This month, we lost two leaders in the Civil Rights Movement. Congressman John Lewis and C.T. Vivian. Leaders, teachers, organizers, and inspirations to many. Once leaders of the movement are now our ancestors.

We thank you both for your work and legacy that will continue to inspire us to organize toward Black liberation for generations. Rest In Power.
UPDATES FROM BVM

In July we wrapped up our Virtual Bus Tour in Mississippi and Alabama with our Mississippi State Coordinator, Carol Blackmon and our Alabama State Coordinator, Arnee Odoms. Here are ways you can still take action:

- Complete your Census. The Census deadline is now **September 30th**. Be sure to complete the 2020 Census by mail, phone, or online or 844-330-2020.
- Talk to 5 friends and family about the election.
- Text “**WEMATTER**” to 797979 to connect with Black Voters Matter.

During this month, The Blackest Bus in America was a part of the last trip from Selma to Montgomery for Representative John Lewis to celebrate his life and legacy. Our Co-Founder, LaTosha Brown, was honored to speak and sing at the memorial service for John Lewis in Selma, Alabama.

We thank him for his work, the lessons he taught us, and inspiring us to keep fighting.
Brianna Turner, WNBA Player for the Phoenix Mercury, highlighted Black Voters Matter for the My Kicks My Cause initiative!

Thank you so much for using your platform to amplify our work of spreading love and building power in our communities.

Our National Field Director, Tami Sawyer, was on the ground in Tennessee to engage with voters.

Our Georgia Senior State Coordinator, Wanda Mosley, did some voter registration with an option for online registration in Valdosta, GA with our partners at We Can't Breathe - Americans Against Brutality.

Our Pennsylvania State Coordinator, Brittany Smalls and our partners, held a protest centered around community healing.
Our Co-Founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright, joined the Harvard Graduate School of Education: Making Caring Common Youth Advisory Board to discuss the history of voting rights and mobilizing Black voters.

We partnered with Michael Stars and Gloria Steinem for #TheTeeInVote to raise awareness about the importance of voting and to highlight and support organizations doing work against voter suppression such as Black Voters Matter.

BVM partnered with BET for the #ReclaimYourVote campaign to engage voters on September 18th, the inaugural National Black Voter Day. For more information, visit bet.com/reclaim-your-vote

Michael Jordan and the Jordan Brand committed to donating $100 million over 10 years to organizations dedicated to social and economic justice, education, and awareness. Black Voters Matter is proud to be selected as a recipient to help us continue our work in Black communities. Read more here.

Southern Poverty Law Center selected Black Voters Matter in their first round of Vote Your Voice grants to 12 voter outreach organizations across the South. Read more here.
Check out some of our favorite media highlights for the month of July!

- TMZ
- Washington Post
- Into America Podcast
- LA Times
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