Okigwe Family Union of Northern California

Welcome to our home page! We appreciate your stopping by.

Mission

The Okigwe Family Union of Northern California is a volunteer public-benefit organization, inspired by Nigeria's Igbo values, that works through a program of cultural awareness, research, education, advocacy and humanitarian service to improve the quality of life for our members and the community at large.

Who We Are

Since 1995, the Okigwe Family Union of Northern California (OFUNC) has been in the forefront of human service, education and social action. Its members make positive differences in the lives of many community residents through an array of hands-on efforts that demonstrate, teach and accomplish. Direct service projects model what can be done; community forums show how. OFUNC has served as a springboard to action with programs that address the needs of immigrants.

How We Do It

OFUNC is run by volunteers. Its management, made up of elected officers and standing committee chairs, meets monthly throughout the year. Active participation in Section activities is encouraged but not required for OFUNC membership. OFUNC has two major sources of funding. Primary among them is the Special Event, a cultural headline entertainment. Operating Funds, sustained by ongoing dues and donations, support specific program areas.

What We Do

OFUNC's work has three basic components: - community service projects to address and help solve community problems - community-wide forums to educate and mobilize the public for social action - advocacy to enlighten the government on issues concerning women, children and families. OFUNC recently donated furniture to area elementary schools in Eastern Nigeria - part of the campaign to brighten the environment for pupils forced to learn under perilously dilapidated structures.

Every year, OFUNC has steadfastly promoted the Igbo culture through its annual "new yam" festival. This event commemorates the beginning of new season in Igboland and an appreciation of the level of output from family farms. OFUNC continues to use this event to create and sustain awareness of the Igbo cultural heritage among our youth and the community.

The organization’s earning growth is undefined because we have taken on projects in the community to supply classroom desks at several Elementary Schools in Okigwe, as the first phase of our education project.

Our agenda is set by recommendations emerging from our own research.

Where We Are

For the coming year, OFUNC has committed itself to an ambitious agenda of service. As always, volunteers will make it possible for our organization to remain on the cutting edge of efforts that further community cooperation and human dignity.