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OIC of America receives \$5 Million from MacKenzie Scott to build its accredited workforce training program for Black Americans

Gift gives Black-led organization powerful momentum to address the United States' labor shortage with robust training program that builds a talent pipeline for Americans experiencing economic isolation

(NOVEMBER 14, 2022) — [OIC of America](#) announced today a \$5 million gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. OIC of America is one of the country's only organizations working at the intersection of skills training, economic inequality, and racial justice at large scale.

OIC invests in people experiencing economic inequality — Black Americans in particular, through free high-quality training in occupations that pay a living wage, offering a pathway to economic security. This investment provides powerful momentum to address the nation-wide labor shortage - matching underutilized workers with good jobs in American companies.

“If we’re talking about economic recovery in this country, this historic investment from MacKenzie Scott is a unique opportunity to empower the most economically vulnerable,” said Louis J. King II, president and CEO of OIC of America. “The best social service program in the world is a job. We’re going to make sure the people who need those jobs most get them.”

“OIC has the skills and connections to get the job done: access to the people, high quality training, and employers to connect people with good jobs — especially rural and inner city Americans who have been left out of this economy.”

This is the largest single gift received by the organization in its almost 60-year history. It will support launching the Sullivan Training Network, a national network of training programs offering accredited courses in high-demand jobs, including IT, healthcare technology and high

skill building trades. Courses will be offered at no cost to participants. With OIC's 25 local affiliates in 19 states, the Sullivan Training Network will have the reach and proven experience to connect the most economically vulnerable with free training to obtain living wage jobs.

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About OIC of America

OIC of America is a nonprofit breaking the cycle of poverty by creating paths to economic freedom for people experiencing economic isolation. We do this by offering quality skills and employer connections to build the talent pipeline for quality living wage jobs and economic stability. Headquartered in Philadelphia, OICs' 25 affiliates support underserved communities in rural and urban areas in 19 states throughout the nation. Visit oicofamerica.org/ to learn more.