

BLACK VOICES, BLACK VOTERS, BLACK LIVES . . . MATTER!

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

You know our motto, Can't Stop, Won't Stop! November was a busy month for us! From Election Day, Warrant Clinics, Get Out the Vote events, Collard Green Caucus and more, The Black Voters Matter team stayed on the road on The Blackest Bus in America!

## ELECTION DAY!



Ahead of the November 2nd election, we organized with our partners for months to inform our communities about the upcoming election, what/who is on the ballot, and important election dates and deadlines.

On Election Day, we hit the ground running in multiple states such as: Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, and North Carolina.

# NO MORE EXCUSES, VOTING RIGHTS NOW!

Early November, we traveled back to Washington D.C. for another protest to call for federal legislation to protect the right to vote. During the protest many faced arrests including our Co-Founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright and our National Field Director, Wanda Mosley.

Our voting rights are non-negotiable.  
Democracy is non-negotiable.



We need more this just words from President Biden and Congress, we have witnessed hundreds of restrictive voting bills that have been introduced since the 2020 election. Missed the protest?

[WATCH NOW!](#)

[WATCH HERE](#)

## #BLACKBURNTAKEOVER

Following our protest at The White House, we visited the campus of Howard University to speak, listen to, and providing resources to student organizers leading the #BlackburnTakeover. All students deserve safe housing, not living in deplorable conditions. BVM stands with student organizers at Howard University.



# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD!

## MICHIGAN

Stephanie Williams, our West Michigan Regional Organizer, took two vehicle loads of young men from Kalamazoo to help distribute water in Benton Harbor and helped residents register for water pick up by text!



She also visited the "US" Cafe in Muskegon Heights to meet with Mayor Walter Watt to discuss issues impacting the community. Thank you Kaja Thornton Hunter for welcoming us into your business!

## SOUTH CAROLINA

In Columbia, South Carolina we joined our partners in rural communities to inform our folks about the Runoff Election for Mayor and City Council At-Large.



# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD!

## TEXAS

In Texas, our partner, Crystal Mason was on the ground in Tarrant County to help educate the community on the importance of voting. In 2016, Crystal casted a provisional ballot while she was on "federal supervised release" this mistake could've lead to 5 years in prison.



We visited Texas A&M University to get students registered to vote and to hand out some FREE BVM swag, important voting information and more!

## FLORIDA

In the Sunshine State, we joined our partners in Gainesville, Florida for their Special Election!

Our work lead to an increase in Black voter turnout from 10.64% in March of this year to 13.08% in the November Special Election!



# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD!

## LOUISIANA

The Blackest Bus in America visited Southern University for a Power Rally with students ahead of Election Day!



Did you know that there have been 30 sudden polling closures across the rural parish of Iberia? It is important that our folks are informed, we cannot let anyone limit our access to the ballot! We joined our partners in providing FREE rides to the polls!

## NORTH CAROLINA

Our partners at Orchid Bloom NPO and GRAE Now joined youth in the community to inform our folks about the upcoming Warrant Clinic which removes outstanding warrants on non-violent misdemeanor offenses. Text "CLINICNC" for more information on our next December event!



# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD!

## MISSISSIPPI

In Mississippi at Pleasant Grove Church in McComb, we continued to build power ahead of the Special Senate Election. It's never a dull moment when educating our communities!



The Blackest Bus in America made a stop in Meridian, Mississippi to deliver FREE food to families ahead of the holidays and discuss the upcoming election. Our very first Collard Green Caucus in the state of Mississippi!

## GEORGIA

We held an #EndTheFilibuster event in Columbus by joining members of the community in writing their messages to the U.S. Senate to end the filibuster and protect the vote!



# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD!

## GEORGIA (CONT.)

Community helping Community, our Georgia Collard Green Caucus is back! Ahead of the November 30th Election, we held our 2nd Annual Collard Green Caucus in several cities in Georgia:

- Albany
- Brunswick
- Cordele
- Marshallville
- Nicholls
- Sylvester
- Valdosta
- Warner Robin
- Waycross



## VIRGINIA

Guess what? We're back in Virginia! We joined the NAACP for a Souls to the Polls event ahead of Election Day and also canvassed with our partners to pass out important voting information!



# BACK IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Towards the end of November, we went back on the ground for our final No More Excuses Rally with over 200 people, our biggest crowd yet! We brought friends from the following states: Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Massachusetts, and New York.



*"We will continue to be in the streets fighting for our voting rights until President Biden and Senate Democrats take action. Instead of spending time and energy trying to end our movement, the White House should be using that energy to end the filibuster."*

- Cliff Albright, Black Voters Matter Co-Founder and Executive Director

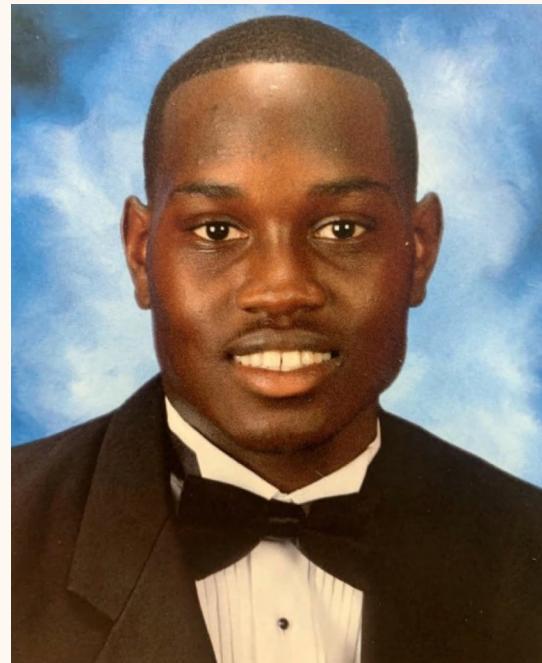
[Read the full statement below.](#)

[READ HERE](#)

## REST IN PEACE, AHMUAD ARBERY

BVM stands in solidarity with Arbery's family and the Brunswick community who supported them. We know this verdict is an indicator of how strong the will of the people is and how we can bring about change when we work together in pursuit of justice.

Read the full statement from our Co-Founders, Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown [here](#).



# DONOR SPOTLIGHT!



Microsoft employees are passionate about giving time, money, and skills to address the issues facing our world. Each October, Microsoft's fun and spirited employee Giving Campaign—a tradition since 1983—makes a significant annual impact in addition to generous giving year-round. The Give Campaign redefines how people can harmonize their careers with their instincts to do good.

*"The Civic Engagement Volunteer Team at Microsoft promotes voter registration and access at Microsoft and beyond. We also work on efforts to help safeguard voting rights and share information about ways our employees can become more involved in their local communities, including running for public office. The core team meets throughout the year to coordinate efforts and share info across the company. In 2021, we decided to get involved with the company's Giving Campaign. When we looked for a nonprofit organization that's fighting to protect voting rights and to ensure all eligible voters are able to cast their ballots and make their voices heard, Black Voters Matter felt like a perfect fit. We are honored to contribute to BVM's mission and look forward to continuing our engagement through our corporate support of non-profit organizations and future Giving Campaign opportunities."* - Microsoft

# BVM IN THE MEDIA!

CHECKOUT SOME OF  
OUR FAVORITE  
MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS!

- BNC
- The Choice
- WACH Fox 57
- Glamour
- TIME



## NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our Co-Founders, Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown, and our National Legal Director, April Albright, were honored at the 16th Annual New Jersey Institute for Social Justice Gala for their 20+ years of work in the movement!



[WATCH HERE](#)

# GLAMOUR WOMEN OF THE YEAR

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Congratulations to our Co-Founder, LaTosha Brown who was selected as one of the women for Glamour Women of the Year.

Introducing The Goddesses of Democracy!



## GLOBAL WOMEN'S FORUM

Our Co-Founder, LaTosha Brown traveled to Paris to speak at the Global Women's Forum on their Black Lives Matter Panel about racial justice, what's next for the movement and more!



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