Who We Are

A social enterprise of Cara Collective, Cleanslate provides paid transitional jobs to help individuals with high barriers to employment build the skills needed to secure permanent employment. Cleanslate crews see their work as more than a job – it’s a life-changing opportunity. With every block swept clean or graffiti tag removed, another Cleanslate worker has taken a step toward building the necessary skills to achieve real and lasting success.

In addition to helping people get back to work, Cleanslate also serves as a catalyst for true community renewal. By concentrating its beautification efforts along high-traffic corridors, Cleanslate establishes itself as a neighborhood presence that helps restore community pride.

How We Measure Impact

Our Employment Impact measures all jobs – both temporary Cleanslate jobs and permanent placements of former Cleanslate workers – secured during this time period. Note that one person may have multiple jobs in their journey (e.g. a transitional job to build job skills and marketability and one permanent placement). These numbers include participants who began their job(s) this year, whether their Cara journey started this year or in a prior year.

Cleanslate’s Societal Impact is measured by actual FY21 earnings of Cleanslate workers and that of former workers who moved on to permanent placements (together making up its Community Reinvestment), as well as the resulting tax contributions from earnings.

Our Worker Demographics (inside page) give a sense of who comes to Cleanslate and our Community Impact shows how our crews are transforming the physical and social landscape of the communities we serve.

For a full breakdown of how numbers were determined, see our appendix at www.caracollective.org/about/reports

How You Make A Difference

When people are employed, their lives improve. The income they earn and the confidence they gain means Cleanslate workers start saving money, move into stable housing, reunite their families, and do their part to make our communities better for all of us. Your help transforms lives.

EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

480 TOTAL JOBS

374 TRANSITIONAL JOBS AT CLEANSLATE

106 PERMANENT & LONG-TERM PLACEMENTS FOR CLEANSLATE WORKERS

OF PERMANENT & LONG-TERM PLACEMENTS

39 AVERAGE HOURS WORKED WEEKLY

$17.05 AVERAGE WAGE EARNED

57% ONE-YEAR RETENTION FOR PERMANENT & LONG-TERM PLACEMENTS

SOCIIETAL IMPACT

$3,356,863 TOTAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

$522,300 TOTAL ANNUAL TAX CONTRIBUTIONS BY WORKERS & PERMANENT PLACEMENTS
Hello, Englewood!

Cleanslate made a big move this summer to Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood. The move to a newly purchased $1-million, 11,000-square-foot building positions us to be a contributor to the revitalization of the South Side neighborhood. In addition to bringing our exterior maintenance services to the surrounding corridor, Cleanslate seeks to utilize our positive, proactive presence in the neighborhood to encourage more residents to access our workforce services. To date, more than 200 Englewood residents have found transitional employment on Cleanslate’s crews - and we’re just getting started.

Interested in launching an ambassador program in your community? Contact Brady Gott at bgott@cleanslatechicago.org or 312.798.6722 for more details.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM IMPACT

3,889 HOURS WORKED
1,764 BAGS OF TRASH COLLECTED
3,297 MILES PATROLLED
437 BAGS OF RECYCLABLES COLLECTED
20,640 PATRONS ENGAGED
329 SIGNS REMOVED

GARRARD’S STORY

“When I was young, I went to jail. But that has no bearing on what’s taking place in my life right now. I’m working really hard to get my record expunged, so that way it’ll be as if it never happened.

For now, though, I need to get a job without going through an employer’s background check because they always turn me down when they see I’ve been to jail. The last company I contacted found out about my criminal record, and they needed so much documentation for me to simply apply.

I just wanted a chance – and finding Cara and Cleanslate gave me that chance.

When I first joined the program, I didn’t understand why I needed to attend classes at Cara; I just needed a job. Once I got here, though, I understood that it’s the recipe for success.

So, in addition to doing great work for our communities through Cleanslate, I’m also gaining knowledge – and no one can take knowledge away from you – which means a lot to me.”

Read the full story of how Garrard is launching his career and new beginning at www.caracollective.org/garrard
COMMUNITY IMPACT

- **2,089** TONS OF GARBAGE COLLECTED
- **554** TONS OF RECYCLABLES COLLECTED
- **19,178** GRAFFITI TAGS REMOVED
- **877** TONS OF SNOW PLOWED

WORKER DEMOGRAPHICS

- **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**
  - GED: 15%
  - LESS THAN 12TH GRADE: 28%
  - HIGH SCHOOL: 57%

- **CONVICTION HISTORY**
  - MISDEMEANOR ONLY: 14%
  - NONE: 57%
  - FELONY: 29%

- **RACE / ETHNICITY**
  - BLACK: 3%
  - WHITE: 5%
  - HISPANIC: 1%
  - OTHER: 91%

GENDER & AGE

- **38** AVERAGE AGE
- **73%** MEN
- **27%** WOMEN

NEW CUSTOMERS

- 51st Street Business Association - SSA 52
- Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago
- Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Southwest Development Corporation
- Miller Community Fund
- Pullman Community Center
- PullmanArts
- The University of Chicago
Join Us in Our Movement

As a social enterprise of Cara Collective, we’ve made it our mission to uplift people and communities through the power of a job since 1991.

Hire Us

We are ready to get to work for you!
Contact Brady Gott at 312.798.6772 or bgott@cleanslatechicago.org to learn more.

Contact Us

Learn more about how we transform lives and communities through our work.
Contact 312.226.6561 or info@cleanslatechicago.org for more info.
## APPENDIX

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### “Ambassador Program Impact” Section

Impact measured in FY22 of Cleanslate crews working specifically with Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago (BOMA) and Uptown United as ambassadors in their communities.

### “Community Impact” Section

Productivity measures for Cleanslate work crews in FY22. Cleanslate work crews are comprised of Cleanslate workers and either a Crew Chief or Lead Worker.

### “Worker Demographics” and “Gender & Age” Sections

Includes 337 participants starting 374 Cleanslate transitional jobs in FY22.

### “New Customers” Section

A selection of new Cleanslate customers in FY22.

### “Operational Area” Section

Shows the footprint of Cleanslate operations in FY22 through its 79 customers serviced in 42 Chicago communities and beyond.