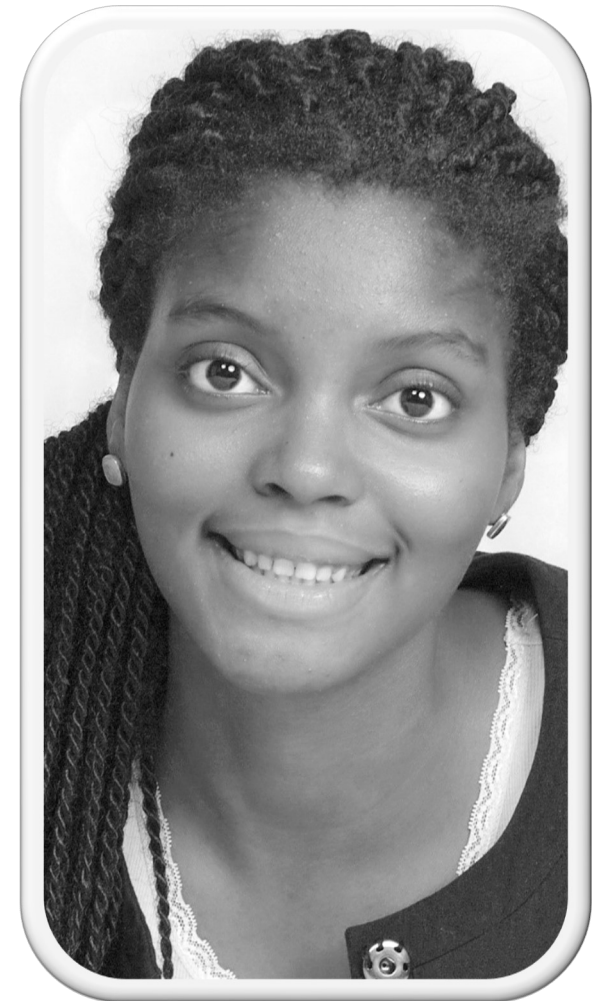


“Chombo hakiendi ikiwa kila mtu
anapiga makasia yake”

*“A boat does not go forward if each
one is rowing a separate way”
... A Swahili adage*

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**connecting *informing *equipping*



Connecting Africans



Informing Community



Equipping New Americans

Our Mission

The central goal of the African Resource Center (ARC) is to build healthy African communities in West Michigan by:

- ⇒ **connecting** Africans with one another and with the different ethnic, vocational, and religious communities;
- ⇒ **informing** society about contemporary issues relating to the social, economic and spiritual well-being of Africans;
- ⇒ **equipping** new African immigrants with the skills to be responsible American citizens.

Connecting ...

African societies thrive on interdependency. At ARC, we encourage individuals to be self-reliant but, more importantly, to participate in activities that strengthen society. We celebrate diversity but at the same time create opportunities for each individual to contribute to the overall wellbeing of greater West Michigan.

Informing ...

Recent African immigrants to the United States come from diverse social and religious backgrounds. Those who are making West Michigan their home add to the cultural and economic richness that is gradually evolving in this community. ARC makes it a goal to inform recent African immigrants about North American culture and also inform the larger society about the resources recent African immigrants bring to that society.

Equipping ...

A core mission at ARC is to see children and youth thrive, equipped with the necessary resources to ease their transition into the American school system.

Towards this end, we collaborate with individuals, institutions and agencies that provide tutoring programs for K-12 students.



Our Partners

African Resource Center is a nonprofit public charity (501c3) sustained through the generous donations of individuals and corporate agencies

... you!

We achieve our goals with the help of volunteers who serve in some of the following ways:

- ⇒ ESL coaching of school students;
- ⇒ social/educational mentoring of teenagers;
- ⇒ relationship building with new families;
- ⇒ planning/execution of collaborative projects with African organizations and communities.

Please contact us for more information on how to serve or collaborate with us. THANK YOU!



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