of all nations and Chicagoans from all backgrounds; forming collaborations and assisting Chicago's African community to maintain its rich cultural heritage of music, art, dance, and literary achievements.

We invite you to join us, as a volunteer, audience member at one of our cultural events, a beneficiary of our community-building, life-enriching programs, or as a friend.

# PAN-AFRICAN ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS

**All Pan-African Association (PAA) programs are designed side-by-side with Chicago's African refugee and immigrant community, partners, and our expert staff so that poverty-causing obstacles may be overcome and stronger communities may be forged. Our programs include:**

**Adjustment and Integration Services**  
PAA empowers communities by providing Adjustment and Integration services, so that new comers can learn how to navigate life in the US, and gain an understanding of the American culture.

**Mentoring Program**  
PAA builds bridges to self-sufficiency, cross-cultural understanding, and stronger communities by matching newcomers who are in need of guidance with specially-trained volunteer mentors. Mentors provide English-language tutoring, friendship, community orientation, and general support.

**Workforce Development**  
PAA's holistic Workforce Development service assists program participants in obtaining employment and success in the US workforce. Its services include: job readiness, employment counseling, job placement, and job upgrades.

**Citizenship / Civic Education & Immigration Program**

PAA provides education and application services to eligible people so that they may realize their dream of becoming citizens of the United States of America. As a BIA recognized organization, PAA is able to assist the community at large with most immigration issues.

**Health & Wellness Program**

PAA helps people to live healthier lives through medical translation services, distribution of educational materials, group discussions, health workshops and fairs, and health counseling.

**Cultural Programs**

PAA celebrates rich cultural heritage while enabling newcomers of African descent to build bridges of friendship within the greater Chicagoland community through art, musical performances, as well as dance and drumming classes.

