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Black teachers increase the enrollment and success rates for students of the global majority.

## Black Montessori Education Fund

VIRTUAL

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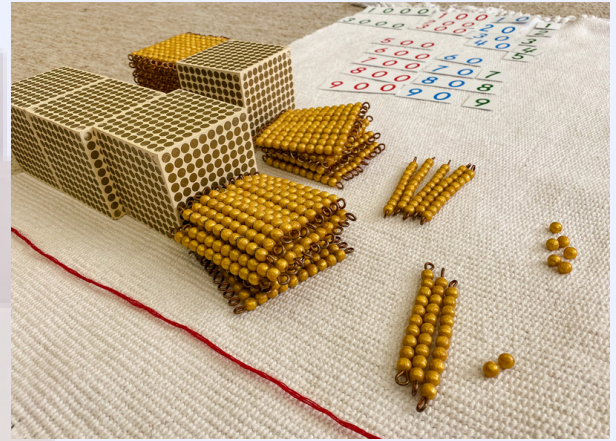


“Education is the best weapon for peace.”  
—Maria Montessori

# ABOUT US

## Mission

The mission of the Black Montessori Education Fund (BMEF) is to increase engagement and support positive experiences of Black children and adults in Montessori education.



## History

The BMEF was birthed out of the realization of the urgent necessity for healing in the Black community from the trauma of racism that is negatively impacting Black children.

## Our Team

The team at the BMEF is committed to Montessori education as a means of liberation and has over 50 years of combined education and nonprofit experience.



# ADVISORY TEAM



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# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



## MONTESSORI TRAINING

The BMEF aims to provide financial assistance and mentorship to those that identify as members of the African diaspora and are striving to achieve Montessori teaching diplomas and Montessori orientation certificates.

## TUITION SUPPORT

The BMEF aims to provide financial assistance to caregivers that identify as members of the African diaspora and are striving to gain and/or continue to have access to high fidelity three-year Montessori early childhood education programs.



## EDUCATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SCHOOL OWNERSHIP

The BMEF aims to financially support education entrepreneurs that identify as members of the African diaspora and are striving to open and/or sustain Montessori schools that serve racially and socio-economically diverse populations.



## MONTESSORI EDUCATION RESEARCH

The BMEF aims to financially support professionals that identify as members of the African diaspora as they engage in projects that interrogate the value of culturally relevant Montessori curriculum materials and outcomes associated with educating children of African descent using a liberatory pedagogy.



# IMPACT

## Teacher

"I recently graduated from graduate school and have dedicated my life to teaching, the arts, and community organizing. I made \$11 an hour as a preschool teacher in my hometown. During that time, I was humbled as to how the stressful life of a Black person in today's world can impact their health, finances, and the actualization of their dreams and liberation. I cannot afford AMI training and my Montessori center will cover 1/3 of the \$13,250 price for AMI training. There is a \$1,000 fee to hold a spot. These fees are not so friendly for particularly low-income Black educators and students so I am so grateful that I am able to even write in to apply for BMEF."



## International

"The indigenous Batwa (Twa) community of Gicumbi and Byumba in Rwanda families struggle to access education. 38% of children "are stunted, preventing them from reaching their full potential in cognitive, motor, language and socio-emotional skills" and only 18% of children aged 3-6 have opportunities to attend pre-school programmes or early learning facilities. The funds would allow for 47 children between 2-6 years old to receive transformative educational experiences, support their development and help them to access and take advantage of opportunities in the longer term."

**\$161,000**  
Awarded

**37**  
Black Teachers

**23**  
Black Students

**7**  
Black Entrepreneurs

**8**  
Countries

## Parent

"My son will be 4 in July. He goes to a local KinderCare daycare facility. I want to put him in a learning environment that, I feel and know, has his BEST self in mind. I am a single divorced dad and funding for his schooling and maturation would be a blessing. Re-configuring my wallet post-divorce is essential to providing a stable home."



## School entrepreneur

"The primary reason that I need support is to acquire a rental space and to purchase items (i.e shelves, baskets/trays and work materials) to begin a parent-child Montessori program with a focus on infant mental health in my area. As of today, there are no Montessori programs in my immediate area, thus creating a need that should be filled. I currently work as an infant/toddler lead at a Montessori school, but I have a strong passion to educate parents/caregivers from similar backgrounds as myself on the Montessori philosophy and to help them began to be empowered in caring for their young families. My plan is to use parent-child classes as phase one of my Montessori entrepreneur journey. The aim for the next phase is to start an authentic infant/toddler Montessori program for socioeconomically disadvantaged families."

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## RADICAL CHANGE MAKER PLEDGE - \$10,000+

- Participation of the Radical Change Maker (RCM) in a donor panel discussion
- A three-minute screening of a BMEF pre-approved company or professional promotional video
- Company or Professional Logo on Sponsorship Acknowledgement
- Company or Professional Logo displayed in event recorded video
- Company or Professional Logo on Sponsors website page
- Company or Professional Logo in 2022 Scholarship Impact brochure
- Periodic BMEF progress report

## TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS PLEDGE - \$5,000

- A three-minute screening of a BMEF pre-approved company or professional promotional video
- A three-minute pre-approved live follow-up address from the RCM representative to the BMEF Celebrants
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## CHAMPIONING LIBERATORY PRACTICES PLEDGE - \$2,500

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## BUILDING ALLIANCES PLEDGE - \$1,000+

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## GRASSROOTS SUPPORT PLEDGE - ANY LEVEL

- A collective acknowledgement and thank you to every donor.

"We understand that your donations represent your values, beliefs, and support of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion within the Montessori movement. Without your support, we can not continue to be sustainable and impactful."



 **DONATE NOW**



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"It is the child who makes the man, and no man exists  
who was not made by the child he once was."  
—Maria Montessori