

Together is Better Alliance, NFP

Currently partnering with Filmmaker Frances Causey
on the skin disconnect, <http://thelongshadowfilm.com/>

“Changing Hearts and Minds about Race”

SUMMARY

Together is Better Alliance, NFP (TiBA) became a non-profit organization on December 31, 2018. We organized due to work resulting from our affiliation with **BACKSACK International, LLC** in addressing systemic racism. In working with partner organizations, we seek to dismantle racial bias and inequality by confronting our difficult past courageously, thoughtfully and honestly. We do this by providing historical and other relevant content, and facilitating thoughtful, non-blame and informed conversations about racial exclusion and injustice; and building momentum for a way forward.

We have used [The Long Shadow](#) documentary and its accompanying [Study Guide](#) to build awareness of the history of racism, slavery, and Jim Crow in the U.S.; and how it continues to have a destructive impact on thinking and actions today. We work with clients and partner organizations to engage in community conversations about race in an engaging, non-blame environment and by using metrics.

Our plans are to expand our toolkit by using other relevant media content and hosting online lecture series. A future undertaking is to replicate leadership teams in select cities throughout the U.S.

Beginning as BACKSACK Intl. volunteers and eventually as TiBA Board members and volunteers, we have shown The Long Shadow documentary to more than 1,300 people in the Chicagoland area as of 3/1/19. We have partnered with the DuPage Regional Office of Education, the Illinois Education Association Board of Directors, Benedictine University, Chicago Theological Seminary, University of Chicago Law School, the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, the League of Women Voters, and many other organizations in showing the documentary and holding post-screening discussions.

As of January 2019, we held screenings and post-screening discussions at the La Grange Performing Arts Center, nine churches affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago (click [here](#) for a recent interview), and two screenings at the University of Chicago.

In addition to our growing Board of Directors, we are working with volunteers who provide leadership on strategy, technology, curriculum development, and generational engagement.

Should you have questions or an interest in partnering with us, please contact TiBA Board President Sharon Hatchett at sharon.d.hatchett@gmail.com or 313-378-5293 or Board member Amania Drane at niaenterprises1@comcast.net at 630-985-6421.

*History, despite its wrenching pain,
Cannot be unlived, and if faced
With courage, need not be lived again.*

Maya Angelou, On the Pulse of the Morning