

"WE BUILD OUR
TEMPLES FOR
TOMORROW,
STRONG AS
WE KNOW HOW,
AND WE STAND
ON TOP OF THE
MOUNTAIN,
FREE WITHIN
OURSELVES."

Langston Hughes



"NOT TO KNOW IS BAD. NOT TO WANT TO KNOW IS WORSE.
NOT TO HOPE IS UNTHINKABLE. NOT TO CARE IS UNFORGIVABLE." *Nigerian Proverb*

**AACC
MISSION**

The African American Cultural Center is a 501 (c) 3 not for profit multipurpose cultural arts performance and education agency founded by Malcolm Erni in 1958 to help develop urban Buffalo to its highest potential.

Our core mission is to promote, sponsor and develop programs and services that exhibit an appreciation of and allegiance to African American heritage – and to enhance social behavior among African American youth through multi-disciplinary training in the arts.

African American Cultural Center | Inc.

We Inspire Urban Generations [since 1958]

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*Please Join Us
in Inspiring
Urban Generations. . .*



"IT IS TIME FOR EVERY ONE OF US TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND PUT OURSELVES AT THE TOP OF OUR COMMITMENT LIST." *Marian Wright Edelman*

The African American Cultural Center has been a cultural anchor of the East Side Buffalo, NY community for 55 years. We are a cornerstone arts and education institution of Western New York.

We shelter children after school and when school is out. We provide them with academic support and creative engagement, and equip them with positive life skills. **We teach** them about their self-worth and the indomitable strength of their history and heritage.

*AACC Educational Directives After School Program
Cultural Enrichment Program
Jumpin' Jambalaya Summer Program
Positive Productive Sisters*

We celebrate our legacy with West African dance and drum that keeps our community connected to its pre-America origins - and enlightens all to music and tradition that continues to define American culture.

*AACC Dance and Drum Performance Company
AACC Community African Dance / African Drum Classes*

We inspire patrons with live theater that explores the dynamics of the African American experience, showcases our theater artists and professionals, and promotes the value of the stage as an effective medium for telling the true story of our legacy.

*Paul Robeson Theatre
PRT Film and Theatre Workshop*

We preserve American musical traditions conceived in West African rhythm and movement: **We promote** knowledge and appreciation of uncelebrated connections to classical genres.

*Pine Grill Jazz Reunion
AACC Mother Daughter Sister Friend Afternoon Tea Social*

The African American Cultural Center is the very face of East Side Buffalo, NY – its children, elders and generations.

Asante Sana!

Your support is appreciated!
Make a secure donation online at www.aaccbuffalo.org or use the enclosed envelope.

For us not to be a part of the community is unthinkable. But without your help. . . it is a real possibility.

For 55 years, the African American Cultural Center has cared for the cultural health and well-being of Buffalo and Western New York.

Your generosity will support the restoration of our buildings at 350 Masten Avenue, and in turn the necessary growth of AACC programming capacity.

Your gift, in any amount, will enable us to carry forward our critical mission for generations to come.

Thank you!



"THERE IS NO PROBLEM THAT WE CAN'T SOLVE IF WE CAN CORRAL OUR RESOURCES BEHIND IT. THAT MEANS PEOPLE, THAT MEANS MONEY, THAT MEANS THE GOOD WILL AND COOPERATION OF A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION."

Coretta Scott King