

# ABOUT ME

## KENYA STARR SIBLEY



# **SPECIAL INFO ABOUT MY HISTORY**

**Meet Kenya Starr Sibley, the visionary force behind YES U CAN Foundation, NFP, established in 2007 and recognized by the IRS as a nonprofit and foundation with 501(c)3 & 509(a)(1) status. Kenya Starr is not just a philanthropist; she's a multi-talented entrepreneur and author. Beyond her literary pursuits, she owns a barbershop, multiple beauty salons, and a portfolio of properties scattered across the United States. At the heart of her endeavors lies VINGT-SIX 26 by K.Starr, a unique nonprofit restaurant situated in Orland Park, IL. This extraordinary culinary haven, with plans for expansion, caters to the upper echelon class, providing an indulgent blend of exquisite food and entertainment. As the Sole Owner, Kenya Starr ensures that VINGT-SIX 26 not only tantalizes taste buds but also serves as a conduit for giving back to those in need.**

**With over 26 years of experience in healthcare and community outreach, Mrs. Sibley stands as an Epic Vivid Visionary. Her leadership extends to impactful resourcefulness, making her a distinguished Industry Leader. Specializing in outreach assistance services, Kenya Starr directs her efforts toward providing donations to direct grantees and supporting other nonprofits.**

**YES U CAN Foundation, NFP, operating under the alias VINGT-SIX 26 by K. Starr, goes beyond its culinary offerings. It extends its impact through diverse programs, on-the-job training, mentorship, workforce development, and housing programs. This philanthropic powerhouse dedicates itself to making a difference in various communities worldwide by offering donations, food services, and support for the homeless and impoverished. Kenya Starr Sibley is not just a name; she is a catalyst for positive change, a beacon of hope for those in need.**

# MISSION



**\$YesUCanNFP Mission Statement We say YES U CAN when others say No Our goal: “To change the future for all who struggle with being in transition, malnutrition, obesity, poor health, homelessness, transportation/travel resources, lack of resources, products & services- that once provided with all that is needed from our help- Together we will empower minds, build communities, bring people together to build homes, eliminate homelessness, uplift communities, renew hope, create jobs, train, motivate, innovate, feed the hungry, educate/counsel and ultimately change a limitless amount of lives forever and ultimately change a limitless amount of lives forever”**



**Introducing YES YOU CAN FOUNDATION, NFP, a trailblazing enterprise proudly owned and operated by the vibrant energy of the African American community. What sets us apart isn't just what we do—it's the way we redefine the landscape of foundational businesses.**

**In a realm where uniqueness is scarce, we stand as a beacon of distinction. YES YOU CAN is not just about providing remarkable food, top-tier liquor, captivating entertainment, and stellar services; it's a movement, an ethos that pulsates with purpose. What makes us truly extraordinary is our unwavering commitment to empowerment.**

**Beyond the realm of gastronomic indulgence and entertainment lies the beating heart of our foundation. YES YOU CAN is a conduit for change, a catalyst for community transformation. In the spirit of redefining norms, we proudly charge an administrative fee for our offerings, reinvesting this revenue into a plethora of community-driven initiatives.**

**Our NFP-Foundation isn't just a facet of our business; it's the soul. Here, we don't just serve, we impact. We don't merely help; we uplift. And when it comes to the community, mentorship isn't a buzzword; it's a lived reality. YES YOU CAN is a force for job creation, providing opportunities for those who, under conventional circumstances, might be denied access.**

**At Yes U Can NFP, we proudly declare "YES U CAN" when others utter a discouraging "No." Our mission is crystal clear, driven by a powerful goal: to reshape the future for all those grappling with transitions, malnutrition, obesity, poor health, homelessness, and the myriad challenges life presents. In the spirit of empowerment, we commit to:**

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- **Providing Comprehensive Support:**
  - Addressing malnutrition, obesity, and poor health through a holistic approach.
- **Tackling Homelessness:**
  - Offering a lifeline to those facing homelessness by building homes and fostering community unity.
- **Overcoming Resource Barriers:**
  - Breaking down barriers related to transportation, travel, and access to essential resources, products, and services.
- **Fostering Empowerment:**
  - Empowering minds through education, counseling, and motivational initiatives.
- **Community Upliftment:**
  - Bringing people together to uplift communities, renew hope, and create lasting positive change.
- **Job Creation and Training:**
  - Innovating by providing job opportunities, training programs, and motivating individuals to reach their full potential.
- **Feeding the Hungry:**
  - Taking a stand against hunger by providing nourishment to those in need.
- **Exceptional Experiences:**
  - Unparalleled food, top-tier liquor, and captivating entertainment.
- **Purposeful Administration Fee:**
  - Charging an administrative fee for our offerings to reinvest in community initiatives.
- **Community Impact:**
  - Running and operating services that serve, help, and impact the community.
- **Empowerment Ecosystem:**
  - Offering mentorship and training programs.
- **Job Creation Opportunities:**
  - Producing job creation opportunities for individuals who may face barriers to access.

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In a world hungry for change, YES YOU CAN FOUNDATION, NFP, stands as a beacon of distinction, redefining the foundational business experience by embodying empowerment, impact, and inclusivity.

In our relentless pursuit of this mission, we aspire to change not just individual lives, but entire communities, fostering a ripple effect of transformation. Together, we believe in the power to change lives forever, creating a future without limits.



# Letters of Recommendations



Music Television since 1984

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of support for Yes U Can, NFP. I have had the unique opportunity to have Kenya Sibley on JBTv "Health Awareness Music Marathon" that aired on Chicago television this last December. We received many positive comments on her programs and community outreach from students and community leaders. Kenya is a true community leader that empowered many to make their lives better. Her programs are helping our young adults in High School with needed essential items. Yes U Can is committed to the community, helping those that need help, outreach with food, work assistance with needed new text books, shoes, beauty products, all building self-esteem of our future leaders.

Kenya's latest restaurant project is a new concept to help the community. This restaurant will bring employment to the area plus another business that adds to the Tax base. Healthy food programs are needed in this fast food world and by providing a training program and entertainment. This is a one of a kind restaurant that offers a variety of programs helping those that need help.

Yes U Can, NFP is needed in our community, and your support of this program will benefit our youth.

I'm available to discuss further the benefits of this program, I can be reached directly at 312-316-9576

Sincerely,

Jerry Bryant  
Host/Owner JBTv Chicago





**City of Blue Island**

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To: Yes U Can Foundation, NFP.  
From: The City of Blue Island, Mayors Office  
Re: Acknowledgment, Recognition & Recommendation of Your Services

**Hello & Kind Regards,**

This letter is to inform the intended party that Yes U Can Foundation, NFP (DBA) Gifted Hands, NFP, A Healthy Shape, NFP and Masterz-Gifted Hands, NFP) provides exceptionally great and much needed services in our city. They have helped and continue to provide services to the improvised/homeless/underprivileged/low income and disabled residents located in the lower income communities within our local and other cities surrounding our demographic area of our city.

When your organization reached out to our office recently to ask us to provide you with an updated letter of recognition and to verify the validity of your organization & the great services that your organization provides, it truly filled our hearts with joy to be able to boast about Yes U Can Foundation, NFP.

Therefore, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize your organization for the great work and services you've been providing to our residents over the last several years. Please keep up the great work.

Thank You, For All You Do ~ From the City of Blue Island, Howard Coppari & Mayor Domingo Vargas

*Howard H. Coppari* 10-30-2019  
Howard Coppari, Community Development Manager



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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

To: Yes U Can Foundation, NFP.  
From: The City of Park Ridge, Mayors Office  
Re: Validity and Recognition Letter

**Hello Yes U Can Foundation, NFP,**

As requested we are providing this letter to inform the intended party that Yes U Can Foundation, NFP (DBA) Gifted Hands, NFP, A Healthy Shape, NFP and Masterz-Gifted Hands, NFP) provides extraordinary services. YUCF,NFP has helped thousands of our residents in our community and continue to provide services to the improvised/homeless/underprivileged/low income and disabled.

We are pleased to provide this letter as both recognition and to provide validity of the superb services that your organization offers. We're ecstatic to recognize your organization for the great work and services you've been providing to our residents over the last several years. We thank you. Please continue to shine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,

*Cheryl L. Peterson*  
Cheryl L. Peterson  
Deputy City Clerk



May 6, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

I am delighted to provide a letter of support for **Yes U Can, NFP**. My organization, Project sWish is committed to the betterment of Chicago's inner- city youth and young adults. Project sWish utilizes basketball as the driving force to unite people from diverse communities and cultures.

Given that both, Yes U Can, NFP and Project sWish share the same mission of improving the lives of youth and young adults, we have partnered many times to implement programming for our target population. The Yes U Can,NFP has generously donated funds and items to Project sWish so that we could execute some of our most essential programs to date. Such programs include: meals donations to the homeless youth in the Englewood community, PPE donations to sWish participants and the community at large, household and personal care essentials for distribution to single family homes, and sports equipment for sWish league participants.

Without these crucial donations, our organization would not be able to provide services to the youth and young adults of this city.

As I have illustrated above, Kenya Siley and the Yes U Can Foundation are committed to the community and most importantly, our future leaders. Kenya embodies the spirit of giving and philanthropy. Her goal is to provide unlimited opportunities to many and hope to the hopeless via her giving, community events, and other workshops that she conducts.

Considering Kenya's passion and commitment to the communities that she serves, I know that she and Yes U Can, NFP would be more than an asset to your organization, business, and community.

Should you have any questions or want to further discuss our partnership, please feel free to call me at 773.852.2060.

By: *McKinley Nelson*

Name: McKinley Nelson

Title: Founder



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December 9, 2019  
Kenya Sibley  
Yes U Can Foundation, NFP.

Dear Ms. Sibley,

Thank you for the generous donation of new clothing and shoes for the families of the Grand Crossing Community for our Community Toy Giveaway. The declared value of the donation is \$10,000. So many families in the community will benefit from the generosity of your organization. We celebrate your organization for being a beacon of hope for so many in the community.

The New Life Covenant Church Southeast tax ID number is 81-0661878

Thank you again for partnering with us in our mission to break the cycles of homelessness and poverty in families. If you have any future questions feel free to reach out to me at [dray@newlifesoutheast.org](mailto:dray@newlifesoutheast.org) or 872- 465-3380.

Blessings,

Pastor Damon M. Ray  
Senior Director  
Outreach and Community Development



October 15, 2019

Ms. Kenya Sibley  
Yes U Can Foundation, NFP.

Dear Ms. Sibley,

Thank you for the thoughtful and generous donation of new clothing and shoes for the families residing at the Primo Center for Women and Children. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine the full declared value of the donation.

The Primo Center for Women and Children's tax ID number is 36-2966006. Please do not hesitate to contact Shelley Cooper at (312) 385-0565 or [scooper@primocenter.org](mailto:scooper@primocenter.org) should you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you again for partnering with us in our mission to break the cycles of homelessness and poverty in families.

Sincerely,

  
Shelley Cooper  
Chief Community Relations Officer

STEVE & MARJORIE HARVEY FOUNDATION

*Fostering Excellence in Children & Families*

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Yes U Can Foundation, NFP.

*It was good to talk to you today. We would like to thank you for your ongoing partnership and years of support. You're generosity, mentorship and in kind donations goes along way! Keep up the great work Kenya!! You're organization makes a profound impact in all of the communities that you serve and Yes, Feel free to Invite your organization's other program partner Chance The Rapper to speak at the boys camp this year.*

**Per our conversation today, the Steve Harvey Mentoring Program 2022 taking place June 18-21 at The Rock Ranch in GA. You and your team is invited!!!**

- Let's Explore the mutual investment of opportunities both of us mentioned to one another regarding your program partner 'Feed The Children' providing our boys with backpacks this summer and SMHF providing mentorship, food, donations and other support to your grantees in the coming future there at your restaurant Vingt-Six and within the surrounding communities in Illinois that you serve.
- We are happy to sponsor in 5 boys (14-18) and 5 single moms of your choice from Chicago or South Suburban, IL for our mentorship camp again this year.
- Further discuss options you have for a speaker of your choice for the 'Used To Be You' session for the boys.

Many Thanks,

Director of Mentoring

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