

Monique Brunson Jones

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Monique Brunson Jones in her role as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Evanston Community Foundation is continuing to strive for change and to root out oppression. Born on the west side of Chicago and spending time in Little Rock, AR, Jones returned to her roots 13 years ago and began working with families and organizations to cultivate avenues for people to rise up out of oppression. She states, "my education was embedded in the thought that if given the resources needed to become a productive citizen in our world a person could be successful." Jones cites numerous mentors and lessons that have cultivated her success. Her favorite quote is from her older brother: "[Monique], you aren't going to be happy if someone else messes it up. It has to be you because you know you'll be angry enough to try again and get it right." In her free time, Jones involves herself in activities that involve her young daughter and her husband.

