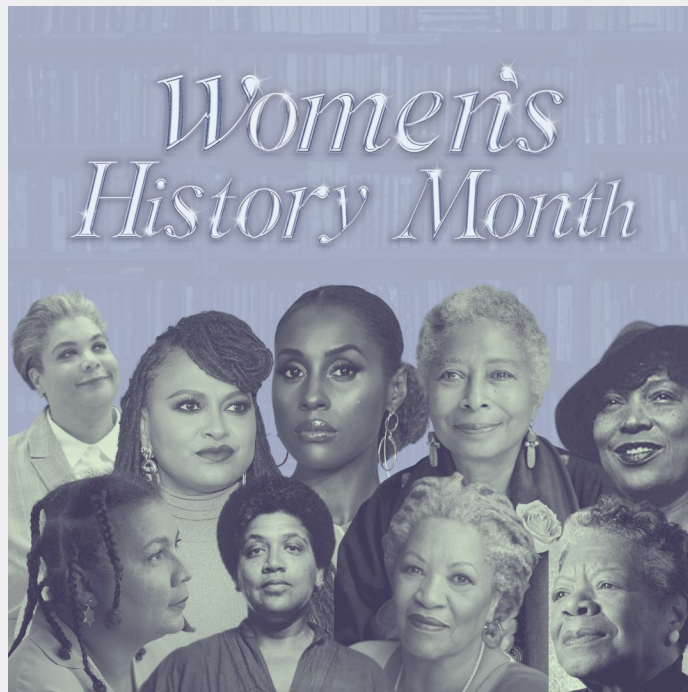


# CELEBRATING BLACK WOMEN

## March Wrap-Up Report



## CELEBRATING BLACK WOMEN: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

March is Women's History Month. One of our 5 core beliefs here at Black Voters Matter is to recognize and invest in Black women. This month, we decided to celebrate the Black women who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling, from print and radio to TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media.

These trailblazers have used their voices and platforms to break barriers, inspire change, and share our stories with the world.

Take a look at our March Wrap-Up Report!

# REBUILDING SELMA

## 58TH SELMA



This month, we commemorate the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Selma, AL, a day that marked a turning point in the fight for voting rights in America. While we have come a long way since then, there is still much work to be done.



The symbolic crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge by politicians and national organizations is a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who fought for the right to vote. But we must not forget the progress that still needs to be made in the city of Selma, which is currently struggling to recover from a devastating tornado that struck earlier this year. As a community, we must work together to rebuild and revitalize Selma, which has given so much to the world.



During our time in Selma, Black Voters Matter visited those impacted by the tornado to document their stories. Read more [here](#).



Our Co-founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright, also sat on a panel regarding reparations. The panel focused on the importance of reparations for the Black community, addressing historical injustices and systemic discrimination. It calls for acknowledgment, rectification, and compensation to help promote social and economic equity.

Missed the conversation? Check it out [here](#)!



# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

## ALABAMA

As we honor the 58th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday, we cannot overlook the significance of Lowndes County and Tent City - a pivotal moment in the voting rights movement. We joined Participant for a FREE screening of Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power.



## GEORGIA

In the past month, we organized BVM Day at the Capitol in collaboration with our Georgia partners to interact with lawmakers and shed light on vital topics such as Medicare expansion, hospital shutdowns, expungement and warrant clinics, environmental justice, among others.

Subsequently, we conducted EJ Day at the Capitol to draw attention to pressing environmental concerns impacting the state. Our advocacy included promoting relief for utility bills, improving air quality, ensuring access to clean water, and a host of other essential aspects.

# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

## MISSISSIPPI

In Mississippi, we held another BVM Dat at the Capitol Day to discuss the importance of civic involvement, fairness, and democracy.

The advocates called on lawmakers to oppose HB1020, a detrimental bill that would negatively affect Jackson, Mississippi's voting rights, resources, and political influence in state affairs.



## NORTH CAROLINA

BVM united with the People's Coalition, an alliance of pro-democracy groups from throughout the state, to raise awareness about the assaults on voting rights by organizing a People's Rally at the Capitol.

We're honored to have collaborated with our allies at the rally in defending voting rights in North Carolina.



# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

## #STOPCOPCITY

On March 9, Black Voters Matter participated in the #StopCopCity National Day of Action and stood in solidarity with Community Movement Builders, Movement for Black Lives, New Georgia Project and a host of other social justice organizations to oppose the development of “Cop City”, which is a militarized urban warfare training facility in Atlanta.

During the national day of action, we marched and lift our voices to let Mayor Andre Dickens and the Atlanta city council know that we see the investment and development of cop city as a breach of the community’s trust and a direct threat to the safety and well-being of its Black residents. Read our full statement [here](#) and checkout our Co-founder and Executive Director, Cliff Albright, [on the ground!](#)

**SICK  
&  
TIRED**

**“We are sick and tired of being sick and tired.”  
– Fannie Lou Hamer (1964)**

We announced our new “Sick and Tired” initiative, as part of its #StateofEmergency campaign, which will focus on mobilizing Black voters, young people, grassroots organizers and policymakers around the need for Medicaid expansion and more access to equitable and affordable healthcare for Black and rural communities.

This call for action comes at a particularly crucial time, as April 1st marks the end of an expanded Medicaid enrollment provision under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act, which would allow states to begin redetermining the eligibility of every person enrolled in Medicaid. Read our full press release [here](#).

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

## WDN ACTION

"WDN Action is a national network of women united by our commitment to building a more just, equitable, and sustainable world. We mobilize our resources – economic, social, and political – to fuel the progressive wins of our time and prioritize funding to Black, Indigenous, and people of color-led and centered work, with a particular focus on women of color-led organizations.

As an organization, Black Voters Matter builds community power, strengthens movements, invests in leaders who care about their communities, and catalyzes transformative change. This is the kind of work WDN Action knows we need to progress as a nation, and it's one of the many reasons why we've invested in BVM since 2018." - *WDN Action*



# TAKE ACTION WITH BVM

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

This month, we completed our first postcard campaign for 2023, which focused on the importance of African American Studies. Our volunteers helped to **send over 2,000 postcards** to residents in Florida and Texas. Volunteers wrote messages about how African American Studies made an impact across the world and how we can fight back against restrictive laws that keep us from knowing the truth about our history.

**Below are a few of our volunteers' messages:**

- "The education we have fought to gain access to is being limited here in Florida. In order to shape and create great minds we must include African American studies as it allows for individuals to think critically and evolve from a history we refuse to accept."
- "We cannot have a fair and functional democracy without dismantling the systems of oppression designed to silence Black people. Like the most recent attempts across the country to ban books and restrict education around African American Studies. We must resist by voting, speaking up, calling out racism, buying or borrowing Black history books & showing up at school board meetings!"
- "If kids are only allowed to learn a sanitized version of the past, they will be robbed of knowledge. They will never know about the injustices that our people faced and how racism is ingrained in every aspect of our society. They will never learn how our people courageously responded to those injustices. Knowing our American history - all of it - is important. So speak up at school board meetings, talk to principals/teachers, and make sure Black history is not erased. For our kids."

**Thank you to all our volunteers this month!**

**Join us in April for multiple volunteer events as we celebrate Global Volunteer Month! Learn more about our program [here](#).**

# BVM IN THE MEDIA

## CHECKOUT SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MIDTERM MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS!

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- [Defender Network](#)
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- [Mississippi Today](#)

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