



SOMALI BANTU ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Empowering and aiding Somali Bantu as they integrate into American society

WHAT IS THE SBAOA?

The Somali Bantu Association of America (SBAOA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing the guidance and services needed to empower and aid Somali Bantu and other refugees as they integrate into American society.

We do this by providing the Bantu refugees support in 5 key areas.

- Language
- Health
- Parenting
- Employment
- Youth

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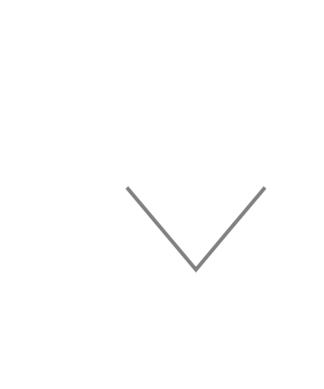
OUR PROGRAMS HELP REFUGEES TRANSITION TO AMERICAN CULTURE IN 5 PRIMARY AREAS



LANGUAGE



EMPLOYMENT



HEALTH



YOUTH



PARENTING



LANGUAGE

The Somali Bantu Association assists new refugees with learning the English language, which is one of the greatest challenges they face when immigrating to the US.

We provide refugees with translation support at key stages of their move. For example, we provide individual translation support for refugees who are applying for housing. This support comes at an invaluable time when the refugees have just moved to this country and are looking for a home. We also provide resources that guide refugees through the process of applying for citizenship, an important milestone that can be very stressful for those who are not familiar with the language and legal jargon.

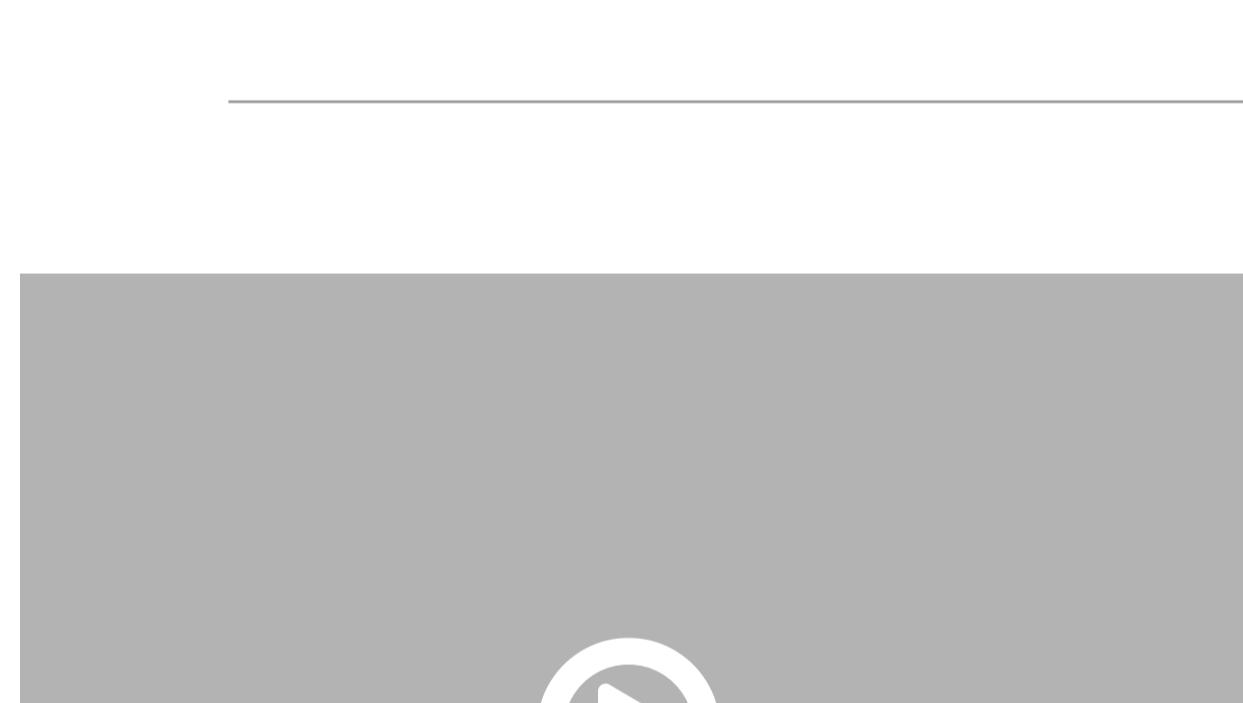
We recently started using a piece of software to teach refugees English. Through this new software, we are able to not only teach English but also give refugees who have never used a computer before the opportunity to get familiar with technology and computer basics.



EMPLOYMENT

The SBAOA provides opportunities for refugees to work in the US with Said, the President of the SBAOA, and the Department of Defense.

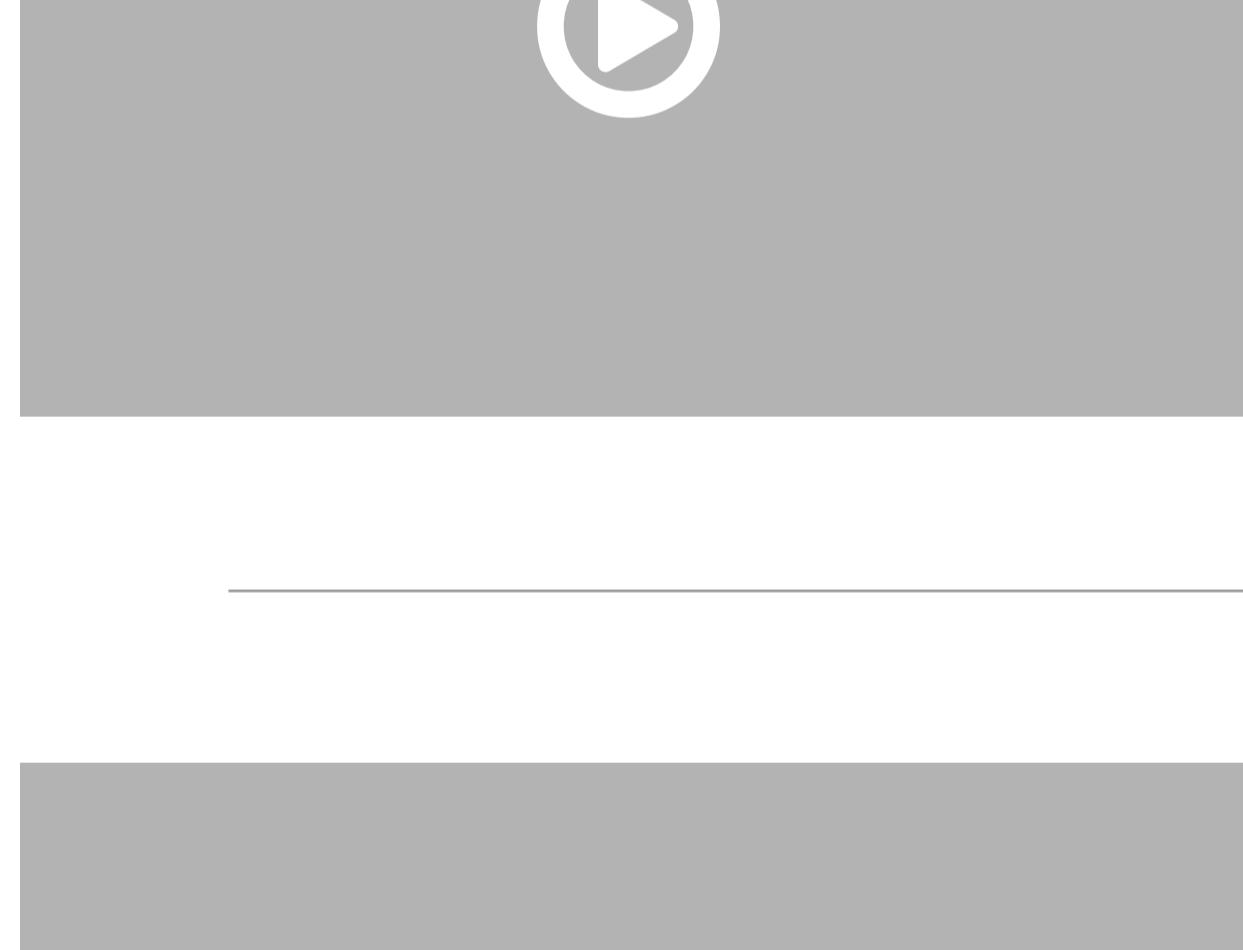
Since 2009, the SBAOA has provided jobs for [INSERT NUMBER] refugees. This employment allows them to gain understanding of the work environment in the US, which is vastly different than the work that the Bantu are used to in Somalia. This work also allows the refugees to make a living while finding their footing in America and building up their resume and references to be able to find further employment.



HEALTH

The Somali Bantu Association educates new refugees, many of whom have grown up in rural communities, about healthy habits relevant to living in urban settings. We offer educational workshops related to specific health issues, as well as preventative medicine and information that will help them achieve optimal good health.

Additionally, we recently partnered with the UPSC to create a wellness video that allows traditional Bantu dances to be used as exercise to fight obesity. View the video to the left for more details!



YOUTH

The SBAOA provides a place for the youth in the community to meet, computers for them to do their homework and opportunities to engage in extra curricular activities such as sports. This provides the youth with a support system to help ease their transition into an extremely different culture than what they are used to.

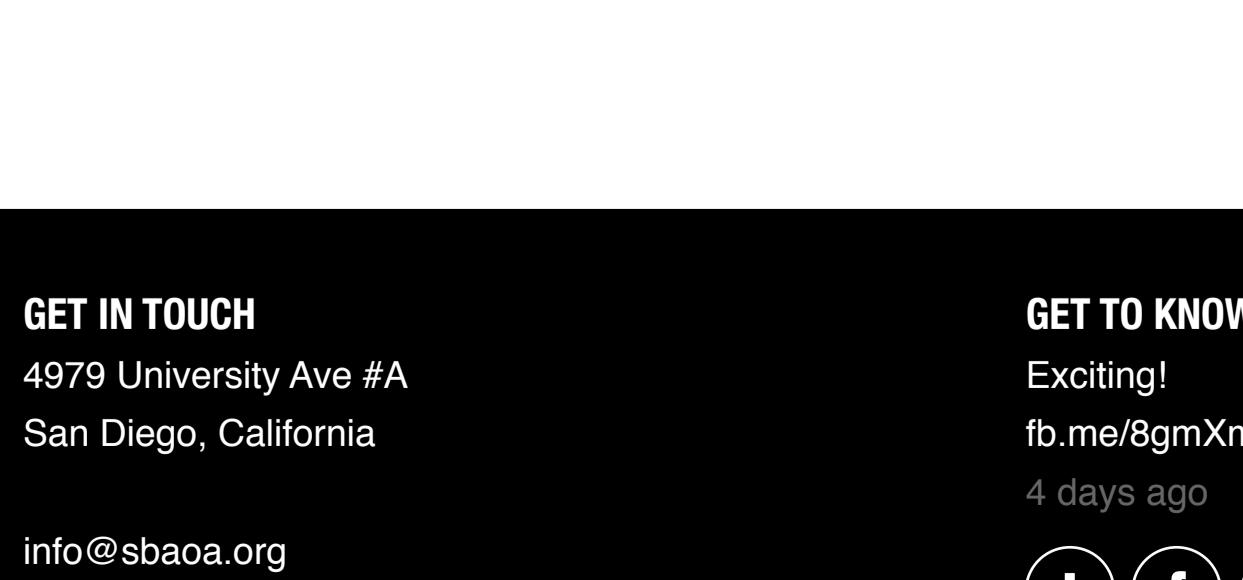
In addition, we take the youth on field trips to cultural events, as well as fun local offerings like the San Diego Zoo.



PARENTING

The SBAOA assists parents in developing effective parenting skills by strengthening their communication with both their children and the greater community. We also help them transition to the sanitation standards of the western culture so their children can more easily integrate into their communities.

We are currently working on a new initiative to strengthen the relationship between Somali Bantu fathers and their children.



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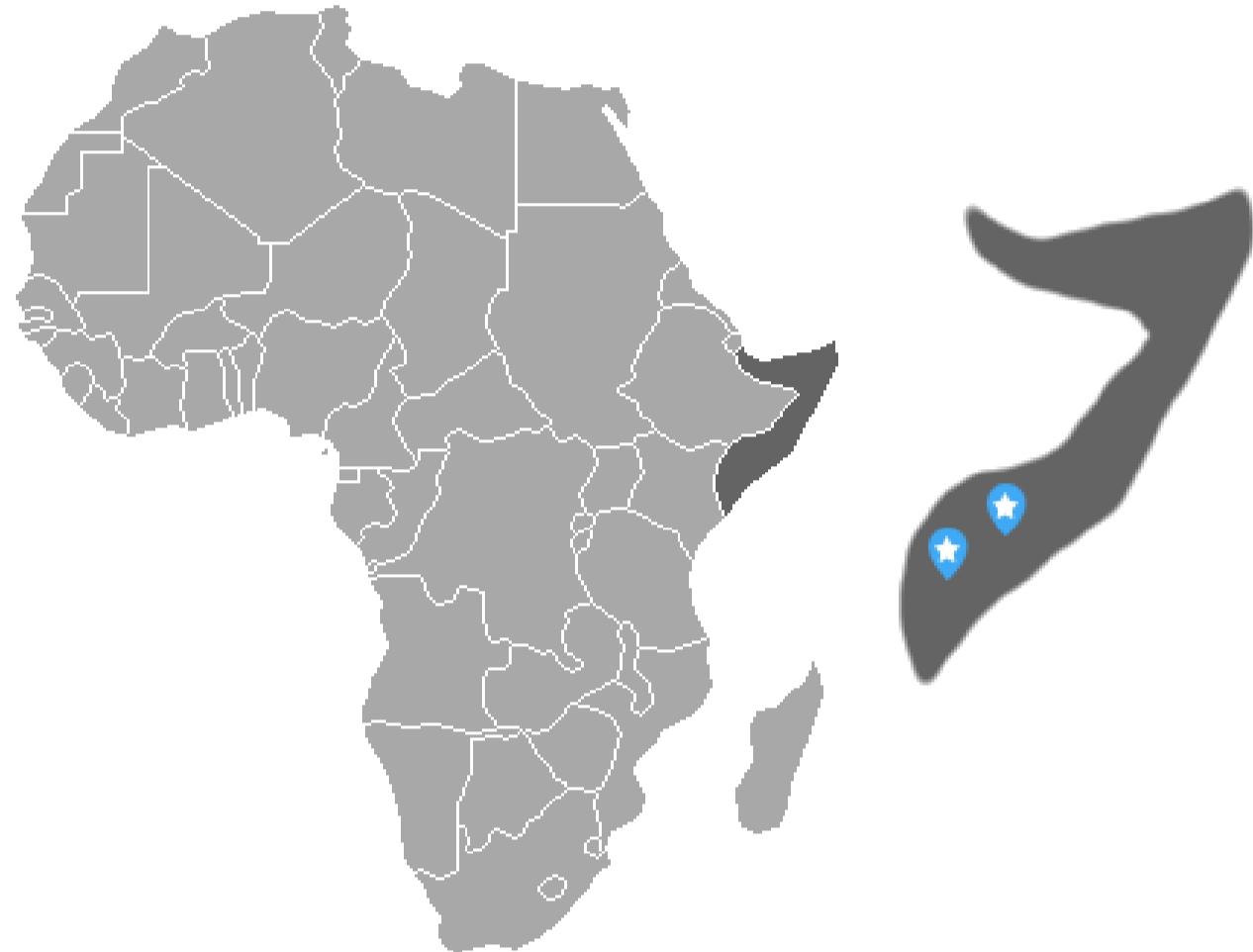
ABOUT

[OUR ORGANIZATION](#)[THE SOMALI BANTU](#)[OUR TEAM](#)

WHO ARE THE SOMALI BANTU?

"The Somali Bantu are an ethnic minority group in Somalia who primarily reside in the southern part of the country, near the Juba and Shabelle rivers. They are descendants of people from various Bantu ethnic groups, whom were captured from Southeast Africa and sold into slavery in Somalia and other areas in Northeast Africa and Asia as part of the 19th century Arab slave trade. Bantus are ethnically, physically, and culturally distinct from Somalis, and they have remained marginalized ever since their arrival in Somalia."

--Wikipedia



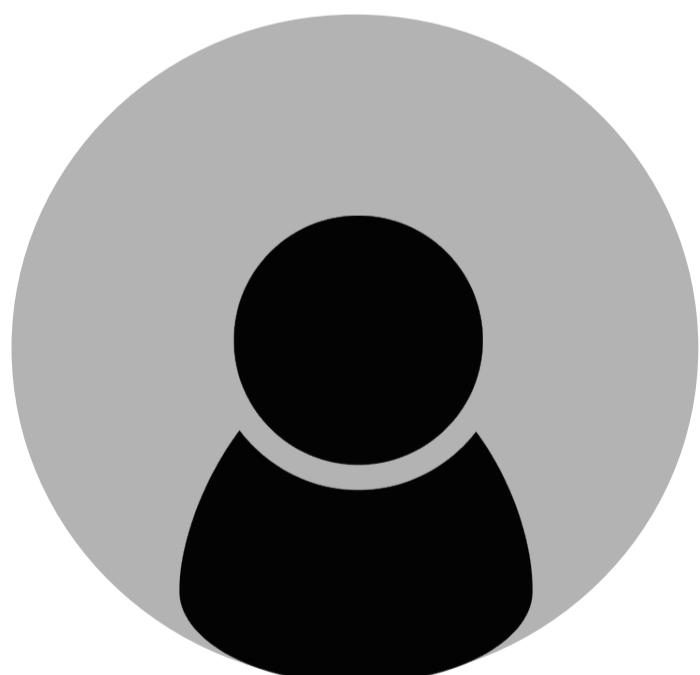
 Somali Bantu locations

SOMALI BANTUS WHO INSPIRE US



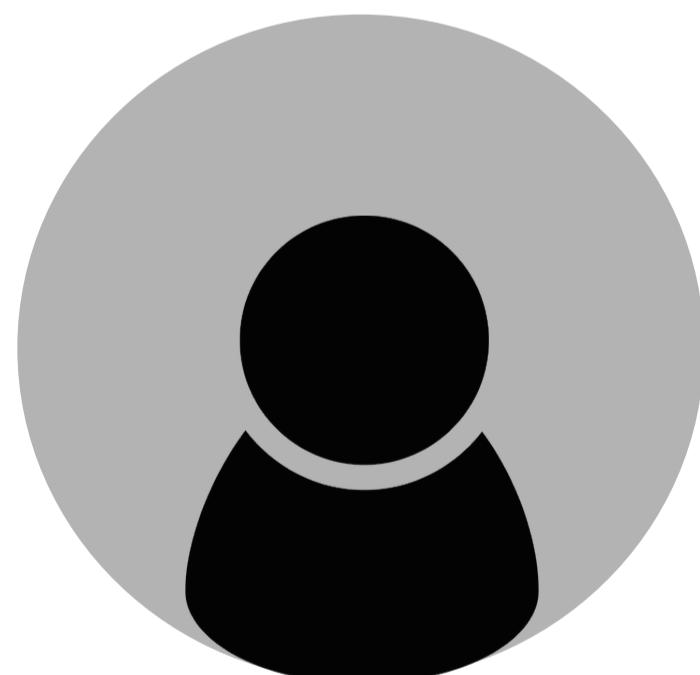
NAME OF PERSON ABOVE

[Name] came to the United States last year. She started a daycare business 6 months ago that continues to grow.



NAME OF PERSON ABOVE

[Name] came to America looking for freedom and a fresh start. [Name] love to choreograph dance to help other Somali Bantu women stay in shape.



NAME OF PERSON ABOVE

[Name] moved to the US 4 years ago and has since learned how to read and write English and helped 30 fellow refugees adapt to their new land.



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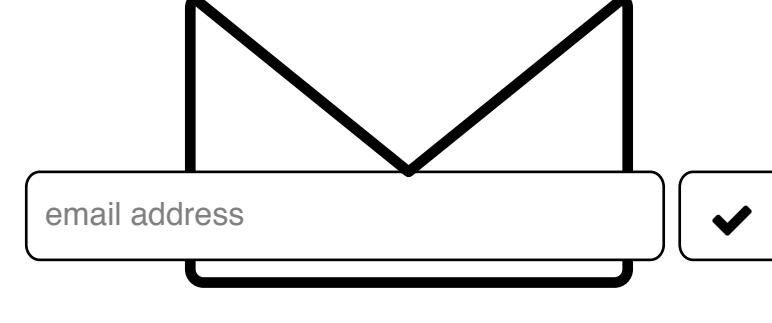
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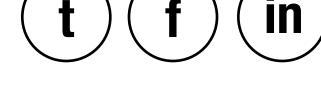
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CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE

Feel free to send us a message any time to learn more about us, our programs, and how you can get involved in our community.

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MAKE A DONATION

Somali Bantu Association of America relies on generous community members like you to ensure the ongoing availability of much needed services in San Diego's refugee community. Each donation you make is fully tax-deductible.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Events



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NEW LAND, NEW HOPE

April 19, 2015

Bright colors, smiling faces, delicious food, colorful banners, and spirit-ed music and dancing were in abundance at SBAOA's second annual cultural celebration – NEW LAND, NEW HOPE.

The event will take place at the United Domestic Workers of America on Saturday, September 20th. Children as young as a few months ranging to grandparents enjoyed the beautiful weather, and learned about the impact that the Somali Bantu Association is making on refugees in our community.

[GET ALL THE DETAILS FOR THIS EVENT!](#)

News and Recent Events



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MORE SAN DIEGO GIRLS ARE COLLEGE BOUND

February 4, 2014

Megan Burks

Khadija Osman, 18, shuffles a stack of certificates, one for making the honor roll and several others awarded by teachers. She just graduated from Arroyo Paseo Charter High School in City Heights and is heading to UC Merced in the fall to study biochemistry.

In Somalia, where her family comes from, girls were much less likely to go to school than boys. Here in the United States, Somali girls attending San Diego city schools are surpassing their male counterparts academically.

[READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE](#)



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THANK YOU! OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

December 14, 2014

The Somali Bantu Association of America would like to thank every person who came out to our annual fundraiser and donated to support the continuing success of our programs! It was a huge success!

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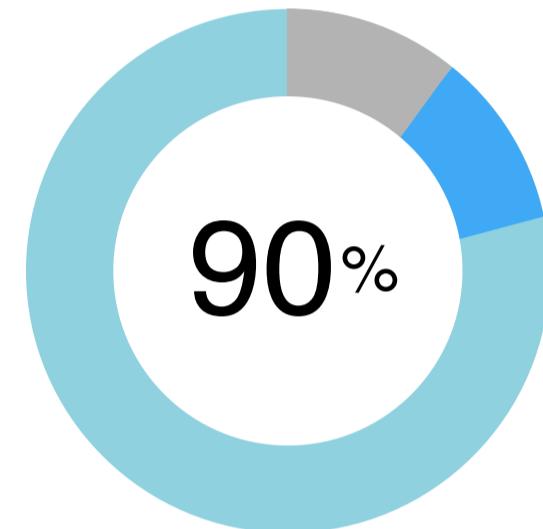
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WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Since 2009, when we opened our doors, we have helped**6,326** **Somali Bantu Refugees**

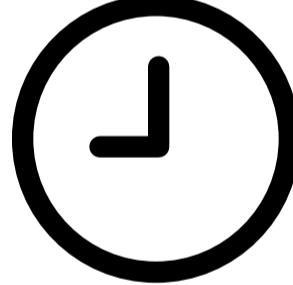
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-  Programs & Services
-  Fundraising
-  Administrative

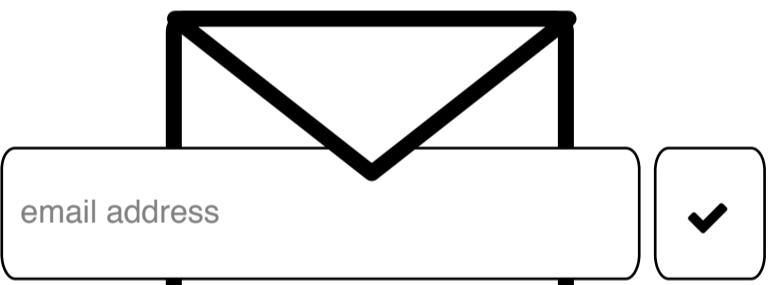
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