

THE MOVEMENT CONTINUES

September Wrap-Up Report



IT'S ABOUT US

You know our motto, Can't Stop, Won't Stop! Black Voters Matter 365, and that goes for the other 364 days of the year, not just on Election Day! This month was bursting with even more Black love and joy as we continued to actively engage our communities in various important BVM initiatives like environmental justice, voter engagement, warrant clinics, and so much more.

Get ready to dive into our September Wrap-Up Report!

REDEFINING FREEDOM

WARRANT CLINICS



In partnership with Growing Real Alternatives Everywhere (GRAE), we continued our exhilarating Freedom Summer Tour featuring our warrant clinics, where we empowered individuals to reclaim their sense of normalcy and freedom.



Our journey led us back to Michigan for yet another clinic in Pontiac, Michigan. We are diligently assisting our communities in eliminating warrants, thereby amplifying their access to vital resources like voting rights, housing options, employment opportunities, and much more.



Thank you to our remarkable Michigan Partners at Oakland Forward, Our Own Wall Street, and The Michigan Coalition on Black Civic Participation.



UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

GEORGIA

In Georgia, we launched our exciting Black Youth Renaissance Tour! BVM, together with our incredible partners, embarked on a journey across the Peach State to empower and rally Black students, encouraging them to become the next generation of advocates for equal rights in Georgia.

This incredible tour aims to empower and uplift Black youth nationwide, recognizing the pivotal role of HBCU institutions in securing a bright future for each successive generation of Black students.



LOUISIANA

Our Black Resistance Environmental Injustice Bus Tour started along the Mississippi River in the region known as Cancer Alley. BVM, in collaboration with local partners, hosted block parties, informative sessions, and sustainability trainings.

Our partners include Rise St. James, Concerned Citizens of St. John Parish, Step Up Louisiana, and the Louisiana NAACP, as together we strive to raise awareness of the ongoing environmental threats that relentlessly plague our cherished local Black communities.

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

MISSISSIPPI

In Mississippi, we participated in the historic Mississippi Delta Blues Festival to celebrate the deep roots of blues and Black culture.

By harnessing the collective strength of our communities, we passionately promoted civic engagement and empowerment in anticipation of the General Election Day and Regular Special Election Day in November.



PENNSYLVANIA

We then touched down in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania alongside our partners Mothers of Incarcerated Sons, IHOOD, and CBTU for the Special Election in District 21 for the State Legislature.

Our mission: to ignite our communities to exercise their right to vote and generate awareness surrounding crucial issues such as public safety, food insecurity, and transportation.

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

TEXAS

This month, we teamed up with the Dallas Wings for National Voter Registration Day at Paul Quinn College, the oldest historically Black college west of the Mississippi River. The event was buzzing with excitement as students engaged in free food, and giveaways.

We achieved great success in registering new voters! This serves as a powerful reminder that genuine connections and active involvement in civic matters are the catalysts for change. Together with our youth, we can continue to make a meaningful impact.



STATEMENT UPDATES

ALABAMA MAPS

The Federal District Court of Alabama rightly admonished the Alabama GOP in the Milligan vs Evans case for defiantly refusing to follow its order and create another minority-majority district for Black voters in the state.

Instead of following the order of the Court in Milligan, which will give Black voters more political representation, the Alabama GOP decided to follow the 1856 Dred Scott decision that said, "Black people had no rights that a White man is bound to respect," when they refused to draw a map that provided the second majority Black congressional district.

Read our full statement [here](#).



#RECLAIM YOURVOTE

Black Voters Matter announced the 2023 launch of the Reclaim Your Vote campaign ahead of National Voter Registration Day.

This partnership with BET is designed to increase voter registration and participation in Black communities and help amplify the voices of millions of Black voters across the country who want their voices to be heard this election season. Read our full press release [here](#).


RECLAIM YOUR VOTE

TAKE ACTION WITH BVM

VOLUNTEER CORNER



Our journey to recruit more student volunteers continues! This month, we attended East Carolina, Emory, Jackson State, and Vanderbilt university's volunteer fairs. We talked to students about the issues that mattered the most to them and how volunteering gives them the tools to make a real impact in their community. We were inspired by what the students had to say and cannot wait to hear more as we make our way to other campuses in October.

For every postcard campaign, our volunteers try to reach the goal of creating 300 unique messages that will be printed and sent out to thousands of residents. This month, our postcard volunteers surpassed our goal by creating over 350 messages! These messages to Louisiana residents were full of encouraging words about making our voices heard through voting, fighting for environmental justice, and claiming our power through community building.

Our texting volunteers are diving into GOTV season with us every week at Texting Tuesday. Because of their dedication, we have completed multiple 90k text campaigns in under an hour and sent over 800k texts this month alone!

Thank you to all our volunteers - the Power Building Team!

BVM IN THE MEDIA

CHECKOUT SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS!

- [Florida Politics](#)
- [AJC](#)
- [USA Today](#)
- [The Advocate](#)
- [Georgia Recorder](#)

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