



Over the past year, several members have provided pro bono legal services to Hope Chicago, a unique scholarship model serving Chicago students and their parents.

Led by former Chicago Public Schools CEO Dr. Janice K. Jackson, Hope Chicago is committed to raise, invest, and deploy

**\$1 BILLION**

in college scholarships and support funding over the next decade, effectively creating pathways to economic success for multiple generations of Chicagoans.

**Since 1978, college tuition has increased by a staggering 1,400% and 38% of students drop out of college because of the financial pressures.**

Hope Chicago is part of the Promise model, which recognizes that segregation and poverty are holding communities back and seeks to change the financial structures of post-secondary education to reduce economic and social inequities so the community can thrive.

Founded by businessman Ted Koenig and entrepreneur Pete Kadens, Hope Chicago is modeled after **Hope Toledo – the nation’s first two-generation scholarship program**, which Kadens pioneered in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio.

Hope Toledo’s inaugural class of 2020 boosted college enrollment rates at the participating high school from

**34% to 54%**

Additionally, colleges that accept Promise program students have a 45% higher graduation rate than those that don’t. In short, the two-generation scholarship model works.

Hope Chicago partners with higher education institutions to serve Hope Chicago scholars by emphasizing heightened student services, accessible campus resources, and robust support community. As a "last dollars" scholarship, the organization is addressing institutional practices like "aid displacement," which penalizes students who earn private scholarships by reducing institutional aid.

As stated on its website, **Hope Chicago is grounded in the belief that educational equity lays the foundation for greater economic and social progress and the rebirth and restoration of Chicago communities.** LP is proud to partner with Hope Chicago to work to achieve this mission.