

Atif Bostic

Atif Bostic is the executive director of UpLift Solutions, Inc., a national not-for-profit consultancy with a mission of “Delivering Entrepreneurial Solutions that Support Underserved Communities for the Joy of a Healthy Life. UpLift Solutions has four program areas that collectively support the development of sustainable environments in underserved communities. The four program areas are: Sustainable Food Systems, which focuses on the development and preservation of supermarkets in underserved communities; Health Innovations, which focuses on creating access to health care, nutrition education, and individualized public benefits; Financial Services, which focuses on creating access to capital for supermarket operators, developers and healthcare providers; and Workforce Development, focuses on creating access to sustainable employment in underserved communities.

Mr. Bostic, in his role as executive director, is responsible for the organization’s administration, programs and strategic planning. Prior to joining UpLift Solutions, Mr. Bostic spent 15 years in the financial services industry, holding roles of increasing responsibility. Immediately prior to joining UpLift Solutions, Mr. Bostic held the position of Vice President and Sales Manager of Citizens Bank’s retail business development division, YourPlace Banking. In this role, Mr. Bostic was responsible for building and growing the bank’s 12-state business development program. In two years, Mr. Bostic grew deposits to exceed \$100 million. In addition, Mr. Bostic supported Community Reinvestment Act and internal colleague training initiatives; and for his leadership roles, Mr. Bostic was recognized for his outstanding work in 2012 with the Chairman’s Award for “Employing a High-Performing and Engaged Workforce,” and again in 2014 with the “Community Development Business Partner Award.” Other roles included: Business Development Officer, Relationship Manager, Financial Center Manager and Marketing Director.

Throughout his career Mr. Bostic has been very active with not-for-profit organizations. Mr. Bostic has served as Interim President and CEO of the Philadelphia OIC; provided strategic planning support for multiple organizations to include The Mayor’s Office of Community Service (MOCS); provided marketing support to the Delaware Financial Literacy Institute; and partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Chester Housing Authority, and the School District of Philadelphia to create and host a series of community open houses to increase health awareness and provide access to free health screenings in Chester and Philadelphia. Mr. Bostic currently serves as Board Chair for the Philadelphia OIC, Vice-Chair of PathWays PA, and sits on the Board Directors for the Urban League of Philadelphia.

UpLift Solutions

UpLift Solutions is a national nonprofit consultancy that supports food businesses, government, and nonprofits to create sustainable environments for underserved communities. UpLift Solutions is able to implement its programs in underserved markets across the country by creating entrepreneurial solutions that empower communities while benefiting all stakeholders involved. UpLift further believes, the supermarket can be leveraged to address additional needs within the community such as health care, financial services and benefits access. Through its four lines of business, Sustainable Food Systems, Health Innovations, Financial Services and Workforce Development, UpLift Solutions works to create access to healthy food, health care, jobs and low-cost capital for the development of sustainable food and health services environments.