

APRIL WRAP-UP REPORT



CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP

You know our motto: “Can’t Stop, Won’t Stop”!

This month we witnessed history and continued our work on the ground to get out and protect the vote. Take a look at our April Wrap-Up Report!

HISTORY MADE

By a vote of 53-47, on March 31, The Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson was confirmed as the 116th Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The accomplishment marked the first the first time in the Court’s 233-year history that a Black woman will take the bench in the nation’s high court.

This confirmation would NOT have been possible without historic Black voter turnout in the 2020 Presidential Election and Georgia Senate Runoff.

We received an invitation to The White House alongside community leaders, to commemorate the historic victory! Read our full statement [here](#).



UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

ALABAMA

Our partners in Montgomery walked through Paterson Court with activists to encourage folks to put down their guns and silence the violence. Last year, more than 300 people were victims of gun violence – it is up to all of us to protect and prioritize our communities.



FLORIDA

We joined our partners at the Equal Ground Fund to protect Black representation by fighting against unfair Florida maps. “Though Governor (Ron) DeSantis claims he wants to create a ‘racially neutral’ congressional map, it is apparent that he and the right-wing led state legislature have other goals,” stated Florida State Organizing Manager, Jamil Davis, “They are continuing the attacks on Black voting rights they’ve led since last year’s session.

We draw the lines in the Florida Redistricting process, that is why we are joining Equal Ground Education Fund, League of Women Voters of Florida, Florida Rising Together and individual voters in filing a lawsuit to block Governor DeSantis' new congressional map for violating the Florida Constitution.” Learn more [here](#).

Get involved: [Contact the Florida legislature](#).

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

GEORGIA

- This month we launched our Power Trip campaign to organize our communities to flex, to fight back, and use our power. The campaign's organizers aim to look beyond an election year to address the issues that affect Black folks 365 days a year! [Learn more.](#)
- We joined our partners in Georgia for the amazing Maternal Health Expo! Women and their families were able to receive health, housing, and wellness resources. Georgia's maternal mortality rate ranks among the worst in the nation. 80 counties are without an OB/GYN.
- We joined our partner, My Black Has a Purpose, in Muscogee County for literature drops and door knocking to make sure our communities are ready for the upcoming election.



INDIANA

We teamed up with our Indiana partners for Black Labor Week to engage in canvassing and community service!

We knocked on 1,000 doors to listen, learn, and educate our communities on important voting issues.

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LOUISIANA

- We toured Louisiana for HBCU All-Star Weekend to connect with students and community members to hear firsthand about the issues affecting them most.
- We joined our partner, A New Chapter Push Community Coalition, for municipal elections and raising awareness around redistricting. A special shoutout to the Black Student Union at LSU for joining us to register students and community members to vote!



NEW YORK

The message of spreading love and building power has reached Broadway!

The new play, *POTUS*, highlights the leadership of women in organizing spaces. We're proud to be a part of the POTUS Coalition alongside Center for Reproductive Rights, ERA Coalition, IGNITE, She the People, Supermajority Education Fund, and Vote Mama to support greater representation, fair elections, and voter registration!



UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

NORTH CAROLINA

As a part of our Take the Field initiative, we visited Winston-Salem State University in support of their latest voter rally. Thank you to our partner Common Cause NC for their work in getting students registered to vote.



TEXAS

- We supported our Texas partners - FREED Texas, Radical Registrars, and Fair Contracting Coalition for their GOTV efforts and representing Bexar County's Second Chance Job Fair! Hundreds of unemployed or formerly incarcerated individuals had their opportunity to interact with BVM and the amazing services that these organizations have to offer.
- We launched our Central Texas Bus Tour to register voters ahead of the May 24th primary election and raise awareness around important issues in the community such as unemployment, housing, healthcare, and fixing the grid. We ended our tour at the Texas State Capitol to continue the fight for voting rights.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Founded in 1973, Patagonia is a Certified Benefit Corporation that is recognized internationally for product quality and environmental activism. Patagonia has contributed more than \$145 million in grants and in-kind donations to date to grassroots nonprofits working to protect people and the planet. For Patagonia, voting accessibility is a priority because it creates the foundation for progress on every issue the company cares about. Since 2016, Patagonia has been closing its stores and offices nationwide on Election Day to give employees paid time off to cast their ballots.

Patagonia also pushed for greater corporate mobilization as co-founder of Time to Vote, a coalition of nearly 2,000 companies that provide paid time off to workers to vote, so employees don't have to choose between performing their civic duty and earning a paycheck. In March 2021, after Gov. Brian Kemp signed a restrictive voting-access law, Patagonia donated \$1 million split equally between the Black Voters Matter Fund and The New Georgia Project and called on other businesses to support activists on the frontlines of the voting rights movement.

Patagonia joined civil rights and voting rights organizations in demanding that Congress pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, and with the 2022 midterms looming and federal legislation stalled, Patagonia remains committed to mitigating the impact of voter suppression on people of color, students, the elderly and people with disabilities.

BVM IN THE MEDIA

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