



Bonita Harrison
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Bonita Harrison is a visionary real estate developer, broker, and community leader dedicated to rebuilding Chicago's underrepresented neighborhoods through equitable and sustainable development. As Founder and CEO of Sunshine Management and Managing Broker/Owner of KBM Realty, she leads a multi-disciplinary portfolio that spans property management, general contracting, real estate brokerage, and development – all under one mission: to build community wealth and expand access to quality housing for Black and minority families.

Born and raised on Chicago's South Side, Bonita is the driving force behind Buy Back the Block, a nationally recognized initiative that has brought together Black developers to revitalize historically disinvested communities. Her leadership has contributed to the creation of over 200 housing units, more than 300 jobs for minority-owned businesses, and \$30 million in generated Black community wealth.

Her firm's development portfolio includes transformative projects such as Unity at North Lawndale, Ubuntu Village, Sankofa, Renaissance, and Demera Bronzeville, each rooted in cultural pride and economic empowerment. Bonita's model of "development with dignity" reflects her belief that equitable housing is the cornerstone of thriving communities.

A Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow (Class of 2025), Bonita is a founding board member of Women Housing & Income Providers. Her pioneering work has been featured in the Chicago Sun-Times, Crain's Chicago Business, Wall Street Journal, and Essence Magazine. In 2018, she made history as the first woman, first Black person, and youngest recipient of the Cook County Land Bank Developer of the Year Award. Most recently, Bonita was named a Chicago Titan 100 honoree, recognizing her exceptional leadership and transformative impact through mission driven real estate development.

Bonita is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and went to acquire her Master's of Science in Mathematics on a full academic scholarship. Her approach blends analytical precision with a deep commitment to justice, collaboration, and legacy building – a philosophy that continues to redefine what community-driven development can look like in America.

