

## **Growing Exhibitions**

The Museum will also feature up coming artist, local legends and pillars of the community and showcase the pioneers of Rap music, Wall of HBCU's, pre and post Civil Rights, tribute to veterans and other innovative ideas that maximize patrons enjoyment and make their experience meaningful and awe inspiring.

Technology will be integrated in all aspects of the experience, audio, video etc. along with the ability to interface with cell phones. Art will be rotated in and out to maintain relevance and attractiveness.

The museum would be multi-functional, in that it would provide family entertainment, genealogy research, poetry slams, healing space and networking opportunities for millennia's and generation Z.

In addition, there will be a gift shop on site to commemorate the experience e.g., t-shirts, souvenirs, dashikis, hats, books, videos, whatnots, gadgets etc.

## **Economic Development**

It's a win-win for city government, township, residents, schools etc. The board of directors, recognizes the importance of collaboration with city, county and township government to develop a working infrastructure that supports the positive development of students, youth and families, while promoting economic development and job creation for the community.

To further this objective, the board will utilize a multi-system approach, with a focus on using art education as a learning tool for behavior modification, PTSD, and wellness.

Art Therapy will benefit at risk youth and adults which would include: counseling and lectures on effective behavior intervention strategies, improving self identity, cultural efficacy and enrichment, connecting ancestry, diversity training and communitarian values, multicultural professional development, cultural sensitivity training (i.e., officers, teachers, workplace, courts) and tours.

# **THE SANKOFA AFRICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM<sup>INC.</sup> PROJECT**



**Our strategic plan  
is to bring a new  
African American  
history museum to  
Aurora!**



## Intro

**Mission** is to preserve, promote and celebrate the rich heritage of people of African Descendants.

**Vision** is to share the legendary stories of our ancestors to inspire the next generation of learners, history makers and minority groups.

**Plan** is to partner with the City of Aurora to secure and dedicate an African-American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center within the Metropolitan Chicago area of Aurora in remembrance of African-American heritage and their contribution to this great country.

## SANKOFA AFRICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

SAHM will be a gateway of educational and cultural experience that will connect the illuminating present with the antiquated past as patrons walk in the shoes of our ancestors seeking knowledge and inspiration for future endeavors.

This museum will be a place where people from all walks of life, cultures and ethnicities can frequent to explore and discover the myriad of contributions former Africans have made historically to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

Unlike other African American Museums whose exhibits focus mainly on the horrors of slavery, Sankofa Heritage Museum will showcase the record breakers, pioneers, frontrunners, and trailblazers and little known facts that changed history.

## Funding

Fundraising will be ongoing. Our intent is build our capacity to operate independently and develop an effective economic resource plan that includes multi-year fundraising campaigns, major gifts from corporations, and foundations, churches, individual giving, family endowment development, and historic preservation grants.

Funding is needed for building an attractive art environment, technology enhanced learning, renovations, and purchasing art, sculptures, artifacts etc.

There will also be opportunities to purchase memberships, dues and various sponsorship levels.

- Platinum \$5000 and up
- Gold \$1000—4999
- Bronze \$500 –999
- Family \$100-499
- Individual \$30-99

To help and support this cause please make donations to:

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Museum (SAHM )  
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