

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Future Cycle Breakers was established in 2019 and is a young but promising organization. With only one year of programming under our belts when the pandemic hit, we had the difficult task of proving our proposed impact to funders. Prior to the pandemic, our programming took place during the school day and was enthusiastically supported by all of the schools involved. School administrators, teachers, and volunteers have bolstered our efforts by donating their time. This not only encourages us as a team, but adds to our in-kind revenue.

While fundraising has been difficult as a start up, we've worked hard to network within the private sector and leverage our relationships with corporate sponsors. Using these donations, we have been able to continue our entrepreneurial workshops for underserved youth in west Chicago and keep our small staff.

We are ready and anxious to begin our year-end fundraising, but need the assistance of an expert to get it up and running. Our organization is a true grassroots initiative with the full support of our youth, families, and community. With your guidance, we will be able to expand the reach of our workshops and create the next generation of Cycle Breakers.

Exposing youth to an entrepreneurship-focused education teaches crucial life skills and how to explore and challenge mindset limitations that continue the cycle of holding back. Developing an entrepreneurial mindset helps students to build confidence, identify their purpose, overcome debilitating cycles, learn from setbacks and to boldly take control of their own destiny.



Our goal is to reach 1,000 students this year in communities where the median household incomes, and high school dropout and unemployment rates are higher than the state average. Long term, our goal is to increase generational wealth in minority and underserved communities by producing future generations of Cycle Breakers with a strong, positive self image equipped with entrepreneurial skills and knowledge to create their own businesses.

We are proud to provide underserved youth with safe spaces that inspire courageousness and encourage dreaming BIG without limits.

We believe in the limitless potential of young people and choose to invest in them as the key to a brighter future for our communities and our world. We give youth a safe space and access to leaders that inspire them to be courageous and to dream BIG without limits. And, we appreciate you helping to equip the next generation with knowledge and support to Break Cycles and Become Bold Leaders and Entrepreneurs.