



**UNEARTH & EMPOWER**  
Communities

**OUR MISSION**

*Creating pathways to college, employment and entrepreneurship for Compton youth through engagement with STEM education and the arts.*

**OUR PROGRAMS**

**ART**

**Community Art Program (PreK-6)**

Artists, ages 3 years to 6th grade come from all over Compton to dance, sing, draw, paint and have fun attending our free week-long Art camp. All supplies and materials are provided, including a meal each day.

*The program is designed to empower and expose students to critical thinking, collaboration, and creative problem solving in the arts.*

**Little Creators Program (0-4 years)**

Young artists, ages 0-4 years, receive an art kit filled with supplies and activities to explore and create in their own homes. All supplies and materials are provided.

*The program is designed to empower and expose our youngest students to sensory play, motor skill development, and creative problem solving in the arts.*

**Compton Mural Project (6-9 graders)**

Empowering and exposing Compton youth to civic engagement & social justice through mural design and creation.

**EDUCATION**

**Houses of STEAM Education Program**

Compton youth, K-6th, and their families learn STEAM education through hands-on training, building projects, attending field trips and speaking with BIPOC professionals in the STEAM career fields. All supplies and materials are provided. This is a free program. *The program is designed to empower and improve students' proficiency in STEAM-related subjects.*

**PATHWAYS**

**Pathways Program**

Upon high school graduation, students have the choice to enroll in college, train for a career and/or become an entrepreneur. This program supports high school graduates as they progress down one of these pathways with training, scholarships and grants. *The program is designed to empower and prepare students for the successes and challenges of the future.*



**FAMILY + FUN + LEARNING + GENEROSITY + RESPONSIBILITY**

Unearth and Empower Communities | P.O. Box 5490, Compton CA 90224-5490  
info@unearthandempower.org | www.unearthandempower.org | (424) 242-8383

| Registered Charity: 46-3566978





# STATISTICS

Founded in 2013



**415**

FAMILIES SERVED



**26**

YOUTH HIRED



**315**

VOLUNTEERS

**\$510.5K**

MONEY RAISED TO DATE

**\$109K**

GRANT MONIES RECEIVED TO DATE

**\$410.5K**

INDIVIDUAL GIVING RECEIVED TO DATE



**\$30K**

SCHOLARSHIP MONIES AWARDED



**98%**

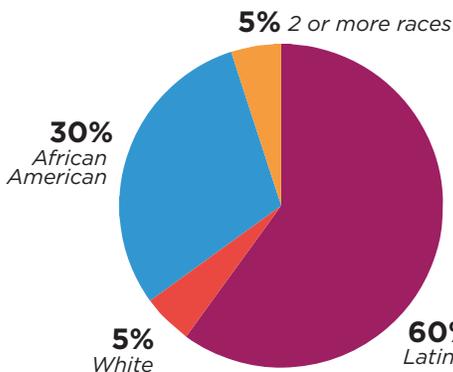
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE



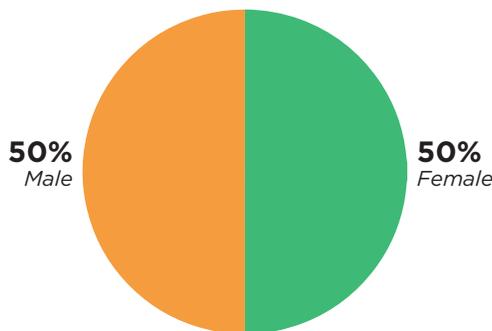
**90%**

GRADUATES WHO ARE EMPLOYED

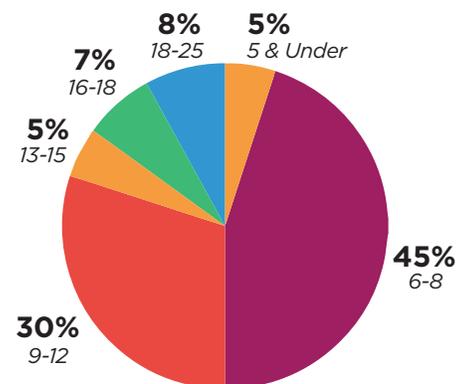
## DEMOGRAPHICS



ETHNICITY



GENDER



AGE

**FAMILY + FUN + LEARNING + GENEROSITY + RESPONSIBILITY**

Unearth and Empower Communities | P.O. Box 5490, Compton CA 90224-5490  
 info@unearthandempower.org | www.unearthandempower.org | (424) 242-8383

| Registered Charity: 46-3566978



# STAFF



## BARAK BOMANI

### Executive Director & Co-Founder

Barak is the Executive Director & Co-Founder of Uneath and Empower Communities. As a revolutionary educator who disrupts broken educational systems, during his tenure as a middle and high school principal, Bomani led the way for a 100% 4-year college acceptance rate for African American and Latino students from East Oakland, California. He is the visionary behind Cultivating Hope LLC, an educational consulting company that coaches educators to build the whole village through Math Proficiency, Equity, Diversity & Race and Social Emotional Learning. Barak earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from Dartmouth College and his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from San Jose State University, where he graduated with highest honors. He has been married for nine years and has two sons.



## SARA BOMANI

### Co-Founder & Co-Executive Director

Sara Bomani is the Co-Founder & Co-Executive Director of Uneath and Empower Communities. This UEC vision started in 2008 when she first volunteered to teach art in her friend's classroom in the Compton Unified School District. With a bachelors in Graphic Design and a masters in Arts Education from Cal State Long Beach, Sara loves to share her artistry that she learned from her mother while growing up. Sara has created art camps and workshops that have served over 1,000 youth in Paramount, Long Beach and Compton over the past 13 years. As a business owner of Color Your World Design Studios, she has created art and gardening classes for homeschooled youth as well as providing graphic design services for over 15 years. One of the treasures we appreciate about Sara is how she always finds a way to include all kids regardless of their abilities to create art.



## VALERIE LEYVA

### Program Assistant Intern

Valerie was recently hired as a Program Assistant Intern for Uneath and Empower Communities. Valerie attended Paramount High School, and during her senior year she volunteered over 40 hours for UEC. She was a mentor to our K-5 students before she started to attend Cerritos College. Upon high school graduation, she earned a \$500 college scholarship from UEC for her exemplary commitment to our community. In her new role with UEC, she is responsible for assisting with our three program areas of art, education and pathways. One of the treasures we appreciate about Valerie is her inquisitiveness and desire to always learn something new.

**FAMILY + FUN + LEARNING + GENEROSITY + RESPONSIBILITY**

Uneath and Empower Communities | P.O. Box 5490, Compton CA 90224-5490  
info@unearthandempower.org | www.unearthandempower.org | (424) 242-8383



| Registered Charity: 46-3566978



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## DE'JON JACKSON

### Non-Profit Management | UEC President

De'Jon Jackson is the Director of Operations and the OSH Officer for The ACLU Foundation of Southern California. He has found success as a small business owner and entrepreneur in the fields of engineering and nonprofit management. He consults on multi-million dollar projects for community based non-profits and develops operations plans and budgets. He has a passion for health, wellness, and investing in other people.



## AMBER KIM

### Human Resources Management | UEC Vice President

Amber Kim's experience is in managing HR strategies for non-profit organizations in Southern California, with the ACLU, KHEIR Center, Goodwill Industries, and currently with Planned Parenthood as the Associate Vice President of Human Resources. She is founder and Chief Human Resources Consultant for People Compass LLC, an HR and management consulting firm. Amber is deeply committed to improving the communities she serves through her work in providing opportunities for people, and partnering with organizations to create an equitable and diverse workplace culture, championing change, and investing in employees' well-being, growth, and success.



## BRUNA SOARES-THOMPSON

### Family Therapy & Social Work | UEC Secretary

Bruna is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has been working as a children's mental health therapist for the past five years. She is married and two beautiful kids. One of the treasures we appreciate about Bruna, in addition to her generous spirit, is that she is multi-lingual and is raising her children to learn Portuguese, Spanish and English.



## VICTOR CHEW

### Environmental Engineer | UEC Treasurer

Victor currently works for SCS Engineers and is enjoying 17 years as an Environmental Design Engineer in the areas of Landfills, Litigation, Remediation, Evaluations and Geology. He was elected a deacon at his church, has been married for 12 years and is a father of five.

**FAMILY + FUN + LEARNING + GENEROSITY + RESPONSIBILITY**

Unearth and Empower Communities | P.O. Box 5490, Compton CA 90224-5490  
info@unearthandempower.org | www.unearthandempower.org | (424) 242-8383



| Registered Charity: 46-3566978



# CONNECT WITH US

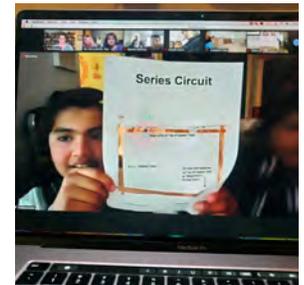
## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Unearth and Empower Communities**  
P.O. Box 5490  
Compton CA 90224-5490

info@unearthandempower.org  
(424) 242-8383

[www.unearthandempower.org](http://www.unearthandempower.org)

Registered Charity: 46-3566978



## SOCIAL MEDIA



@UnearthAndEmpower



@UnearthAndEmpower



@Unearth\_Empower



@Unearth and Empower Communities



@UnearthAndEmpower

## UEC IN THE MEDIA

**The New York Times**

[bit.ly/NYTuec](https://bit.ly/NYTuec)

**VoyageLA**

[bit.ly/UECarticle](https://bit.ly/UECarticle)



**In Your Corner**  
EMPOWERING THE TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS BEHIND CLASSROOMS

[bit.ly/InYourCornerArticle](https://bit.ly/InYourCornerArticle)

**FAMILY + FUN + LEARNING + GENEROSITY + RESPONSIBILITY**

**Unearth and Empower Communities** | P.O. Box 5490, Compton CA 90224-5490  
info@unearthandempower.org | [www.unearthandempower.org](http://www.unearthandempower.org) | (424) 242-8383

| Registered Charity: 46-3566978