

Our Impact

Last year alone, ECAC:

- ✓ Sponsored and resettled over 1,250 new refugees from Africa, the Middle East and Europe in Chicago's North Side
- ✓ Provided personal and environmental adjustment services for over 3,000 individuals and families
- ✓ Placed over 750 individuals in full and part-time gainful employment
- ✓ Located, and successfully referred 1,600 new refugees and immigrants to secure affordable rentals
- ✓ Graduated 159 community members in A+ computer training skills and Fast Track Business entrepreneurship skills



Students in the after-school program



Performing at the Millennium celebration

How You Can Help

Donations to ECAC are needed and very much appreciated at this time. Checks can be made payable to the Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago and sent to the address below. You can also visit our website at www.ecachicago.org to make a secure online donation.

If you would like to be on our mailing list, please email Aberash Yigzaw at ayigzaw@yahoo.com

To find out more about **volunteer opportunities** at ECAC, please contact us at 773.728.0303.



Celebrating Ethiopian culture

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Ethiopian Community Association Of Chicago



**Celebrating the Past,
Building the Future**

**The Ethiopian Child & Community
Center Campaign**

www.ecachicago.org

Our Mission

The Ethiopian Community Association (ECAC) serves the cultural, psychological and socio-economic needs of refugees and immigrants in and around metropolitan Chicago. In addition to assisting native Ethiopians, ECAC also supports other African, Asian, Middle Eastern and Eastern European refugee populations via education, citizenship, literacy, employment, preventive health and youth development.



Employment program

Our Vision

Building our capacity —
Passing on our heritage together

As the largest African-based organization in the Midwest to focus on the needs of African refugees and immigrants, ECAC is working to build a new 11,000 square foot cultural center adding childcare, workforce skills training, a museum and meeting space to our repertoire of services.

Our goal for the effort is \$3 million, and we ask you to please join us as we mobilize our Ethiopian community members, friends, corporations and foundations, government officials and local businesses.

Meeting Our Needs

By contributing to our community cultural center, your donation will help ECAC:

- ✓ Develop supportive, culturally-appropriate childcare, including recreational, educational and social activities to help address the emerging needs of working parents within the community
- ✓ Develop vocational training to assist over 600 community members gain employment and improve their computer and literacy skills to facilitate their transition into the mainstream American workforce
- ✓ Build a cultural center and museum to exhibit rich historical treasures, collections, figures, artifacts and rare books, as well as the great works of Ethiopian authors, artists and musicians. These will be of great interest to the community at large, as well as to visitors in the Chi-



Amharic language education



Youth program at the beach

- ✓ Develop a supportive health and family life education program that will assist 200 women each year through the prevention of domestic violence, abuse and/or human trafficking
- ✓ Develop supportive senior homemaker services to help frail elderly by providing them with in-home care, assistance with physician visits, meal preparation, home cleaning and companionship



Senior program



Health education

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\$500 _____
\$250 _____
\$100 _____
\$75 _____
\$50 _____
\$25 _____
Other _____

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