Protect Haitian Refugees Now.

This month we witnessed the disturbing History of slavery in U.S. and abroad in Texas.

We stand with organizations like Black Alliance for Just Immigration the Haitian Bridge Alliance, and Black-led grassroots groups in Texas who are providing direct support to those on the ground in Del Rio.

We join in their demands that President Biden immediately stop deportations and follow through on the established process for protecting refugees. Black voters did not risk our lives in order to put President Biden in power only to see him continue the racist immigration and asylum policies of his predecessor.

Read our full statement here. Sign and share our petition.
Made in America Festival

THE CAUSE VILLAGE

We started out the month of September in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Made in America Festival as a part of their Cause Village that consisted of many organizations bringing awareness to social justice issues such as voter engagement, gun violence, mass incarceration, reproductive justice, climate change, education and more!

Thank you to Roc Nation and The Shawn Carter Foundation for the invitation! We had an amazing time discussing voter education and community engagement with thousands of attendees.

The work continues!
Updates from the Field

PENNSYLVANIA

In Pennsylvania we visited Ben Franklin High school for a back to school giveaway and to discuss grief, mental health, gun violence, voter education, Black businesses and more!

The key to building Black voter engagement is meeting our communities where they are, empowering them, listening, learning and educating. Hear more from our Pennsylvania State Coordinator, Brittany Smalls.

Our partners, Millenials in Action (MIA) also held an "Exercise Your Vote" event every Sunday! Trainers from three fitness centers provided and facilitated outdoor workout sessions for community participants.

BVM provided resources ahead of the November election with on-site voter registration and voter engagement tools along with free swag giveaways. MIA trainers provided individualized programmatic material to connect the impact of healthcare policy on the world of fitness.
Updates from the Field

WASHINGTON D.C.

Our National Field Director, Wanda Mosley, traveled to Washington D.C. to speak at the Black Women Leaders & Allies Voting Rights & Reproductive Justice National Call-In Day Rally. We called on Senators to Pass The John Lewis Voting Rights Act and develop legislation to protect women’s reproductive rights!

Our Co-Founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright, traveled to Washington D.C. for The Finish the Job Rally to urge the Senate to finish the job and protect the Freedom to Vote!

TEXAS

We joined Black Freedom Factory in Texas to ensure that Haitian migrants received the resources and support that they need.

We followed the trail of where Haitians have been deported to or sent in the U.S. to help them get settled. Two Uhaul trucks full of food, water, hygiene products and more. It’s about community!
In Georgia,

We joined the family of 60-year-old Julian Lewis for a march against police violence. Julian was shot and killed by Georgia State Trooper, Jacob Thompson. Thompson was fired and charged, however, a grand jury decided not to indict Thompson.

Learn more: justiceforjulianlewis.com

Our team and partners continued their work on the ground with our Warrant Clinics, a one-day community program to eliminate warrants due to misdemeanor offenses and traffic violations.

We closed out the month of September with our "The Block is Hot Tour". This tour brought awareness to rural Georgia about the many ways environmental racism affects communities from high utility and gas bills, landfill, contaminated water and more.

A huge thank you to DA Anita R. Howard, GRAE, Peach Concerned Citizens and Georgia Conservation Voters!
I love my HBCU!

No better way to end the month of September than bringing The Blackest Bus in America to North Carolina for our HBCU Blackout Tour! An entire week of:

- Voter Registration
- Giveaways
- FREE Food
- Redistricting Education
- Voter Education and more!

We had a great time spreading love and building power on the following college campuses: Livingstone College, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Elizabeth City State University and Winston-Salem State University.

Interested in joining the HBCU movement in North Carolina? Text "NCHBCU" to 797979!
Donor Spotlight

The Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund (Equity Fund) is building power to stop climate change and create an equitable clean energy future through a strategic multi-state initiative that is:

- Investing in the leadership and organizing of diverse communities (Black and Indigenous people, people of color, and others bearing the brunt of climate change);
- Engaging voters in these communities through nonpartisan civic engagement campaigns; and
- Winning climate and clean energy policy solutions that reflect the priorities of communities and advance racial, economic, and environmental justice.

The Equity Fund’s grantmaking, Policy Accelerator and Communications Accelerator programs provide targeted resources and technical assistance to support frontline partners to build vital movement capacity and infrastructure to advance climate and clean energy policy solutions that reflect the priorities of their communities.

Learn more about The Equity Fund.

"The Climate & Clean Energy Equity Fund decided to support the work of Black Voters Matter because of their dedication to building power beyond the ballot box, particularly in the American South. Black Voters Matter has shown dedication to not only building power through their own staff capacity, but also by investing in other organizations that are embedded in the rural, majority Black, communities that are often overlooked by the larger environmental movement, even though they tend to be the most at risk to the dangers of climate change. Just as importantly, Black Voters Matter connects the importance of a healthy democracy to the urgency of equitable climate action. They have worked tirelessly to protect rural communities from climate disasters, stand up for communities struggling to pay astronomical utility bills, and so much more. Their commitment to lifting up communities of color in a sustainable and non-extractive fashion is a model for national organizing." - The Climate & Clean Energy Equity Fund
BVM IN THE MEDIA

CHECKOUT SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS!

- Blavity News
- BNC - Cliff Albright
- BNC - LaTosha Brown
- Black Star News
- Budapest Forum
- WGXA News

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