Closing out 2021!

Ahead of the holidays, we wanted to make sure that we ended 2021 with a bang! From getting our folks out to vote, hosting a Warrant Clinic, heading back to Washington D.C. to continue the fight for voting rights, working with our local and national partners, and even organizing a direct action in multiple states!

We are continuing to remind our communities that we matter.

Take a look at our December Newsletter!

JACKSONVILLE ELECTIONS

The Blackest Bus in America traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to handout FREE food and voting information ahead of the December 7th Election! On Election Day, we continued to encourage our folks to head to the polls. Your vote matters.
**DEMOCRACY HYPOCRISY**

We teamed up with dozens of local and national advocacy organizations to lead voting rights actions across the United States as part of a national campaign urging President Biden and the Senate to pass voting rights legislation before the year’s end.

“Voters stepped up in unprecedented numbers in 2020 to elect leaders that would protect our rights. Almost a year later, we’re still waiting for action on voting rights, but Pres. Biden wants to talk about global democracy? You can’t sell something globally that you can’t even protect at home.” - Cliff Albright, Black Voters Matter Co-Founder and Executive Director

Read our full statement [here](#).

We were on the ground in Arizona, California, Georgia, New York and Virginia to continue the fight for voting rights. It’s time to end the filibuster and protect the vote!

**WARRANT CLINIC**

Our team traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina for a Warrant Clinic with our partners, Orchid Bloom NPO and GRAE Now to help our folks remove outstanding warrants on non-violent misdemeanor offenses.

We were able to restore suspended driver's licenses, increase access to employment, housing, and more.

It’s not just about voting for us, it’s about making sure our people have access to the things they need and help remove any barriers in their way. It’s about community.

Take a look at this quick recap [video](#).
UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

BACK IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Our National Field Director, Wanda Mosley, joined national leaders and partners on the ground in D.C. for the #MoralMondayMarch to tell Congress to Get It Done in 2021!

Voting rights and the #BuildBackBetter Plan needs to be prioritized. Our democracy is on the line.

Democracy is non-negotiable.
It's time for the Senate to do their job!

KENTUCKY TOY DRIVE

Ahead of Christmas Day, we decided to end the year by giving back. We traveled to Mayfield, Kentucky to handout 100+ free meals and toys to the community for the holidays.

With the pandemic, police violence, the continued assault on voting rights, and many other issues, we never forget to spread love while building power in our communities.
Donor Spotlight

Libra Foundation believes that the people closest to the problem are best equipped to design the solutions. Through deep collaboration, they build relationships of trust with grantees, and look to their lived experience and wisdom to guide the work.

"We prioritize multi-year, unrestricted grants to frontline organizations that are working deep in community to bring change. Our focus is resourcing communities of color that are building power from the ground up."

"We are proud to fund the Black Voters Matter (BVM) Capacity Building Institute, an exemplary organization on the frontlines of the struggle for democracy. In addition to receiving general operating funds, BVM is one of the slate of grantees supported by the Democracy Frontlines Fund, and will be doing urgent and critical work to ensure that the important work of ensuring voting rights goes forward at such a critical time." - The Libra Foundation
BVM IN THE MEDIA

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