



Administrative Committee

Shai Sizer - Executive Assistant

African American Youth Achievement Committee

Sonya Kittles - Director

Finance Committee

Eric Kittles- Chief Financial Officer

About Us

A.B.O.V.E is an acronym for Achieving and Bringing Our Vision to Excellence.

A.B.O.V.E is a non-profit corporation founded by Sonya A. Kittles (President/ CEO.) and was established on January 10, 2006.

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A.B.O.V.E.

Strengthening Our Community
Through Arts, Culture and Education.

Pan Afrikan Festival



Youth Achievement Program



OUR PURPOSE...

The purpose of establishing this organization is to build unity, pride and self-esteem among African Americans living in Rochester and Western New York by means of cultural education and awareness and to foster a sense of cultural unity among all people of African Diaspora.

It is our belief that this unity, pride, and self-esteem will increase the quality of life in our community to reduce crime in our neighborhood and promote self-worth.

OUR VISION...

To enhance knowledge of culture by providing materials and tools which reflect the history and heritage of individuals of African descent.

A.B.O.V.E is dedicated to making a difference in the community for both young and old. We are currently in the process of developing a program to restructure our youth, teaching them to embrace education and rise above the challenges that surround them daily

The youth in our community are crying out for attention...for help which is displayed in the senseless acts of violence that is taking over our streets and our neighborhood. We plan to develop a mentoring program that will provide self-esteem, guidance and support to these young individuals.

We plan to create a variety of events and social gatherings that encourages community involvement and allows us to celebrate our heritage and cultures. Some of the proceeds raised from these events will go toward our Youth Achievement and Social/Emotional wellness programs in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester and the David F. Gantt Rec Center and to provide food insecurities to those in need via collaboration with the Open Door Mission.

OUR MISSION...

To be a recognized leader in the community for implementing successful and strategic methods of social, positive impact in the lives of our people and community as a whole.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- My Sister's Keeper Tea Party Brunch - March - March 23, 2024
- Real Men Do Cry Conference - TBD
- Pan Afrikan Festival - August 3, 2024
- African American Youth Achievement Scholarship Ceremony - TBD

For donation information and/or information regarding these events, please contact us.

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OUR BOARD...

Sonya Kittles, Founder/CEO
Shai Sizer, Executive Assistant
Diane Sheffield, Public Relations Mgr.
Jimmie Highsmith, Jr., Stage Mgr.
Eric Kittles, Chief Financial Officer
Evans Buntley, Entertainment Dir.
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