

# WORKING WITH ASSIST AGENCIES



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- Everyone is muted upon entry for the presentation portion of the workshop
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## Fresh Start Home Community Development Corporation

Serving those locally in Chicago's Greater Englewood Community and beyond, to advocate on behalf of the underserved, with a focus on Veterans and their families to encourage ownership and inspire self-pride. Our goal is to provoke a change in thinking to move people forward with goal-oriented purpose and driven actions to build financial security for themselves. We seek to aligns our efforts with existing Housing Plans, local Community Partners and Government Agencies to create a greater reach an economic and social impact for generations to come.



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Presented By:

Vianna C. Little

Fresh Start Home Community Development Corporation (FSHCDC)

# Introducing “Fresh Start Now”<sup>©</sup> Initiative Project300<sup>™</sup>

*2020 &  
beyond...*



## Fresh Start Home

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Building People • Building Communities • Building Wealth<sup>™</sup>

## Making Dreams A Reality!

*A Fresh New Approach* in the Housing & Community Development  
Marketplace!



# What Ignites My Why!

## About the Co-Creator

**The Visionary, Vianna C. Little is the President/CEO at FSHCDC**, fighting on the frontline as the *NAACP Chicago Southside Housing & Unit Coordination Chair*. An expert in her field, she is a Humanitarian, Educator, Life Skills Coach, Marketer, Serial Entrepreneur, and **Social Enterprise Business Owner**, serving others with compassion for over 28 years in the **Residential Financial Services, And Real Estate** public private sectors. **Credentials:**

- **Professional Licensed Mortgage Loan Originator and Investment Banker, NMLS #227816, Since 1999**
- **Property Asset Manager, Legal Assistance, Concierge Support Consultant, and Notary Public, Since 2002**
- **The city of Chicago Approved Nonprofit Assist Agency, Since 2016**
- **Dallas Housing Authority, Housing and Urban Development HUD/VASH Vendor #0001070, Since 2017**
- **The city of Chicago Approved Court Appointed Receivership Institute Specialist, Since 2019**
- **The city of Chicago Housing Choice Voucher “Choose to Own” Homeownership Facilitator, 2002 – 2004**
- **Property Manager Assistance, Loan Processor, Closer, Servicer, Jr. Underwriter and Broker Manager 1992 – 2000**

# Who We Are

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**A *faith-based* nonprofit social enterprise agency born out of a vision of purpose to create a *fresh new approach* in the housing, and community development marketplace.**



# Our True North

**Mission.** *Empowering The Masses* to thrive holistically to ceate an economic and social impact for generations to come.

**Goal.** To Eliminate Housing **and** Economic Disparities, and *Their Root Causes* among **AT Risk dark-skinned Color/Hueman** Beings, to *advance Gods Kingdom purpose in the Earth - to Enjoy Life Experience - expanding local to global.*

# The Opportunity

- **Building People** via Educational Empowerment Program & Support Services to create “**Holistic Wellness**”.
  - **Building Community** via Homeownership & Economic Advancement to create “**Strong & Stable Families**”.
  - **Building Wealth** via Community Driven Strategies & Income Solutions to create “**Grassroots Financial Freedom**”.
  - **Our Goal** to leave a *good legacy to compete* for ALL our children's children.
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# Our niche Solution

Create a seamless bridge to self-sustained homeownership through:

- Innovative ***common-sense*** approaches, to fill the service gaps and remove the barriers in the public private sectors.
- Customized action plan, with the right support to put our select beneficiaries on a strong pathway to “Own vs Rent”.
- Develop and resale ***quality green*** homes at or below market cost to our members.
- Create simple and enjoyable pathways to attain, maintain and sustain ownership to Build Intergenerational Wealth.

# Roadmap FY2020-2021

To raise \$250k, in order to advance our mission...

To develop An Evidence-based Community-Driven Model, to duplicate.

To Build Capacity, Capital, and Brand by 12.31.2021.

# Let's Engage!

From a win-win Team Approach. Schedule Now

<https://calendly.com/FreshStartNow>



**10.23. 2020**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Leaders, Stakeholders,  
and NAACP Chicago  
Southside Executive  
Committee.



**11.11.2020**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

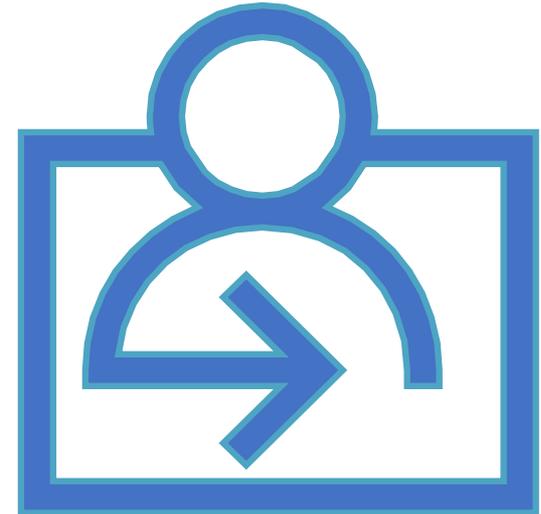
**Project300** Outreach &  
Fundraiser Campaign  
“**Power Team**” Launch  
**Private Invite Only**



**12.15.2020**

**5:00 - 10 p.m.**

End of the Year  
Awards/ Celebration  
Gala.



## “Fresh Start Now” Initiative - Project300™

*2020 & beyond Strategic Action Plan - Vision & Listening Tour Information Session.*

**Launching “Building Our Community”** On & offline Event Series!

**Learn more about Our Unstoppable Blueprint at [www.FreshStartNow.us/Register](http://www.FreshStartNow.us/Register)**

Direct contact: Visionary, Vianna C. Little, President and CEO | 312-632-0811 | [Info@FreshStartNow.us](mailto:Info@FreshStartNow.us)

In collaboration with *NAACPCSS and Public-Private Community Partners*

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**We Can Write A New Story  
Together...**

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**Donate \$50 NOW to become our  
founding “Power Team” member!**

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**With Team Genesis© “Building Wealth Club” Program**

# The Birthing 2014



# Phase 1: Building Our Relationships In Englewood

## “Dance-Out As Medicine”

Adult Dance Fitness Program  
Development Partnership with  
Hamilton Park Advisory Council  
PAC. & Ms. Chewanda McWillis



Vianna C. Little

CEO and President

Fresh Start Home

Community Development Corporation

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Website: [www.FreshStartNow.us](http://www.FreshStartNow.us)

## Sustainable Options for Urban Living, Inc.

Sustainable Options for Urban Living, Inc. (SOUL-Program.org) provides workforce and contractor development to communities of color. In addition to the typical skilled craft trades we specialize in energy efficiency and Solar PV renewable energy. SOUL-PROGRAM.ORG

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Presented By:

Cynthia Stewart, Executive Director  
Sustainable Options for Urban Living, Inc. (SOUL)



# Who Is S.O.U.L.?

## **Sustainable Options for Urban Living, Inc.**

We are:

*“a holistic, urban, community and cooperative economic developer that explores and shares options for local businesses and residents to create healthy, happy, prosperous and sustainable lives.”*



# Project Opportunities

**S.O.U.L. helps connect prime construction firms to M/W/D/VBE Certified firms for potential contracts and joint venture opportunities for public and private projects**

**S.O.U.L. can assist with:**

- **Diversity Certification applications**
- **Utility service provider applications**
- **Collaborations between Primes and Subs for project opportunities**
- **Estimating services available**
- **Project Management**



# Neighborhood Opportunity Fund

## SOUL serves as a Construction Project Manager for NOF

**Purpose:** The Construction Project Manager will provide NOF Grantees with comprehensive construction management support.

**Fees:** Capped at 20% of the approved NOF grant amount or \$25,000, whichever is less. Fees schedules TBD per project scope and size

# Neighborhood Opportunity Fund



# Specialty Niche

**S.O.U.L. has a specialty niche:**

**Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

**Our expertise includes:**

- **Energy use analysis capabilities**
- **Spray foam and eco-friendly insulation installation**
- **Solar energy design and installation**
- **Utility rebate and incentive processing**



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# SOUL Community Incubator

Incubator Membership Packages including:

- Workforce Development to create and maintain a trained workforce
  - Carpentry
  - HVAC
  - Electrical
  - Solar
  - Spray Foam Insulation
  - Facilities Maintenance
- Business Development training to establish infrastructure & operations
  - Diversity Certification assistance
  - Project Management
  - Growth Plan Development
  - Estimating and Take Off Services



# Complete Suite of Services





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## The Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce

The Illinois Black Chamber Of Commerce Is A Coalition Of Area Businesses, Not-For-Profit Organizations And Individuals Who Pool Their Talents And Resources To Improve The Local Economic Environment.

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Siri Hibbler  
Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce



Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce

Building Black Businesses Statewide

# Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce™-Assist Agency

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We are honored to have received our official United State Trademark that will help us achieve our goals of helping with the growth of businesses in Illinois!

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**Illinois Black Chamber of  
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**Reg. No. 6,171,683**

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CLASS 35: Chamber of commerce services, namely, promoting businesses of others, networking events of others, entrepreneur and leadership training of others, employee training provided by others, community advocacy, apparel manufacturers, clothing manufacturers, jewelry manufacturers, tourism industry providers, and promotional events of others in Illinois, the United States, Africa and other foreign countries

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Director of the United States  
Patent and Trademark Office



# ILLINOIS BLACK CHAMBER

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## MISSION

**DEDICATED TO BUILDING BLACK BUSINESSES IN ILLINOIS!**

**There are less than 1.8% of black-owned businesses in Illinois. Our goal is to increase this number to 60% by 2025. We can not do this without you! We are dedicated to improving the lives of those in our community through commerce, legislation and economic opportunity.**

# ILLINOIS BLACK CHAMBER

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## WHAT WE OFFER

- Assistance with VBE, MBE and WBE Certifications
- COVID-19 Relief and General Assistance through Grant Funding, PPP Assistance and Access to other funding sources
- GATA and SAM registration assistance
- Grant Writing and Business Plan Assistance
- Accounting, Financial Analysis and Wealth Management
- Business Advising and Coaching
- Contractor Education for Bids.
- Job Retention Services / Employee Training
- Social Media and Marketing support.
- Training Strategies for your staff and industry.
- Assistance with Online Webinars
- Local Fee Waiver, License, Bonding and Registration Assistance
- Market Assessment and COVID-19 Operations Management

# Our Partner Agencies

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# Field of Dreams Visionary Center

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## MISSION

**We are a not-for-profit, 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization that exist to eradicate homelessness, violence, trauma, drug addiction and poverty, bringing hope to the hopeless and vulnerable.**

## WHAT WE OFFER

- Violence Prevention Program
- Substance Addiction and Trauma Counseling
- Career and Workforce Development Classes
- Microsoft Productivity Computer Training.
- Job Placement
- Retention Coaching
- Re-entry Support and Services; ID and Birth Certificates Expungement and Sealing of Records (**Recent Parolees and Probation only**) Emergency, Transitional and Permanent Housing Placements.
- Rental Referral Assistance.
- Furniture Assistance.
- Clothing Vouchers.
- Entrepreneur Workshops
- STEAM Youth After-school/Summer Program
- Transportation to and from Worksites
- Career Clothing

# Field of Dreams Visionary Center

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Graduates receiving "ready to work" clothing

Field of Dreams Visionary Center provides a career success academic program with a syllabus, that successfully prepares participants for the workforce, job retention, career and life success.



Graduates from our Career & Workforce Development Program

# COVID19 African American Relief Fund

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## MISSION

**We are a not-for-profit, 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization that exist to distribute grants to small black businesses, fresh produce to seniors and families with children, donating safety gear/clothing to the front-workers in our black communities, distributing educational health mailers to residents and providing emergency housing for homeless and low-income families, and individuals affected by COVID-19.**

## WHAT WE OFFER

- **Rental Assistance**
- **Grants for small businesses**
- **Fresh produce to seniors and families with children**
- **Pertinent supplies for first responders and local hospitals**

# COVID19 African American Relief Fund



**COVID-19 RELIEF**





**SIRI HIBBLER**  
Founder

**12,000 POUNDS OF FREE GROCERIES**  
**05/09/2020**







**LOCATION: GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**  
**2853 W. MADISON, CHICAGO, IL**

**TIME: 3:00 PM UNTIL GROCERIES ARE GONE!**

**SHARE WITH THE HOMELESS/FRIENDS/NEIGHBORS\***

**SPONSORED BY THE COVID-19 AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIEF FUND**



**PARTNER**





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# Cook County Black Chamber of Commerce

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## MISSION

**The Cook County Black Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of businesses and professionals working together to build the health and wellness, quality of life and wealth of the black communities. As a chamber we champion many different functions: grower of black businesses, economic developer and planner, tourist and business information center, business spokesperson, economic counselor and entrepreneur trainer, leadership, government relations specialist (PAC), human resources adviser, and public relations practitioner.**

## WHAT WE OFFER

- **Dream Entrepreneur Classes**
- **5K Run/Walk**
- **Sunrise Café Weekly Speaker Events**
- **Morning Brews & Views**
- **Evenings in the Park**
- **Networking Events**
- **Tech in the Park ®**



COOK COUNTY BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SINCE 2019

# Cook County Black Chamber of Commerce

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**Questions?**

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