



**Chicago  
Chess Foundation**

EMPOWERING YOUTH TO  
FIND THE BEST MOVES

# **2021 YEAR-END REPORT**



# Programs

2021 was a unique year in many ways. By remaining innovative and receptive to our community, CCF was able to both continue our traditional programming, but also create new, sustainable ways to engage Chicago youth in chess activities.



**1,473**  
Youth served

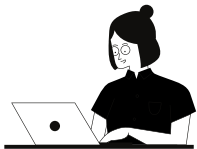
## Tournaments

After beginning the year with tournaments completely online, we've successfully and safely restarted hosting in-person tournaments in fall 2021.



**9**

Online tournaments



**836**

Online tournament participants



**2**

In-person tournaments



**188**

In-person tournament participants



**45**

Participating Chicagoland schools

# Rook, Rattle & Roll

Rook, Rattle & Roll is our flagship program bringing before, during and after-school chess clubs to schools and community centers in Chicago's underserved neighborhoods.



20

New clubs started at schools/community centers



254

New chess players



37.5%

Female representation



## Summer Camp

During summer 2021, CCF collaborated with community partners to incorporate chess activities into their summer camp programs.



2

Chess camps with partners



6

Weeks of camps



75

Summer camp participants

# New Programs



## Ghana-Chicago Chess Exchange

A brand new program which began in February 2021 to create cross-cultural relationships between students in Chicago and students in Accra, Ghana. On a monthly basis, 20 students from Chicago and 20 students from Ghana come together online to play chess together and take part in cross-cultural dialogue.



## Chicago Online Chess League

CCF created the first ever online chess league for Chicago high schools. The goal of the league is to create a platform for high school chess teams to gain competitive experience and build relationships.



**2**

**Full seasons  
completed**



**11**

**Participating schools**



**150**

**Participants**

## High School Chess Leaders Program

Another new program created in 2021 to engage Chicago high school students in leadership training and community opportunities. Students are selected through an application and recommendation process. We've had 14 students participate in the program in 2021.

# New Branding

In December 2021, the Chicago Chess Foundation (CCF) launched its new logo and tagline. View the new branding for the organization below:



The new logo includes a simplified image of a chess piece incorporating the 6-point star and colors from the Chicago city flag. Our new tagline reads, "Empowering youth to find the best moves." The addition of our new tagline emphasizes our strategic mission to provide all youth in Chicago - with a focus on underserved communities - the opportunity to learn, play and compete in chess.

## New Board Members



David Pickens  
R & D Mechanical Engineer  
*John Crane*



Frank Moroni  
Retired Branch Office  
Manager  
*Baird*



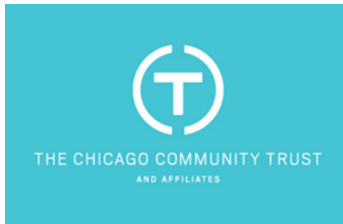
Wes Moran  
Director of Finance  
*Marwen and Chicago  
Humanities Festival*



Cassandra Salgado  
Director  
*Northwestern Academy  
for Chicago Public  
Schools*

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