

SPOTLIGHT

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Asset Funders Network's
Equity Amplifier for
Economic Security (EA) is a
new series highlighting
organizations or nonprofits
focused on building
economic security/asset
building in communities of
color. EA's intent is to:

- Amplify the voices of organizations led by people of color.
- Reduce systemic biases and barriers within philanthropy.
- Encourage AFN
 membership to
 broaden and deepen
 their commitment to
 supporting economic
 security and asset
 building strategies
 that target diverse
 communities.

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Where are you headquartered?
Fort Worth, Texas

What is your organization's mission or vision? Empower and impact one family at a time.

Which area(s) of service BEST describes your organization? Human services and basic needs.

Does your organization identify as a BIPOC led? What does that look like within your organization?

We are an organization in which all of the Board of Directors are Black and Latino, and executive leadership is Black.

Provide an example of a program or initiative that your organization is spearheading that works to advance economic opportunity and prosperity for BIPOC communities?

We provide financial assistance to families who have Sickle Cell Anemia in order to help them avoid having a financial hardship.

How does your work impact communities and populations that are historically marginalized, underserved and/or underresourced?

The families we serve are either Black or Latino. There are currently no organizations in Tarrant County assisting families with Sickle Cell Anemia.



What are some specific barriers or biases from within philanthropic organizations that you believe are hindering BIPOC led or BIPOC serving organizations in accessing adequate funding or support?

That they give to more prominent and bigger organizations funding. Grassroots organizations rarely get recognized.

Name one thing funders need to be cognizant of when connecting or partnering with BIPOC led or organizations and communities?

We are able to make an impact in minority communities that are often overlooked.



Aaliyah is Healed

HOW FUNDERS CAN GET INVOLVED

As a benefit of AFN membership, funders may nominate local nonprofits focused on building economic security/asset building in communities of color to highlight as part of the EA series, allowing your organization to showcase innovative models and best practices to help build a more secure future for diverse communities. <u>Click here</u> for more information or to nominate an organization or nonprofit led by people of color for the AFN EA.

Funders who wish to learn more about Aaliyah is Healed Foundation go to aaliyahishealed.org/

