



Associate Board of Directors

Springboard to Success supports programs and partners that propel Chicago Housing Authority residents on their pathways to academic success, economic stability, and independence. It is our vision that youth currently living in CHA households achieve housing stability as an adult without the requirement of a housing subsidy.

Board Overview

With the institution of an Associate Board, Springboard to Success(S2S) will encourage young professionals to share resources, time, and talent to provide leadership and raise funds in support of our organization and its mission. The Associate Board's objective is to support the overall mission and activities of S2S by acting as ambassadors for the organization, introducing the organization to new potential supporters, and raising funds via events and social media campaigns targeted at young professionals. The chance to serve on the Associate Board is an excellent professional development opportunity.

Associate Board Member Requirements

- Prepare for, attend and actively participate in quarterly board meetings and applicable ad hoc meetings.
- Serve a term of 2 years.
- Commitment to the S2S mission.
- Familiarize self with programs, services and communications messages in order to articulate them to their community.
- Contribute skills, expertise, knowledge and experience.
- Work with staff members to establish an Associate Board annual fundraising plan that may incorporate appropriate vehicles such as events, direct e-mail and crowdfunding.
- Actively support the fundraising activities of the organization and contribute a personally meaningful annual gift.
- Serve as advocates and ambassadors for S2S and fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for S2S to advance its mission.
- Attend and invite guests to Associate Board hosted fundraising events.
- Leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to fully achieve S2S' mission.
- Identify individuals as prospects for service on the Board or Associate Board
- Maintain confidentiality about all internal matters related to the S2S.
- Fulfill commitments within agreed-upon deadlines.

Join a growing community of supporters dismantling institutional racism and systemic injustice by supporting youth living in public housing.

Reaffirm support for our Black and Brown youth in Chicago and take action by joining the Springboard to Success(S2S) Board of Directors. S2S supports a robust college access pipeline by funding programs and events that bridge gaps and reduce barriers to get Chicago Housing Authority youth to and through college and into professional careers.



- S2S program participants are twice as likely to attend college than CHA youth who do not participate in our college exposure programs.



- S2S scholarship recipients are 6 times more likely to graduate or persist in college than those who do not receive the scholarship



- Since 2015, 31% of S2S scholarship awardees have left CHA housing



- Scholarship recipients' annual income is significantly higher than the overall CHA population. S2S scholarship recipients also have significantly higher lifetime earning potential.



- S2S scholarship recipients are employed in fields of high demand in Chicago.



Springboard to Success(S2S) program participant and a four-time S2S scholarship recipient

As a Chicago Housing Authority resident Kimesha wasn't sure how she would get to and through college financially. As a first-generation college student, she didn't have parents who could share their knowledge about the college application process. The S2S scholarship program made it possible for her to attend her dream school, a "Hidden Ivy," Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

"The S2S scholarship was a constant reminder that someone at home was invested in me and rooting for my success."

After graduating with a dual bachelor's in economics and bioengineering, Kimesha landed a job using both degrees as a financial analyst for Aetna. And, no longer needs CHA support for housing stability.

Kimesha Branch



Springboard to Success Board Application

Please return this application to the above address by:			
Today's Date:			
CONTACT INFORMATION			
First Name:	MI:	Last Name:	
Street Address:	City:	State:	ZIP:
Phone Number:	Email:		
EMPLOYMENT		I have attached a resume in the lieu of answering the Employment and Education Sections. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Name of Current Employer:		Title:	
Company Address:		Phone Number:	
Company Email:		Preferred method of contact: Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>	
Type of business or Organization:			
Primary services, and area/population served:			
EDUCATION			
School Attended		Degree Received	

PAST BOARD EXPERIENCE:

Please list boards and committees that you serve on, or have served on in the past (business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, or social.)

Organization	Role/Title	Dates of Service

HOW DO YOU FEEL SPRINGBOARD TO SUCCESS WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT ON THE BOARD?

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SKILL, EXPERIENCE, AND INTERESTS:

(Please check all that apply)

Finance/Accounting	Personnel, Human Resources	Administration, Management
Non-Profit Experience	Community Service	Policy Development
Program Evaluation	Public Relations/ Communication	Education, Instruction
Special Events	Grant Writing	Fundraising
Outreach Advocacy	Other _____	Other _____

PLEASE LIST ANY GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS OR BUSINESSES THAT YOU COULD SERVE AS A LIAISON TO ON BEHALF OF SPRINGBOARD TO SUCCESS:

Name of Company	Benefit to S2S

PLEASE TELL US ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

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Thank you for applying!

A member of S2S's staff will be in touch with you soon. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda DeWitt at adewitt@thecha.org