

BBF Family Services



Installation view, *Kerry James Marshall: Untitled (Circulation)*, at BBF Family Services, 2021.

Photo by Nathan Keay

BBF Family Services is a comprehensive human services organization that envisions a thriving, self-sustaining community where empowered children and families have access to all opportunities.

Plan your visit

Open Monday–Friday, 10 am–2 pm. Groups of more than 6 people must call to make arrangements at 773.542.7300.

Kerry James Marshall: Untitled (Circulation)

September 29, 2021–ongoing

Untitled (Circulation) is a new work by Kerry James Marshall designed specifically for the architecture of the BBF Family Services building. The work is composed of photographs taken by the artist over the past four decades of the Bud Billiken Parade, the largest African American event of its kind in the United States. The parade is a Chicago tradition, begun in 1929, that takes place annually on the city's South Side. The procession begins in Bronzeville on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and ends in Washington Park. Bud Billiken, its mascot, is a symbol of good luck and a guardian of children. Marshall juxtaposes his photos with found images from various disciplines including astronomy, architecture, engineering, biology, chemistry, and medicine. Together, they are a celebration of Black joy and the unlimited avenues for achievement.

About

Founded in 1961, BBF Family Services is a comprehensive human services organization that offers six program and service areas: Community Engagement, Education, Employment Services, Family Services, Health Equity, and Youth Services. The mission of BBF Family Services is to improve the quality of life for underprivileged youth and their families by providing safe, stable, and nurturing experiences that enhance social, emotional, academic, and career development. BBF Family Services envisions a thriving, self-sustaining community where

empowered children and families have access to all opportunities. In pursuit of this vision, BBF provides coordinated programs and services that combat poverty, low educational attainment, chronic disease, criminal activity, and trauma for people from the age of 5 and up.

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