

YOU ARE AMERICA

The Obama Foundation
2025 Annual Report



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INTRODUCTION

The Obama Foundation was born from a belief that ordinary people working together can achieve extraordinary things.

In 2025 we continued to embody that philosophy as we finalized the construction of our 19-acre campus, began to install our Museum exhibits, and operated our programs, including Leaders, Scholars, Voyagers, My Brother’s Keeper and the Girls Opportunity Alliance, all designed to inspire, empower, and connect people to change their world.

As we closed 2025, we began developing plans for the opening of the Obama Presidential Center, and the new programs that we would operate on campus, including a diverse array of experiences connected to arts and culture, civics and democracy, gardening and food, and sports and well-being. In addition, we prepared the strategy to welcome visitors from near and far to the Obama Presidential Center for our Grand Opening Weekend Celebration and summer “You Are America” series of talks, films, and community events honoring the 250th anniversary of America.

We also began laying the groundwork for our fourth Democracy Forum, to be held Dec. 9 - 11, 2026.

As this report is being published, the Obama Presidential Center is now open and alive with a warm and welcoming vibe. Since we’ve opened, more than 100,000 visitors from down the street and around the world have visited our Museum and enjoyed our indoor and outdoor spaces and programs that are free to the public.

The Obama Presidential Center is an economic engine for the Chicagoland region, and a beacon of hope for the world.

A WORD FROM

President Obama

You are America.

I first said those words in 2015, in a speech commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery Civil Rights marches. Eleven years later, they are inscribed on the outside of the Obama Presidential Center Museum, an inspiration to anyone willing to do the difficult, necessary work of improving this great nation of ours.

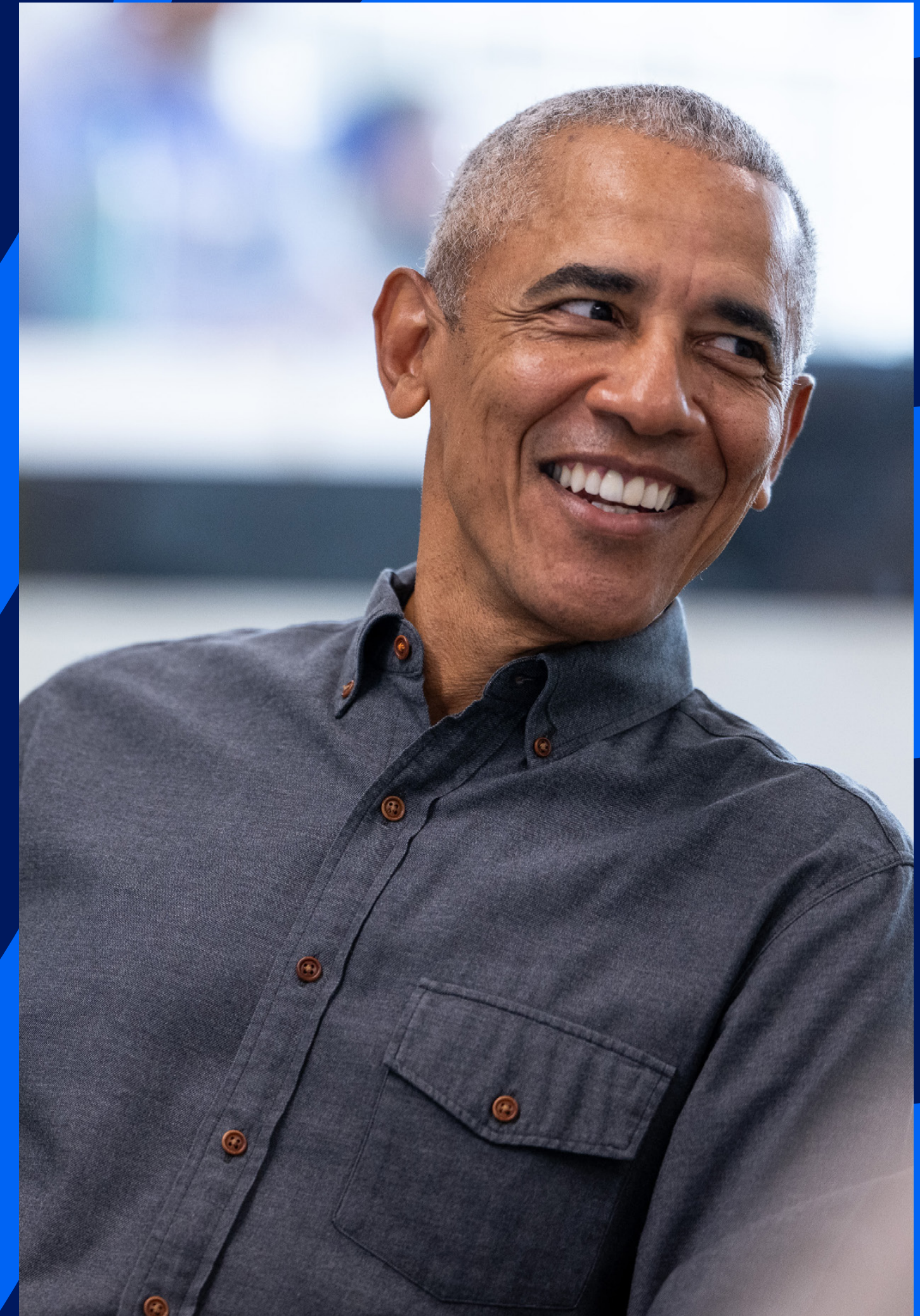
It's just one way we designed the Obama Presidential Center to be a vibrant, living celebration of community—a place where we can learn together and share the joys of art, music, sport, and play. Because it's in those moments that we are reminded of our common humanity, strengthening the bonds of trust that not only make our lives richer, but make our democracy stronger.

That's what I hope every visitor to this Center takes away from their experience. And that's why, if you come for a day and you don't have time to see everything, I urge you to spend time with the stories of ordinary citizens who helped make change happen.

Like the cancer survivor who feared rising premiums would force her out of her home and was brave enough to speak out about it. She's why we pushed so hard for health care reform.

Or the small business owner trying to keep the lights on and the teenage girl who told me she was worried her dad might lose his job when the auto industry was struggling. They're the reason we worked to pull our economy back from the Great Recession.

Or the wounded warrior who overcame debilitating injuries, and the gay Air Force major serving her country, even when she was forced to hide who she was. They inspired us to end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," care for those who have worn our country's uniform, and do right by our military families.





I may have been the one sitting behind the Resolute Desk, but everything we accomplished over those eight years was inspired by ordinary Americans trying to build a better life.

And we're still inspired by the stories of changemakers here at home and around the world. The Obama Foundation is devoted to lifting up those stories, giving leaders the tools and support they need, and helping them expand their impact.

It's been exciting to see visitors from near and far discover the Obama Presidential Center, and begin to make it their own.

We're just getting started.

Thank you for being a part of our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barack Obama".

— Barack Obama



A WORD FROM

Valerie Jarrett

This annual report is coming out at an extraordinary time.

The Obama Presidential Center opened its doors to the public on June 19, 2026. The Grand Opening Ceremony's soaring speeches and moving performances resonated around the world. And our visitors are bringing amazing energy and enthusiasm to all corners of the campus as they explore everything we have to offer.

We look forward to continuing to welcome and engage with visitors from all over the world.

But we also want to honor what it took to reach this moment and the years of hard work, creative thought, and careful attention to detail, in addition to all of the work that makes The Obama Foundation so special.

In 2025, our team met with residents of each of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods, spreading the word about how members of the community can be a part of the Obama Presidential Center.

Eight members of My Brother's Keeper traveled to Brazil for a cultural exchange with four students from Centro de Promoção da Saúde Brasil—exploring themes like leadership, brotherhood, identity, and social justice.

The Girls Opportunity Alliance announced that it was providing \$2.5 million in support of 54 organizations across 28 countries, from Indonesia and Kenya to Chile. This commitment will help provide economic support, create safe spaces, and strengthen efforts to end child marriage.

And around the world, our Leaders made tremendous progress on some of the most challenging issues of our time, from strengthening democracy to advocating for clean energy to harnessing the power of sports to so much more.

I want to thank everyone for your generous support that helped us meet this tremendous moment, and for helping us lay the groundwork for a hopeful future for The Obama Foundation.

A handwritten signature of Valerie Jarrett in black ink.

— Valerie Jarrett
Chief Executive Officer,
The Obama Foundation

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**We reached key milestones in 2025,
thanks to the efforts of our supporters.
These accomplishments send a powerful
message of hope to people from around
the corner to around the world. Working
together, that hope will inspire and
empower people to make change that
will be felt for generations.”**

— Martin Nesbitt

Chairman of the Board of Directors



YOU ARE AMERICA



In 2025, construction of the Obama Presidential Center reached significant new milestones. Our teams were hard at work on the South Side, creating a beautiful campus that serves as a home for the Foundation's work, serves the community, and reinforces a lasting promise of hope.

A centerpiece of this progress is a bold, one-of-a-kind installation now gracing the Chicago skyline. Designed by Pentagram, the Museum's façade features an excerpt from President Obama's iconic "You Are America" speech, honoring the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches.

These powerful words serve as a continuous invitation to harness the energy of this community and elevate the voices of ordinary people. The Center is designed so that South Side residents and visitors from every corner of the globe can see themselves as active participants in the "glorious task" of change.

The installation was brought to life through a five-year collaboration between our architects, Pentagram, and Shaffner Heaney Associates / Envel. Based in South Bend, Indiana, this manufacturing firm used Ultra-High Performance Concrete to shape the massive letters that now define the building's exterior.

Precision Engineering – Advanced modeling and engineering analysis enabled the creation of letterforms and geometries.

52 Unique Molds – Custom templates and mold systems ensured the seamless connection of full and partial letters.

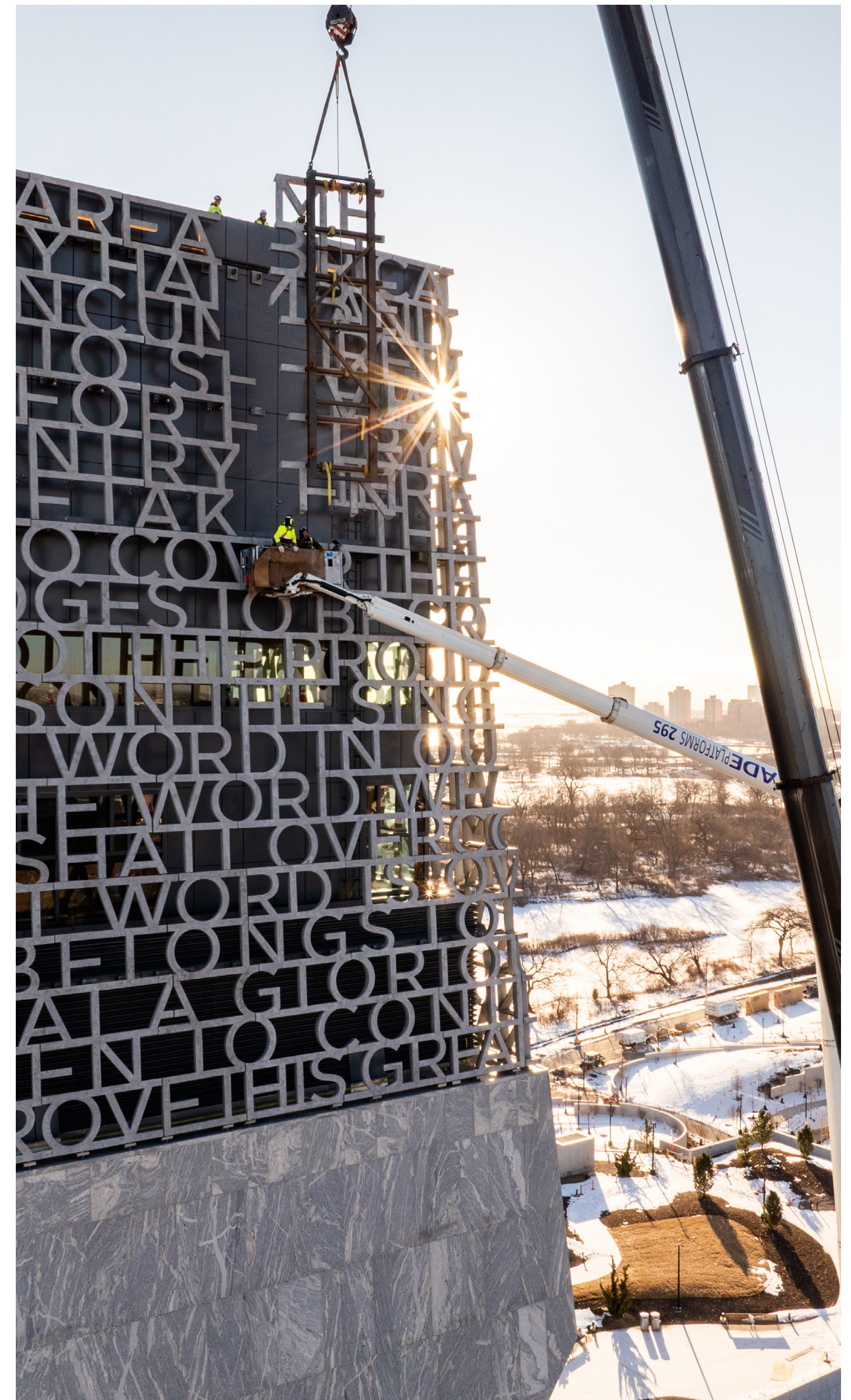
Monumental Panels – Each panel measures between 20 to 30 feet tall and 9 to 15 feet wide, weighing from 11,000 to 20,000 pounds, with a depth of one foot.

Custom Typeface – The panels feature the typeface Gotham, originally used during President Obama's 2008 campaign, adding a layer of narrative to the structure.

Precision Installation – Laser scanning ensures precise placement with a .5 inch adjustment tolerance.

Integrated Structural Systems – Stainless steel embeds and brackets, custom-fabricated by Envel, securely and elegantly hold the panels in place.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU ARE AMERICA](#)



A Taste of Chicago

From historic staples to groundbreaking new flavors, Chicago is a global culinary destination. The Obama Foundation is proud to build upon this legacy with the announcement of our food and beverage partners for the Obama Presidential Center.

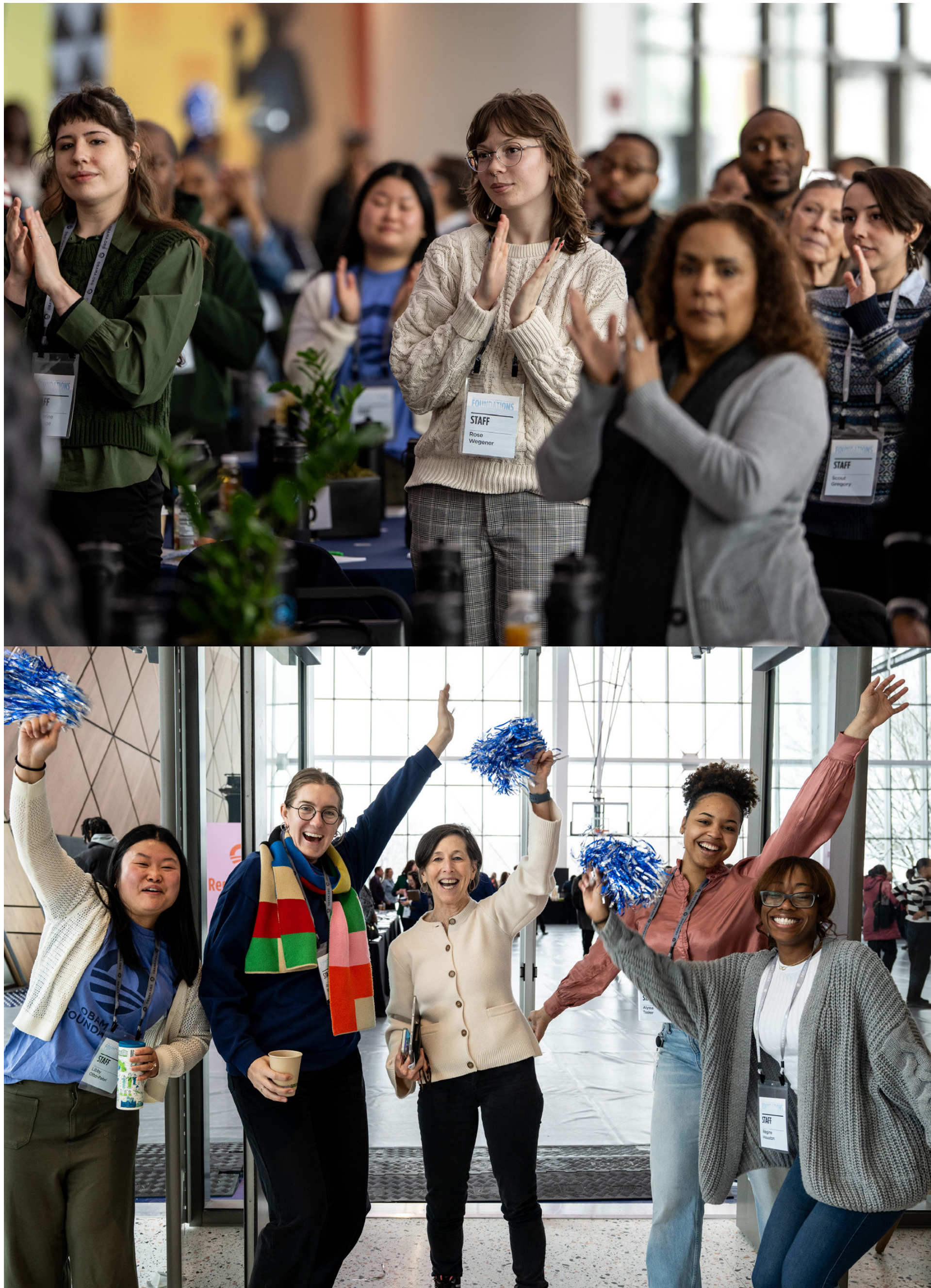
In 2025, acclaimed South Side Chef Rome and Bon Appétit Management Company joined forces to create BAMJoy. This collaboration manages dining and catering operations across the campus, including the Cafe, Tafari's Kitchen, and private events. By blending deep community roots with world-class hospitality expertise, BAMJoy is designed to meet the needs of a major cultural institution while staying true to the spirit of the neighborhood.

Chef Rome, a native of the Englewood neighborhood in Chicago, is the founder of Rome's Joy Companies, which includes Peach's Restaurant, Rome's Joy Catering, and the Parkway Ballroom. With over three decades of culinary experience, Cliff remains a passionate leader with a commitment to the South Side.

Throughout 2025, our team collaborated closely with BAMJoy to honor local heritage while looking to the future. At the center of this work is the Center's restaurant Tafari's Kitchen, named in memory of former White House Chef Tafari Campbell. This partnership ensures that every plate tells a story of Chicago pride and community.

[EXPLORE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CLIFF ROME AND BAMJOY](#)





Welcoming Our New Family

Bringing the Obama Presidential Center to life requires the dedication and talent of the people who serve our mission. That's why in 2025, we geared up for the hiring of over 150 new employees in 2026.

With a focus on creating a visitor experience that celebrates and reflects the Chicago community, these new employees collectively serve as the public face of the Center, welcoming hundreds of thousands of guests expected annually.

To recruit local residents, the Foundation partnered with four community-based organizations: Cara Collective, North Lawndale Employment Network, Skills for Chicago, and St. Sabina Employment Resource Center. These partners, which primarily serve Chicago's South and West Sides, worked with the Foundation team to recruit candidates and provide them with the tools and training needed to thrive at the Center and in their future careers.

Internally, Foundation staff attended 16 workforce career and networking events and developed critical onboarding materials. This includes a comprehensive training curriculum rooted in our Hope to Action™ values featuring interactive sessions, workshops, and guides for every campus position.

These workforce initiatives mirror the original construction goals established in 2021. When the Foundation launched its construction workforce initiative, it emphasized hiring talent from the South and West Sides of Chicago while supporting diverse and minority-owned businesses.



Unveiling Home Court

The Foundation welcomed our first guests to Home Court—our hub for athletics and activities—in December 2025. The 60,000-square-foot facility, inspired by President and Mrs. Obama’s commitment to wellness, is designed to empower and connect the community through sports and learning.

The building was constructed by Elevate Design Builders Group, a joint venture between Bowa Construction and AECOM Hunt Construction and designed by Moody Nolan. In alignment with the Foundation’s sustainability goals, Home Court includes several unique design features. It utilizes geothermal energy for heating and cooling and the roof is almost entirely covered with solar panels, generating a significant amount of the facility’s energy. Additionally, the glass windows feature a slight tint and fritting to prevent bird collisions while providing UV protection and sun shading for visitors.

The facility includes Main Court, featuring an NBA regulation-size basketball court and two crossway practice courts. It has a sleek metal and fritted glass panel exterior inspired by the pattern and form of a basketball net. The floor of the basketball court is inscribed with iconic phrases from the Obamas, such as “Fired Up And Ready To Go!” and “Yes We Can!” Guests can also enjoy ample seating, including a skybox named in honor of Muhammad Ali.

Capping off Main Court is an art mural titled Pass It Forward, a collaboration between Dorian Sylvain and Sam Kirk. This two-level installation celebrates the cultural legacies of Chicago’s South Side, honoring the spirit of connection through the eyes of the next generation.

Beyond the courts, the building offers several multi-purpose rooms for community programming, workshops, and special events. Each room is named in honor of an iconic leader whose historic efforts made a positive impact in the world of sports and beyond.

[EXPLORE HOME COURT](#)



Sharing Our Story

The Obama Presidential Museum is not just a nod to the past, it celebrates our potential to drive change today. In 2025, the Museum Team began the vital work of case and exhibition installation across four levels. Through iconic artifacts and interactive storytelling, these exhibits encourage visitors to explore their own roles in our democracy.

Museum exhibits feature privately-owned memorabilia from the Obamas and their family, donated items from supporters across the globe, and artifacts from the Obama Administration on loan from our partners at the National Archives and Records Administration. Installation of the exhibit A More Inclusive America, which highlights the administration's work to improve life for all Americans, began in November 2025. Among other stories of how ordinary people helped achieve extraordinary change, the exhibit documents the 2015 Supreme Court case that legalized the right for same-sex couples to marry. It features items on loan from Jim Obergefell, the lead plaintiff in Obergefell v. Hodges, including his wedding ring, the bow tie Jim wore the day of the Supreme Court decision, and Jim's official marriage certificate to John Arthur.



While some exhibits feature individuals who made a significant impact in their community, others showcase the collective power of people building change together. Level 2 traces the path of progress over centuries, culminating in the 2008 election of President Obama. A highlight on this floor is Yes We Can, a display of 440 campaign buttons that represent communities united under the banner of hope and change.



Across the Museum, dynamic interactives allow visitors to consider the ways they can make a difference. On Level 3, Democracy 101 offers a tactile, interactive experience that allows guests to explore topics ranging from voting rights to banned books. In the 11 Imagine Your Impact stations located throughout the exhibits, guests engage with issues from equal rights to environmental sustainability through the stories of changemakers in the Obama network.

Notably, every film and video in the museum includes on-screen American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation. The production process for this ASL over many months in 2025 included focus groups with Deaf and Hard of Hearing users, national casting of Deaf talent, and script preparation with three Directors of ASL (DASLs) before several weeks of filming and production.

[EXPLORE THE OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM LEVEL BY LEVEL](#)



Art at the Obama Presidential Center

Support for the arts is a defining element of the Obamas' legacy. From hosting White House concerts to championing emerging talent, President and Mrs. Obama have long embraced art as a powerful symbol of community and creativity. This commitment continues at the Obama Presidential Center. In 2025, the Foundation announced 13 artists commissioned to create 12 site-specific artworks (including one collaboration) across the campus. Altogether, there are 28 commissioned works on campus, featuring a diverse array of sculptures, murals, and more. Nearly all of the pieces are outside or in areas that are free to the public during operating hours.

In April 2025, the Foundation announced the commissioning of works by American artists Spencer Finch and Lindsay Adams. Finch's *Memory Landscape (Nairobi, Chicago, Honolulu, Jakarta)*, is a colorful tile mural that evokes locations from the President's formative years. Adams' "Weary Blues," inspired by the Langston Hughes poem of the same name, uses abstraction and color to explore resilience and the power of Black creative expression.

The following fall, 10 additional commissions were announced from a group of 11 prolific artists, including Theaster Gates, Nick Cave, Nekisha Durrett, Jenny Holzer, Jules Julien, Idris Khan, Aliza Nisenbaum, Jack Pierson, Alison Saar, Kiki Smith, and Marie Watt.

Each artist was selected to represent a dynamic cross-section of the contemporary art world, and the Center's commitment to free public art as a critical part of democracy and civic life. Notable works include Jenny Holzer's "Freedom Riders" and Nekisha Durrett's "Hem of Heaven," which honor the powerful strides made by visionaries of the past, alongside Aliza Nisenbaum's "Reading Circles/Weaving Dreams/Seeding Futures" and Jules Julien's "All Together," which explore the potential of the next generation of leaders to make a difference.

The artists worked on creating their pieces in their studios during 2025 in preparation for installing them at the Obama Presidential Center.

[EXPLORE ART AT THE OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL CENTER](#)

Building the Future

Beyond the Museum's iconic facade, construction teams across the campus made rapid progress on several areas of the Center, ensuring every detail is in place for a seamless opening in June 2026. The majority of the 19-acre campus is free and accessible to the public daily, serving as a vibrant new home for community programming and events.

The Forum

Construction on the Forum Building, our dedicated hub for community connection, continued steadily through 2025. Significant milestones included the completion of granite work on both the exterior and the outdoor Forum Courtyards. Inside Tafari's Kitchen, the campus restaurant, tile installation was finished in the front-of-house spaces, and cabinetry was installed in the main serving area. Work also progressed on the Media Suite, a specialized environment for all creators. The Media Suite Studio is now equipped with dense sound-dampening insulation and acoustic panels, with all wiring and utilities concealed to prioritize both functionality and safety. Additionally, wood paneling on the Elie Wiesel Auditorium was completed as well as an adjustable stage riser system, designed to accommodate diverse programming and ensure full accessibility for all guests.



The Library

The latest branch of the Chicago Public Library also took shape, with cabinet installation completed in the Main Reading Room and the President's Reading Room. In the President's Reading Room—a space that features written works that reflect the interests, histories, and readings of President and Mrs. Obama—installers laid white oak flooring, while stained white oak panels were created to frame the entrance to this unique space. Just outside, granite pavers and the planting of trees in the Rachel Carson Courtyard were completed, creating a serene, natural border near the Children's Area.



Outdoor Spaces

Substantial progress was made across all outdoor spaces, which are designed for visitors to learn, explore, and immerse themselves in nature. In line with the Center's commitment to sustainability, native grasses and the first perennial plants have been introduced to the south and east sides of the campus, and the first layer of sod was laid on the Great Lawn. Nearby, the two-level Playground neared completion. Installation of oversized play structures modeled on lotus flowers and a dragonfly were completed on the lagoon-inspired lower level. The Woodland Forest themed upper level was equipped with spiderweb climbing ropes, swings, and picnic tables for families to enjoy.

[EXPLORE THE CAMPUS](#)



OUR CHICAGO COMMUNITY





77 Communities

Bringing the Center to
the Community

From its home on Chicago's South Side, the Obama Presidential Center aims to positively impact all of Chicago and inspire communities around the world. The Obama Foundation's Public Engagement Team participated in more than 200 diverse engagement events in 2025 to spread awareness about the upcoming Center. These initiatives ranged from local meet-and-greets across Chicago neighborhoods and events like the Bud Billiken and Mexican Independence Day parades to national platforms such as South by Southwest (SXSW), and international collaborations with organizations like Chicago Sister Cities International.

Throughout the year, The Obama Foundation launched free monthly perimeter and campus tours, providing over 2,000 community members with an exclusive look at the campus. These tours offered a behind-the-scenes experience, including virtual previews of the Museum, the Library, and the Forum. Beyond the physical space, attendees engaged directly with Foundation staff to discuss the Center's progress and its upcoming impact on the South Side.

In the summer, our Public Engagement Team launched their new "77 Communities Tour," visiting each of Chicago's seventy-seven neighborhoods through meet and greets at local coffee shops, libraries, festivals, and small businesses. From June through October 2025, Foundation staff met with over 1,300 residents to share updates and connect them with the vision for the Center's 2026 opening. This effort was supported by partnerships with dozens of local businesses, including Kunsaya Cafe, Colibri Coffee, MeLatte Coffee Shop, Afro Jones Coffee & Tea, and the Beverly Arts Center.

Complementing the tours, we launched the Obama Presidential Center Virtual Information Sessions. These virtual information sessions about the Obama Presidential Center generated 7,422 registrations and 1,384 attendees. The diverse audience included global participants from Nigeria and the United Kingdom.

Attendees provided enthusiastic feedback and appreciated the chance to meet Obama Foundation staff, see young leaders, and learn about the Center's community focus, with specific excitement for the gardens, art, and library.

Shared Purchasing Network



The Obama Presidential Center offers a unique opportunity to support businesses throughout the Chicago area. In May 2025, The Obama Foundation's economic development partner, Emerald South Economic Development Collaborative, launched the Shared Purchasing Network (SPN). This program enables small businesses and organizations to leverage collective buying power, negotiating better contract terms and lower rates for essential goods and services.

The Obama Foundation worked closely with Emerald South to develop the SPN, convening local small business owners and other stakeholders to determine which services to include in the network and how to make the process more inclusive. Emerald South is focusing on raising awareness of the program among owners of small businesses and organizations located in historically under-resourced communities.

Building on our work with the SPN, we launched Community Tourism Prep Sessions. This new initiative helps South Side residents and small business owners prepare for the significant influx associated with the opening of the Center. These sessions featured community roundtables designed to build trust and inform our strategy. Additionally, we hosted monthly virtual workshops covering topics like employment opportunities and the hiring process at the Obama Presidential Center. These workshops also provided practical advice on optimizing Google Business Profiles and generating reviews to help increase foot traffic.

The SPN has helped South Side small businesses and nonprofits secure bids that reduce waste, recycling, and composting costs by an average of 35 percent – amounting to thousands of dollars in savings per organization each year.

Futures Series



The Futures Series annually connects students with innovative leaders who are transforming industries and redefining leadership. Created to foster curiosity and build self-assurance, the program empowers Chicago high school students to explore career trajectories that align with their interests and capabilities. Building on a legacy that began with Mrs. Obama's discussion with students at Hyde Park Academy, the Futures Series expanded its presence through events.

THIS YEAR'S SPEAKERS INCLUDED:

- Calvin Butler, Exelon President and CEO
- Donnell Digby, the owner of Nafsi South Shore Beach
- Mookie Betts, Major League Baseball player, Los Angeles Dodgers
- Samantha Chatman, Emmy award-winning investigator and ABC7 Chicago weekend morning anchor
- Unique Kizer and Brianna Betts, 5050 Foundation
- Allana Clarke, Detroit-based artist
- Leah Rut, Director of Operations Library Street Collective
- United Airlines Airport Operations team

During our 2025 Future Series line-up, Hyde Park Academy students participated in several sessions that provided an in-depth look at entrepreneurship and innovation, received a guided tour of the South Shore Cultural Center, participated in powerful conversations with CEOs and all-star athletes, and learned how people from their own community achieved success.

Futures Series is designed to foster brighter futures for South Side students by encouraging creativity, facilitating mentorship, and providing exposure to diverse career paths. The valuable opportunity continues to offer high school students exposure to a wide range of career pathways, reminding them that **"if you can see it, you can be it."**

OUR GLOBAL PROGRAMS





In 2025, the Global Leadership Programs—which includes Obama Leaders, Scholars, and Voyagers—deepened their impact by emphasizing curriculum innovation and meaningful connection. After graduation from their programs, 334 participants joined the Obama Leadership Network (OLN), our growing community of alumni driving change around the world.

With these new cohorts, the OLN now includes 1,873 alumni from 32 cohorts across four programs—Leaders, Scholars, Fellows, and Voyagers—representing over 160 nations and territories since the Foundation’s leadership programming began in 2017. In addition, those welcomed this year were 100 Voyagers, 29 Scholars, and 205 Leaders across four regional programs: 100 in the United States and 35 each in Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific. And for a third consecutive year, The Obama Foundation’s Hope to Action curriculum grounded the Leaders experience, guiding 15 core sessions tailored to regional and geopolitical contexts across more than 70 countries.

And we saw results:

95%

of Voyagers felt more capable of utilizing bridge building skills to foster collaboration and mobilize others around a shared purpose or goal.

95%

of Leaders affirmed their mindset about their own leadership had shifted as a result of the program

100%

of Scholars confirmed they acquired or developed new tools and tactics as a result of their participation in the program.

We refined our regional engagement to remain adaptable to the evolving global climate and technological landscape, guiding participants as they learned to leverage their unique voices and build cross-sector coalitions. Our Hope to Action curriculum, regional core sessions, and optimized roundtable format with President Obama effectively bridged foundational learning with universal guidance, ensuring that our cohorts are equipped to confront the long arc of change at home and abroad.

ZENGE



SIMAKOLOYI

Leader | Africa

Zenge Simakoloyi, a 2024–2025 Obama Africa Leader, is the host and producer of the Africa 4 Dummies podcast. Through his platform, Zenge works to build an active democratic culture by making complex governance and issues accessible and engaging for people across the continent. For Zenge, strengthening democracy requires far more than just showing up at the ballot box every few years, it demands continuous civic participation in the everyday spaces where people live, work, and play.

Through Africa 4 Dummies, Zenge fights back against misinformation and cynicism by providing credible, transparent analysis on topics ranging from cybersecurity laws to youth-led civic movements. By breaking down complex policy debates and helping his audience look past personality politics, he equips African citizens with the knowledge needed to hold institutions accountable and take an active role in shaping their communities.

Engaging in the Leaders Africa program, particularly through the Strengthening Democracy in Africa series, helped Zenge refine his approach to civic education and community impact. Grounded in The Obama Foundation’s values-based leadership framework, he said the program taught him collaboration and how to delegate to foster generative dialogue and build healthy, inclusive spaces where democratic principles can thrive.

“My commitment to promoting political awareness and engagement among young Africans is guided by a belief in the transformative power of informed discourse and civic participation,” Zenge shared. “By leveraging our perspectives and expertise, we created a platform at Africa 4 Dummies that fosters dialogue and critical thinking among our listeners, contributing to a more informed and engaged African electorate.”

Whether breaking down policy frameworks or collaborating with fellow Leaders, Zenge remains dedicated to empowering informed citizens for the long arc of progress. His message to fellow young leaders remains clear: “Change of government is not always better government. It’s which government and how the change happens.”

[READ ZENGE’S FULL STORY ON OBAMA.ORG.](#)

Leader | Asia-Pacific

Charles Klaikaew, a 2024-2025 Obama Asia-Pacific Leader, has spent his career ensuring one of Thailand's most underserved communities has a voice in the country's transition away from coal.

"How do you transition away from coal without leaving the people behind?" Charles asked.

His work began in Thailand's Lampang region, home to the largest open-pit coal mine in Southeast Asia. When the Thai government announced plans to shut down coal mines nationwide, Charles saw a community that had long been overlooked facing another crisis. For Lampang, where thousands depended on the mines for their livelihoods, the closure caused a financial crisis. Nine thousand people in Mae Moh were directly hit by the mine's closure, with another 35,000 indirectly impacted.

In 2023, he launched the IKI Just Energy Transition initiative in Thailand, part of a multi-country effort helping coal-dependent regions shift toward sustainable economies. Charles brought together coal workers, local leaders, activists, government officials and technical experts to shape regional and national policy. Former mine workers began training for green jobs in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and tourism.

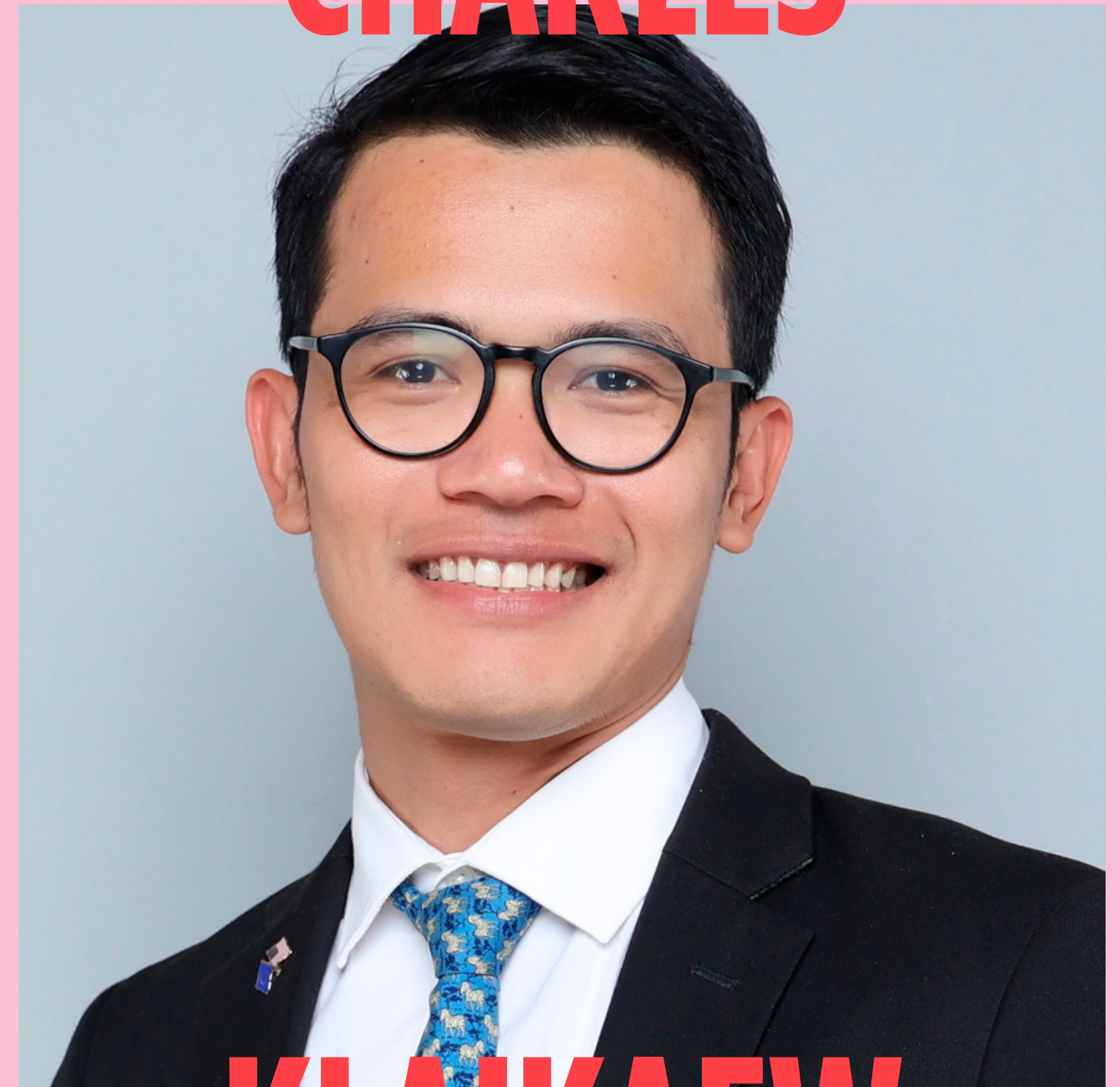
"In one key meeting in Lampang, I facilitated a conversation that included coal miners, ethnic minorities, informal workers, and neighboring country nationals, all of whom often lack representation," Charles shared. "Amid the heat, the smell of coffee, and the hum of fans, these diverse groups found common ground, transforming skepticism into shared hope for a just transition."

The model has since spread to six other countries—Indonesia, Mongolia, Vietnam, South Africa, Chile, and Colombia.

"If you ignore people, they resist. But when people feel heard and are part of the solution, they become partners in change," Charles said.

Charles says he credits the Obama Leaders program with sharpening his approach, particularly its Hope to Action framework, which he said helped him navigate complex challenges with empathy and openness.

[EXPLORE CHARLES' JOURNEY ON OBAMA.ORG.](https://www.obama.org/charles-klaikaew)



CHARLES
KLAIKAEW

JERAD



MOREY

Leader | USA

In 2002, while assisting with post-9/11 recovery in lower Manhattan through AmeriCorps, **Rev. Jerad Morey**, a 2024-2025 Obama United States Leader, read a sympathy card from an 11-year-old boy in Montreal that read: “Please keep trying; I don’t want a war.” That child’s plea defined his life’s work.

Today, Jerad is a licensed pastor and the director of civic dialogue at the Minnesota Council of Churches. He leads peacebuilding initiatives, including Respectful Conversations, that guide communities through conflict, partisan tension, and polarization.

“My calendar is a lot of talking with communities experiencing conflict, walking them through, and connecting them to depolarizing conflict interventions,” Jerad said.

His work focuses on helping people navigate disagreement while staying connected, allowing participants “not to change your mind or anybody else’s but to soften your heart towards the people with whom you disagree.” To date, Jerad’s peacebuilding efforts have reached more than 9,000 people across Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Wisconsin. His programs offer spaces for dialogue after incidents of community conflict or election-related division, fostering deeper understanding and belonging.

Jerad says participating in The Obama Foundation Leaders USA program provided the support he needed to expand and diversify his professional network.

“Before the Leaders USA program, I recognized the uniqueness of the Minnesota Council of Churches’ work, particularly in respectful conversations and community peacebuilding,” he said. “I was expanding my national network but realized it lacked diversity. It was predominantly white and female, so I became more aware of my need to engage with people who didn’t look or think like me. I also sought to connect with younger individuals, as my experiences and responses to global events, like the Gaza conflict, were very different from those of younger colleagues.”

[LEARN JERAD’S STORY ON OBAMA.ORG.](https://www.obama.org/leaders-usa/jerad-morey)

Leader | Europe

Vladyslava Kravchenko, a 2024-2025 Obama Europe Leader, is a two-time Paralympian and founder of the Malta Paralympic Committee. Vladyslava has built Malta's Para sport movement while advocating for inclusion on the world stage.

"Sport has been a constant in my life since childhood," Vladyslava shared. "Through sport, I learned values that continue to guide me today: resilience, self-discipline, respect, and willpower."

Her advocacy began after a life-changing injury at 17, when a metal scaffolding collapse left her searching for a path to recovery. She found it in sport.

As a founding member of the Malta Paralympic Committee, Vladyslava helped bring the IPC's I'mPOSSIBLE Programme into schools, pairing classroom learning with hands-on adapted sports like sitting volleyball, boccia, and goalball. In 2024, the initiative reached more than 3,000 students across 25 schools.

"When I competed at the Games in Rio 2016, I knew that this was something bigger than myself, and it was my responsibility to keep the door open for the next generation," Vladyslava said.

As Chairperson of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletes' Council, she now sits on the IPC Governing Board with voting rights, working to amplify athletes from underrepresented regions and address barriers like inadequate infrastructure and funding.

Vladyslava credits the Obama Leaders Europe program with sharpening that mission.

"It connected me with a network of changemakers across the continent, offering mentorship, resources, and a platform to amplify our work," she said, adding that it helped her "refine my vision, build strategic partnerships, and approach challenges with renewed clarity and purpose."

[READ VLADYSLAVA'S STORY ON OBAMA.ORG](https://www.obama.org/leaders/europe/vladyslava-kravchenko)



The Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship for Public Service



In 2025, the Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship sent its third cohort of Junior Year Voyagers across 61 countries and 24 U.S. states and territories for internships, volunteer work and research roles at organizations including the Council on Foreign Relations, World Wildlife Fund, UN High-Level Political Forum, the Fourth Media, Cook Islands Ministry of Health, Bipartisan Policy Center, and Healthy Chicago Public Schools.

The Summer Voyage pushes students to problem-solve, build connections, develop self-awareness, and step outside their comfort zones and provides them with experiences that leave them with clearer professional direction and stronger ties to their cohort.

Voyagers returned from their Summer Voyages with greater confidence, self-awareness and resilience, and a stronger ability to build bridges across communities. Along the way, they learned to embrace flexibility and ambiguity, navigate independence in unfamiliar places and adapt to unexpected challenges. Ninety-eight percent of Voyagers reported an improved ability to navigate cross-cultural differences.

In December, the program convened all 100 Junior Year Voyagers in Chicago for its Fall Summit, where they refined their core leadership values, engaged with experienced public service leaders and program alumni, deepened bonds across the cohort, and began mapping their Summer Voyage plans. President Obama and Brian Chesky, Co-Founder and CEO of Airbnb, joined the Voyagers in conversation, fielding questions on overcoming imposter phenomena in changemaking spaces, managing uncertainty on your career path, and balancing bold vision with the long arc of change.

In June 2025, the Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship graduated its second cohort of 100 Voyagers, sending them into public service careers, graduate schools and fellowships around the world.

BY THE NUMBERS

36%

moved into full-time public service roles

28%

pursued graduate education

17%

took on fellowships

7%

entered part-time public service work

9%

finalizing their next steps at graduation.

Voyagers went on to organizations and schools, including the California African American Museum, Equality Florida, the Common Health Coalition, Fulbright Scholarship, Truman Fellowship, Columbia Law School, the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, and Boston University School of Public Health.

Meet

RANEE BRADY

Ranee Brady has built her public service path around strengthening public access to accurate information as an educator and a journalist. As a teaching fellow for the National Education Equity Lab, she remotely taught university-level courses to Title I high school students.

For her Summer Voyage, she volunteered with CNN Brasil and RioOnWatch, gaining experience at both an international news organization and a local, community-focused outlet. Ranee plans to pursue a master’s in international journalism at the University of Cardiff in Wales, with an eye toward becoming a foreign correspondent and eventually teaching at the intersection of foreign policy and media.

“My time reporting in Brazil reinforced the conviction that journalism is a public service and that the provision of accurate information is a public good. Before my Voyage, I wasn’t sure if journalism was the place for me. I didn’t know if I had the writing skills, and, frankly, I wasn’t sure if my writing would make an impact,” Ranee admitted. “But when I saw how empowered the young activists and entrepreneurs that I profiled in Rio felt when they saw my piece published, I realized that media is not only something that I genuinely enjoy but also a powerful driver of change.”

Together, Hawthorn and Ranee demonstrate what the Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship aims to cultivate: leaders equipped with a global perspective, an ability to build bridges across communities, and a clear sense of purpose in their public service career.



Meet

HAWTHORN BOLGER-WITHERSPOON

Hawthorn Bolger-Witherspoon has spent her public service journey working to expand access to maternal health care in rural Indigenous communities by drawing on Indigenous health systems abroad and applying those lessons at home in New Mexico.

For her Summer Voyage, she interviewed midwives in Taiwan, Mongolia, and New Mexico. Visiting rural and traditional hospitals, Hawthorn used what she learned to create educational materials for young mothers and parents seeking culturally sensitive care in rural Northern New Mexico.

“I was able to engage with my community and travel internationally. I attended tabling events during the weekends, toured provincial hospitals, bonded about babies across language barriers, and coordinated workshops in the community,” Hawthorn said. “Being on my ancestral lands, giving back, is what fills my soul with purpose, and traveling, connecting with others, is what has filled my soul with joy!”

After graduation, Hawthorn will pursue a master’s in Community Health and Preventative Research at Stanford University in the School of Medicine. She will continue her research on healthcare access to make New Mexico a safer, healthier place to birth.





Obama Scholars Program

In 2025, the Obama Scholars program at Columbia University and the University of Chicago supported leaders with a proven commitment to service by providing them with the necessary tools and networks to enhance the effectiveness of their efforts. Through a values-based leadership curriculum, Scholars learn to identify innovative solutions to complex global problems and promote meaningful change within their communities and beyond. The program fosters a diverse community of rising leaders, equipping them with the skills and global perspective needed to confront the most pressing challenges of our time.

ALANI TUIVUCILEVU

Alani Tuivucilevu, a 2024-2025 Obama Scholar, empowers women fishers in Fiji through her selfless approach to leadership, creating lasting change in her community and beyond. Alani learned that service is the highest form of love from her father, a traditional leader—a hereditary figurehead in the community—and her aunt, a former minister.

“Leadership has always been about service. It’s about using your influence and your resources to make people’s lives better.”

Growing up by the ocean, Alani watched women in her community work tirelessly to support their families through fishing, work that inspired her to advocate for their economic empowerment.

“Women fishers have been working in the informal sector for far too long without receiving the recognition or support they deserve,” Alani said.

Her advocacy led to action: In 2024, her organization’s work in unpaid care work helped push a resolution through Fiji’s parliament recognizing unpaid care work as a barrier to women’s economic participation, paving the way for programs that redistribute care work and expand women’s financial independence.

“We knew real change meant pushing for official recognition—care work isn’t just a personal burden; it’s an economic issue,” she said. “For me, this work is more than advocacy; it’s hope in action. It’s about ensuring these women are seen, heard, and valued.”

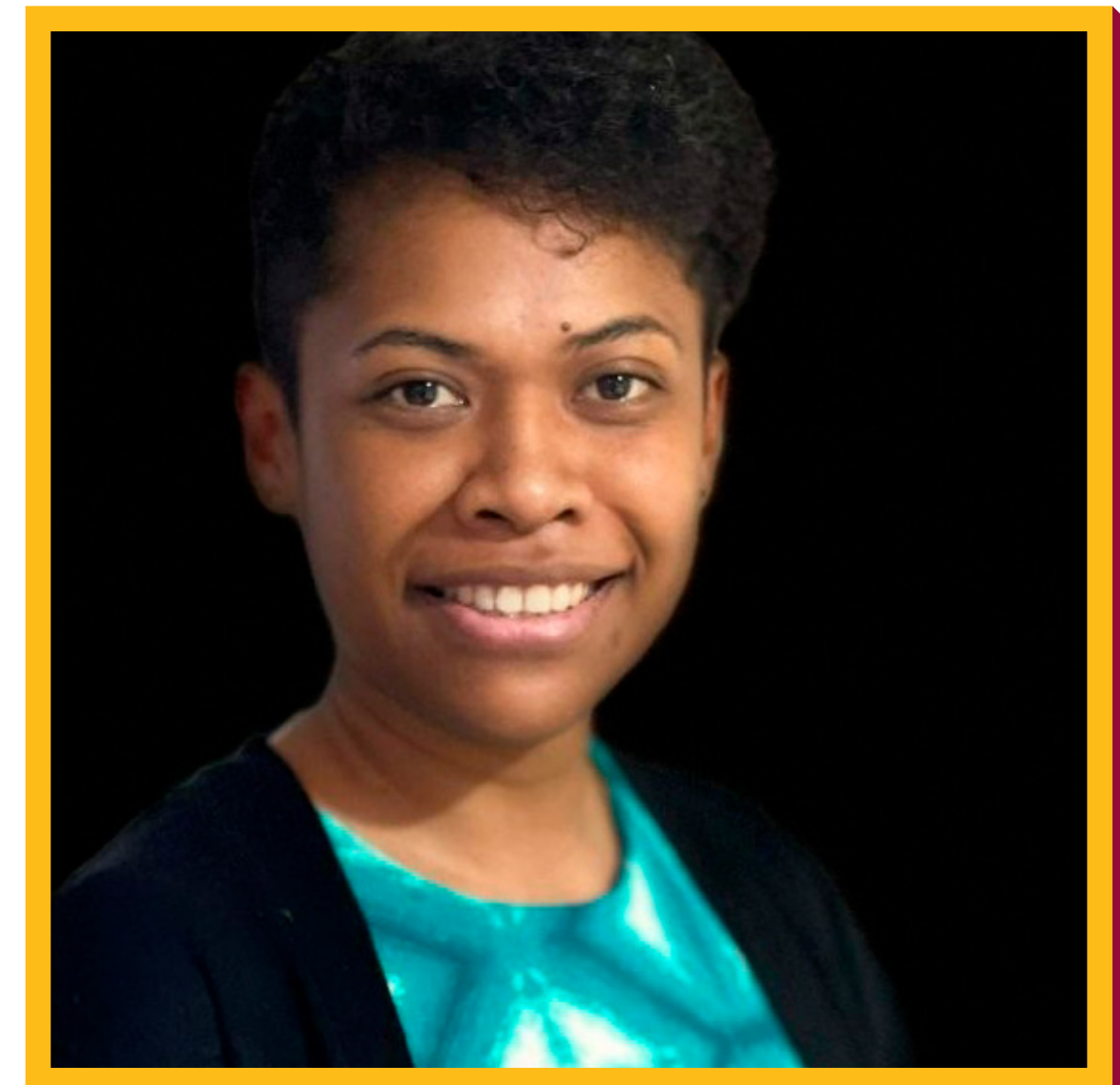
She credits the Obama Scholars Program for shaping her journey, expanding her global perspective and deepening her understanding of the systems driving policy and change.

“One of the most valuable lessons has been learning how to think in systems—real impact comes from understanding the bigger picture,” she said.

Being part of a cohort with individuals with different backgrounds and experiences pushed her to grow as a leader, and one piece of advice from President Obama stayed with her: “Trust your gut. When there are no certainties, the one thing you can rely on is your instincts.” She added that coming from a culture where talking about oneself can be viewed as showing off, the program changed her perspective.

“I’ve learned that sharing my story isn’t about self-promotion; it’s about using it to inspire others and create impact.”

[READ ALANI'S STORY ON OBAMA.ORG.](https://www.obama.org/stories/alani-tuivucilevu)



The Obama Leadership Network

The Obama Leadership Network continued to grow and deepen its impact in 2025, launching a new model for collective action: multi-year Climate Community of Practice Convenings designed to translate cross-cohort relationships into tangible, collaborative work. OLN's first two inaugural Climate Convenings brought together Obama leaders from 19 alumni cohorts from across all our leadership programs and from 16 countries and 15 U.S. states, catalyzing 41 new collaborative Climate Action Projects.

The momentum extended well beyond the convenings themselves. Obama Leaders hosted more than 10 collaborative events during UN General Assembly/NYC Climate Week 2025, spanning storytelling, activism, food systems, and litigation. Community of practice members also launched three fellowships for emerging climate changemakers globally, delivered webinars to reach new audiences on topics such as climate communications under authoritarian contexts, and helped establish three new climate organizations. Leaders also built new tools and databases to widen public access to climate data and developed the first-ever Climate Readiness Plan for the City of Detroit, with some recommendations now being implemented by the city's new mayor.

74%

Engagement Rate

84%

said their sphere of influence had grown

87%

said they received meaningful lessons, best practices, or emotional support from fellow Obama leaders

81%

said the Network helps sustain their resilience as changemakers

OBAMA LEADERSHIP NETWORK GIVE BACK



Sameera Chukkapalli Holmes, a 2022 Obama Europe Leader, found in the program a community she'd never had growing up in Karnataka, India. Sameera's father fought land encroachment and environmental destruction for 35 years without support. That experience shaped her decision to become an architect and to founding Needlab in Barcelona to center marginalized communities in design.

In 2025, she facilitated a community group for the current Leaders Europe cohort and co-led the Obama Leadership Network's Social Entrepreneurship and Tech Community of Practice, connecting fellow alumni with resources like free design support from the Pratt Institute and stage time at the Harvard Social Enterprise Conference. She also attended the first Climate Community of Practice gathering in Chicago, where she shared with participants Obama Presidential Center pins that she handmade from sustainable clay - these pins became the first item made by an Obama leader sold in our new retail shop.

"Leadership can be overwhelming, but knowing you have a supportive community behind you makes you unstoppable," she said.



Paul Ekuru, a 2018 Obama Africa Leader, calls his acceptance into the Leaders program a pivotal moment that pushed him to refine his personal mission and deepen his understanding of values-based leadership.

As an Alumni Facilitator, he led monthly small-group sessions for the 2025 Leaders Africa cohort, using case studies on African leaders and regional issues to spark reflection and peer learning.

"There's nothing like seeing that 'aha' moment when someone gains clarity or overcomes a challenge with community support," Ekuru shared.



Viria Vichit-Vadakan, a 2019 Obama Asia-Pacific Leader, built her leadership journey around education, policy reform, and youth development in Thailand.

"The program reaffirmed my belief that sustainable change comes from collective action," she said. "It also gave me a support system I never knew I needed."

In 2025, she served as an alumni facilitator for the Asia-Pacific cohort and helped leaders navigate personal and professional challenges in small community groups.

"The best leaders never stop listening and growing. That's what I strive to instill in the next cohort," she said proudly.

[READ SAMEERA, PAUL, AND VIRIA'S STORIES ON OBAMA.ORG](https://www.obama.org/leadership-network/give-back)

Girls Opportunity Alliance

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



In 2025, the Girls Opportunity Alliance supported girl-serving organizations around the world with \$3 million from the Girls Opportunity Alliance Fund. On International Day of the Girl, the Girls Opportunity Alliance announced \$2.5 million in support of 54 organizations across 28 countries, from Indonesia to Kenya to Chile, aiding work that spans educational support and efforts to address gender-based violence and child marriage. The Girls Opportunity Alliance Network now includes more than 5,000 grassroots leaders and has supported more than 190,000 girls globally through 265 projects and 197 organizations in 50 countries.

“The Girls Opportunity Alliance’s impact has reached far and wide, touching remote Himalayan villages beneath Mount Everest,” said Sanam Sherpa of The Small World in Nepal. “Our girls are now staying in school, completing university, and daring to dream bigger than ever before.”

Sanam said those who are affiliated with The Small World are safe after recent tragic flooding in Nepal, and the girls have been helping relief efforts by donating blood and spending time with children who were rescued.

“The Girls Opportunity Alliance are like sisters and mothers for us,” Bomboma said. “It is transformational for us to be part of this global community—to know we are not alone.”

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNDING IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.](#)

The Girls Opportunity Alliance also deepened connections across its network in 2025 by convening 50 grassroots leaders from 21 countries across Africa and Asia in Mauritius. According to surveys, 90% of attendees said they learned something new to apply to their work. Monthly virtual sessions throughout the year connected leaders with organizations including UNICEF, CARE, and the Clooney Foundation for Justice.

Girls Opportunity Alliance in Chicago

At home in Chicago, the Girls Opportunity Alliance announced \$500,000 from the Girls Opportunity Alliance Fund in support of Back-to-School season to support 11 organizations serving girls across the city, funding free therapy, mentorship, boxing and Double Dutch initiatives, and a performance at the Harris Theater, among other programs. The Girls Opportunity Alliance also convened 100 Chicago-based grassroots leaders for an in-person gathering in August.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT PROGRAMS THE GIRLS OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE IS SUPPORTING ACROSS THE CITY IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.](#)

The Girls Opportunity Alliance also partnered with Chicago Public Schools on the High School Connections program, working alongside the Chicago Sky, the National Bar Association, and the University of Chicago Medicine, and Blackademically Speaking to support nearly 100 incoming freshmen at three South Side high schools in the program’s first year. Beyond academic credit and service learning hours, students built connections through team-building activities and weekly field trips centered on mental health, wellness, and empowerment.

My Brother's Keeper Alliance

My Brother's Keeper launched its new phase of Model Communities in 2024 and in its second year of implementation in 2025, it continued to strengthen and deepen their work toward sustainable, systemic change across the six MBK milestones. Building on Year 1 implementation, 2025 reflected a shift from initial coordination to more measurable, data-informed execution. Across Tulsa, Newark, Omaha, and Yonkers, cross-sector leaders, including nonprofit executives, mayors, police chiefs, school district superintendents, workforce development leaders, and community leaders, actively collaborated to advance shared strategies, set and refine five-year improvement targets, and align systems in ways that reflect the lived realities of boys and young men of color. Together, this second-year progress demonstrates the practical application of pluralism, as diverse leaders and institutions across distinct local contexts work collectively to translate shared goals into sustained impact across all six MBK milestones.

In 2025, MBK Newark continued to strengthen its Model Community work by deepening the city's commitment to data-driven, population-level impact and cross-sector coordination. Their efforts were affirmed when Newark earned Silver certification from Bloomberg Philanthropies' What Works Cities initiative, recognizing the collective work of more than 50 partner organizations that use shared data and coordinated strategies to improve public outcomes. Newark's growing data capacity is now shaping how progress is defined, tracked, and refined across all MBK Milestones, enabling partners to identify gaps, target resources more effectively, and align strategies around shared outcomes. For Milestone 6, which focuses on reducing exposure of violent crime to our boys and young men of color, MBK Newark's efforts have led to a 72% reduction in homicides to date.

In 2025, MBK Tulsa strengthened its Model Community work by catalyzing a system-level shift in how the city coordinates, governs, and delivers services for children, youth, and families through a new collaboration with

the City of Tulsa. The creation of the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families establishes a centralized, executive-level structure designed to support an additional 15,000 young people in achieving economic mobility by 2030. MBK Tulsa has demonstrated continued and measurable progress on Milestone 1, building on Year 1 implementation with stronger data capacity and early outcome gains in Year 2. As of the most recent data, Pre-K enrollment for boys of color increased from 60% to 72%, a 12-percentage-point gain, keeping the community on pace to potentially exceed its five-year enrollment goals.

In 2025, Omaha elected its first Black mayor, Hon. John Ewing Jr., strengthening the city's long-standing commitment to community-led solutions. Mayor Ewing has a deep and established connection to the MBK Model Community work and has strongly endorsed MBK Omaha since taking office. This alignment between city leadership, the Empowerment Network, and MBK Omaha strengthens the infrastructure needed to sustain and scale progress across public safety, education, workforce development, and economic mobility.

In 2025, the Yonkers Public Schools superintendent demonstrated strong confidence in the MBK Model Communities work by fully adopting the MBK Milestone framework as the foundation of the district's strategic plan. Rather than treating the Milestones as a parallel or supplemental initiative, the district embedded them directly into core instructional priorities, student supports, and pathways to postsecondary education and employment. This decision institutionalizes MBK across the district and signals a long-term commitment to shared outcomes for boys and young men of color. By aligning district strategy with the MBK Milestones, Yonkers Public Schools has strengthened coherence across education, workforce, and youth-serving systems, established shared accountability with community partners, and positioned the district to scale effective practices and sustain impact across all six Milestones.



MBK Ambassadors

My Brother's Keeper Alliance also expanded its leadership pipeline in 2025. Eighteen young men from Certified MBK Communities gathered in Washington, D.C., for the [MBK Ambassadors convening](#). The event included three days of leadership development, storytelling, and peer connection grounded in the MBK Milestones. Over the next two years, Ambassadors are charged with deepening their leadership, advancing local efforts tied to the Milestones, and using their voice to inspire change in their communities. President Obama, Broderick Johnson, and Senegal's Mabry joined the cohort for a roundtable conversation that offered a powerful moment of affirmation and encouragement.

MBK in Rio de Janeiro

In March, in partnership with the Prudential Foundation, the [MBKA sent eight participants from MBK Newark and MBK Chicago to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil](#), for a cultural exchange with four students from Centro de Promoção da Saúde Brasil. Grounded in MBK's cradle-to-career commitment, the experience exposed young men to career paths, leadership development, and the influences of the African diaspora through visits to historical landmarks and engagement with public figures and Prudential staff.

In June, President Obama met privately with the Brazil Exchange participants to hear about their aspirations and the challenges they've navigated, a conversation that underscored MBKA's continued investment in developing the next generation of leaders.

MBK at the NCAA Final Four

A few young leaders from the My Brother's Keeper Alliance earned an opportunity to attend the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Final Four in San Antonio, Texas. They got to go behind the scenes in sports media and work hands-on with top industry professionals, gaining valuable skills, networks, and experiences as they consider their own dreams for the future.

[CHECK OUT MBKA AT THE NCAA FINAL FOUR.](#)

MBK Leadership Academy

For a second year, the [MBK Obama Leadership Academy](#) held its six-week immersive summer program—created in partnership with Chicago Public Schools—designed to help rising high school freshmen from Hyde Park Academy, Dyett, and Chicago Vocational Career Academy build academic, leadership, and life skills before starting 9th grade. Nearly 100 incoming freshmen participated in the inaugural session, earning high school and service-learning credit and early preparation to stay on track for graduation.



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President Obama sharing the hopes and dreams of the Obama Presidential Center with 500 Chicago leaders in conversation with Tom Wilson, Chair and CEO of Allstate.

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At 15 years old, Claudette Colvin was arrested for not giving up her bus seat to a white person, this was before Rosa Parks. She is an inspiration for the leaders being developed at the Obama Presidential Center with support from Allstate.”

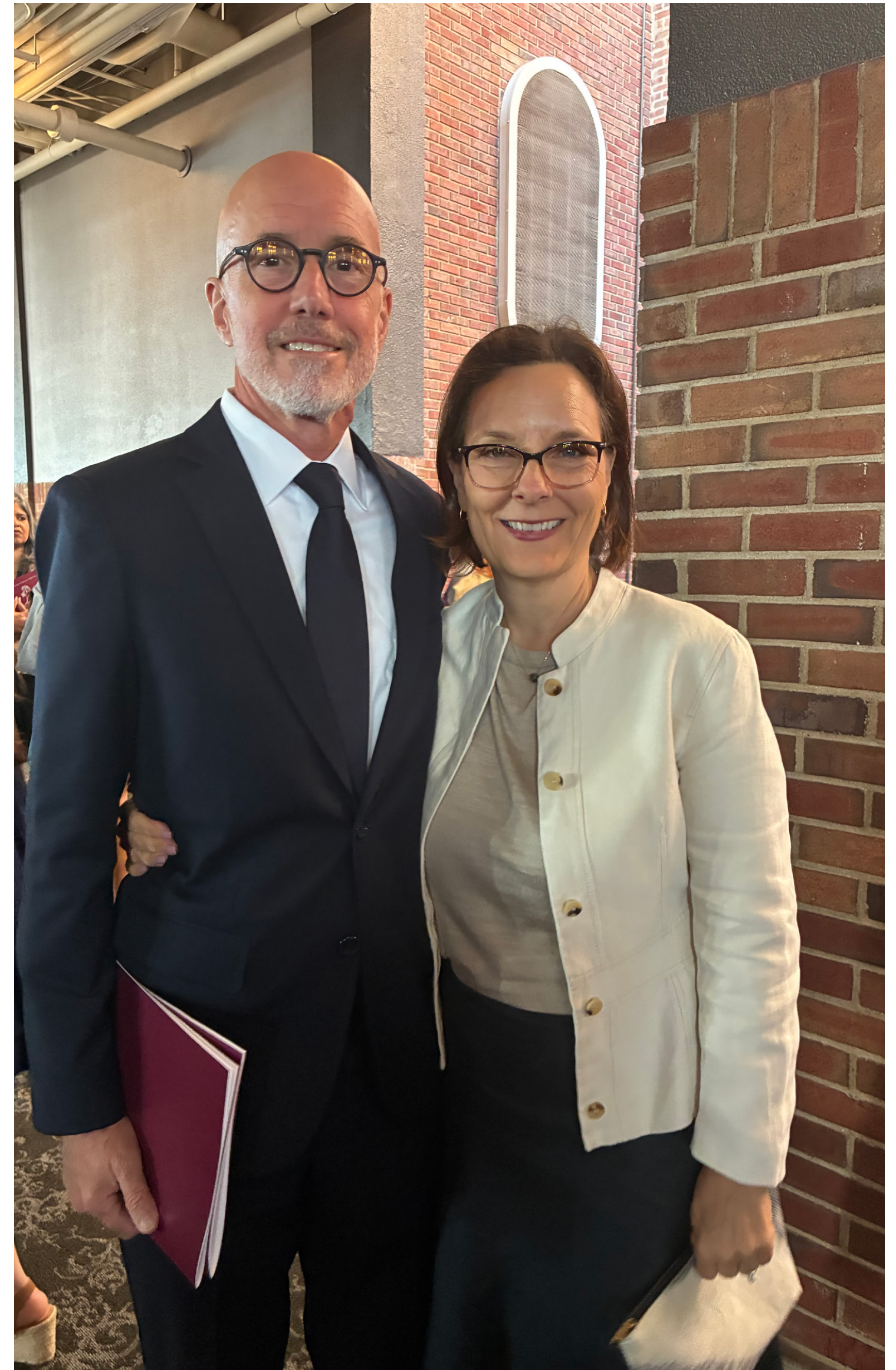
— **Tom Wilson**

CEO and Chair of Allstate

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— Joanne and Tim Oyer





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Supporting the Obama Presidential Center has such a deep personal meaning for me. I am proud that this extraordinary space showcases the work of outstanding African and African American artists, and that the values championed by The Obama Foundation are so closely aligned with the mission of my own foundations. I truly believe that through art, education, and philanthropy, we can build bridges between cultures and create lasting change.”

—Omenaa Mensah

Founder and President, Omenaa Foundation



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Chicago will always be home. Growing up on the South Side taught me resilience, faith, and the importance of community values that have shaped every part of my journey. Supporting the Obama Foundation is deeply meaningful because it allows me to give back to the city that poured so much into me. It’s an opportunity to invest in future generations, helping young people see what’s possible, believe in their potential, and create an even brighter future for the communities they call home.”

— Monique Rodriguez

Being born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, supporting the Obama Foundation comes full circle for us. It is an honor to invest in the community that helped shape our lives and to help build a legacy that inspires hope, expands opportunity, and empowers future generations to dream without limits.”

— Melvin Rodriguez



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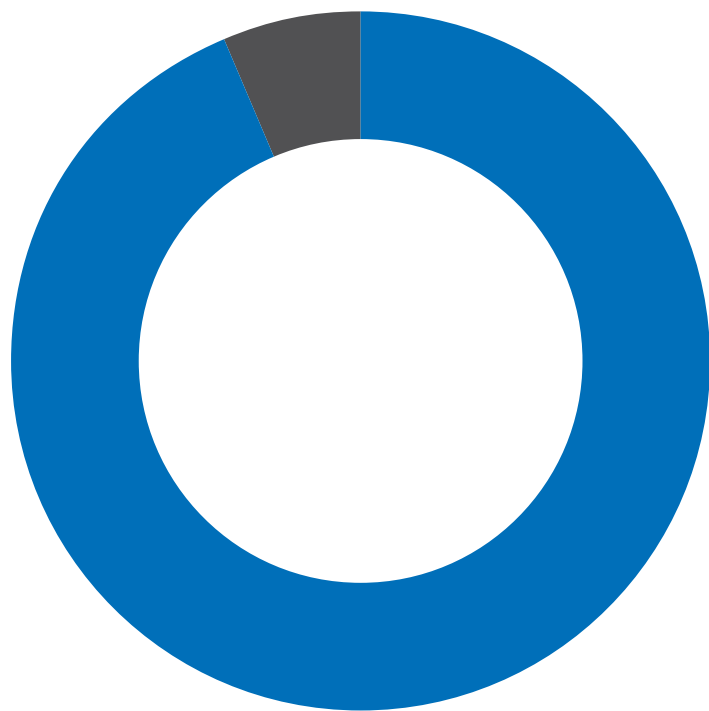
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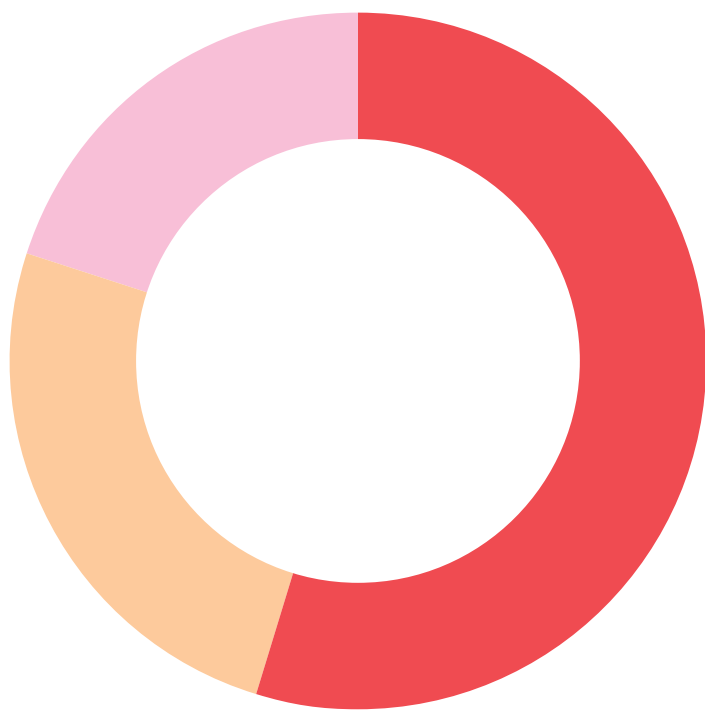
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- INTEREST, INVESTMENT & OTHER INCOME**
6.35%
\$10,278,229

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In 2025, our addressable spend was \$19,233,017.

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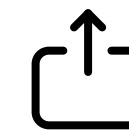
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