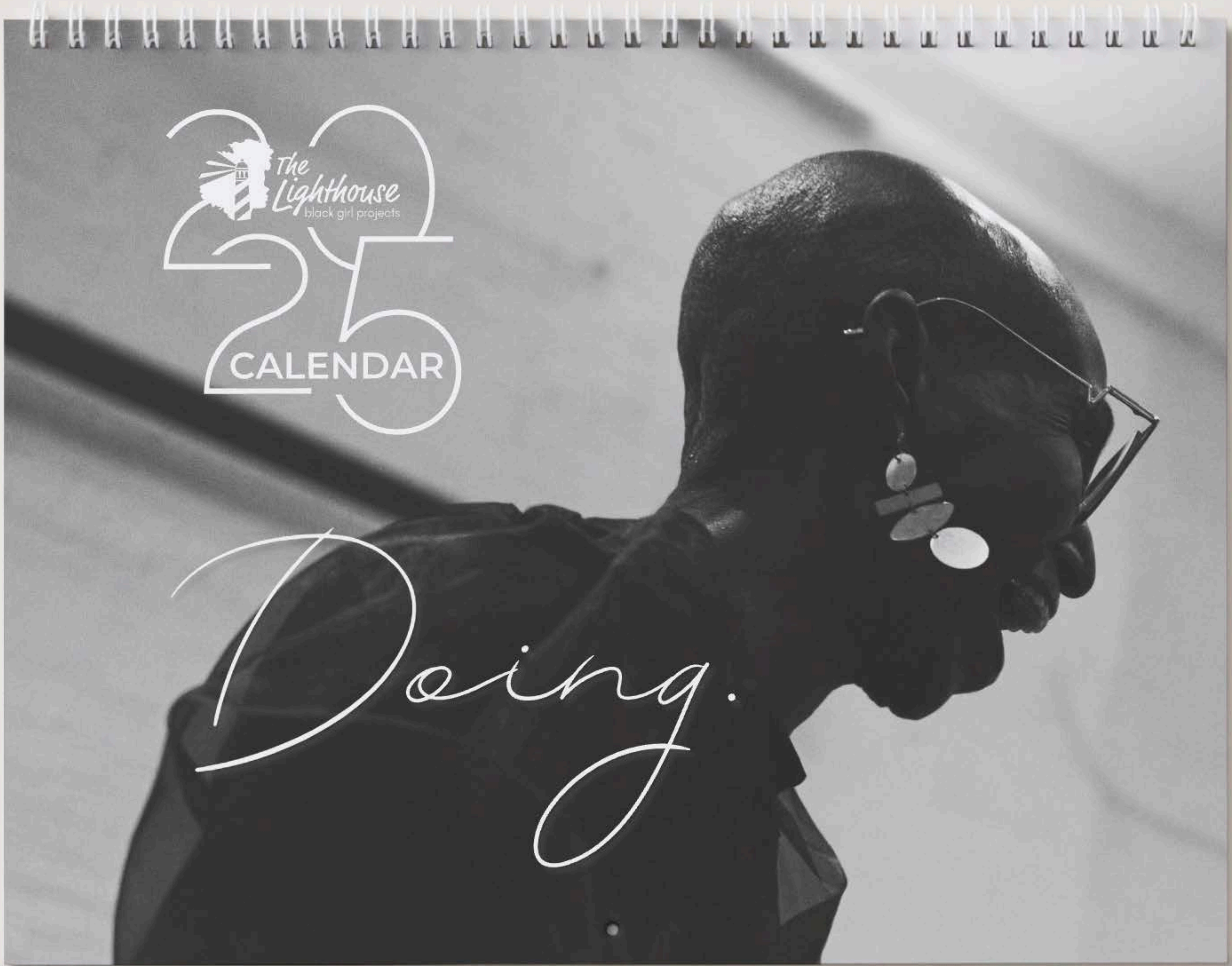




25  
CALENDAR

*Doing.*





Hi friend,

We've met here at the beginning of a new year after spending the last few weeks reflecting on all the things that have happened—our dreams, plans, and even disappointments—and what's yet to come. Our annual calendar is our way of saying "thank you." Thank you for showing up, believing in this work, and for making it possible for us to do what we do.

We spent 2024 leaning into *being*—being present, bold, vulnerable, and joyful. And it's made the kind of difference people are talking about. One program participant said at the beginning of a cohort experience, "This will be a safe space to vent and fellowship with peers my age." At the conclusion of our time together, she affirmed, "Y'all were just what I needed." Even regular readers of our Black Girl Times publication speak on our impact. Cherisse Scott, founder and CEO of SisterReach shared, "I appreciate the content of Black Girl Times, because it centers the voices and experiences of Black women and girls. Often, others attempt to tell or interpret our stories. But this publication centers us as the reproductive justice framework intended."

This year we're pushing further: Our focus this year is *doing*. We showed up in community, moved ideas to action, and we are committed to scaffolding and scaling.

As you flip these pages, marking your days and planning your own doing, we invite you to grow and reflect with us and deepen your connection to this work. Follow what we're up to. Share our stories. And, if you can, consider increasing your giving. Every dollar—no cap, as young people used to say—is an investment in the work, dreams, and the impact we can make together for the present and future of Black girls and women in the Southeastern U.S.

Here's to the next chapter of doing ...

With gratitude and solidarity,

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Twelve months of  
*doing*  
the work, together



Because you have this calendar, we know

you have a degree of commitment to Black girls, women, and other people who live in the communities where we live, work, and love. Our 2025 calendar is a reminder to us all to stop and reflect from day to day. You'll also find organizational highlights, more about our work, ways to give, the holidays we observe (highlighted in pink) and holidays/birthdays we find noteworthy. This year, we hope you'll join us in working to create spaces of solidarity and safety for those who need and deserve it.

This year's calendar wouldn't have been as special without the featured art of Tafari Melisizwe.



# January

"If you surrender to the wind,  
you can ride it."

— Toni Morrison

January invites us to embrace new beginnings, to set our intentions, and to ride the winds of possibility. Toni Morrison's wisdom reminds us of the power in letting go of what holds us back and leaning into what carries us forward. Reflect on what you're ready to surrender—fear, doubt, hesitation—and what you'll embrace instead. Courage, curiosity, candor? Let's do the work of letting go and welcoming in.



# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 New Year's Day Haitian Independence Day Kwanzaa Ends	2 Hanukkah Ends	3 Festival of Sleep Day <i>Get your rest on!</i>	4
5	6	7 Zora Neale Hurston's Birthday	8	9	10	11
12	13 Charlotte Ray's Birthday	14	15	16	17	18
19 National Popcorn Day <i>Chicago mix anyone?</i>	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23 Robert "Bob" Moses' Birthday	24 Belly Laugh Day <i>When's the last time you laughed so hard you cried?</i>	25 Etta James' Birthday
26	27	28	29 National Puzzle Day	30	31	1

# February

"Love is an endless act of forgiveness. Forgiveness is me giving up the right to hurt you for hurting me. Love is always the foundation of healing."

— Ruby Dee

**Ruby Dee's words remind us love is more than sentiment.** It's revolutionary because it can heal, mend, and reclaim space for transformation. It requires us to forgive and extend grace for ourselves and others. How can we let love guide our actions and shape our communities? What might we do differently, if we let love lead the way?



# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Abolition of Slavery Day Black History Month Begins
2	3	4 Rosa Park's Birthday	5	6	7 National Women's Heart Day National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	8
9	10	11	12	13 Black Love Day <i>This day centers self- and communal love and forgiveness</i>	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18 Toni Morrison's Birthday	19	20	21 Nina Simone's Birthday	22
23	24	25	26	27 Marian Anderson's Birthday	28 Ramadan Begins	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

# March

"In search of my mother's garden,  
I found my own."

-Alice Walker



**March offers spring renewal,**  
a season for planting, tending, and  
discovering. Alice Walker's words remind us  
while seeking the roots of our inspiration, we often  
find our own unique paths to grow and bloom. What  
are you planting that will nourish you and those in your  
community? How do others' legacies help shape the  
beauty you're creating? Do the work of seed-sowing  
for a brighter tomorrow.





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# MARCH

Subscribe  
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GIRL  
MAGAZINE



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

26	27	28	29	30	31	1 National Black Women in Jazz Day
2	3	4	5	6	7 National Employee Appreciation Day	8 International Women's Day
9	10 Harriet Tubman Day	11	12	13	14	15
16 Black Press Day Subscribe & donate to Black Girl Times to celebrate!	17 Blackwell's Birthday Observed	18 Unita Blackwell's Birthday	19	20 Spring Equinox	21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22
23	24 Dorothy Height's Birthday	25 Aretha Franklin's Birthday	26	27	28	29 Ramadan Ends Pearl Bailey's Birthday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



ECONOMIC EQUITY INITIATIVE

Black women in Mississippi are more likely to be the highest earners and heads of households than in any other state.

Through our **Economic Equity Initiative**, we support Black women seeking job training, placement, and advancement. **We guide participants through an examination of the economic system in which we operate**, contextualizing financial literacy and security. Our curriculum helps participants identify and navigate the predatory pitfalls they may face after completing workforce development programs.

EEI BY THE NUMBERS:  
**13**  
New Positions and/or Job Advancement



In 2024, through investment from W.K. Kellogg Foundation, we partnered with DSC Training Academy (a Black-woman owned company led by Willie Jones dedicated to recruiting and supporting women drivers in the transportation sector) and Refill Café. With DSC, we were fortunate to work with **10 women who aimed to improve their lives obtaining a commercial driver's license**, while also involving their children and family members to ensure the family unit aligned with their plans. The work with young women at Refill ranged from economic equity to strengthening conflict resolution and soft skills to professional maturity.

EEI BY THE NUMBERS:  
**25**  
Women

EEI BY THE NUMBERS:  
**40+**  
Family Members Impacted

XXX  
CDL's

April

"Wealth is also freedom, freedom of choice, freedom to create, freedom to use your voice."

- Tressie McMillan Cottom

As spring blooms, let's consider what wealth and abundance truly means: freedom and opportunity. Tressie McMillan Cottom suggests financial empowerment isn't only about accumulation, but liberation, and the ability to shape our lives and communities. How can we use (or pool) our resources to facilitate space and time for radical imagination and infrastructure building? Money is merely one tool in a toolbox for both personal and collective liberation.



# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 Black Women's History Month Begins	2	3	4 Maya Angelou's Birthday	5
6	7 Billie Holiday's Birthday	8	9	10	11	12 National Grilled Cheese Day <i>It's probably been since last year this time since you had one; it's that time again.</i>
13	14	15 Elizabeth Catlett's Birthday	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Volunteer Recognition Day	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Ella Fitzgerald's Birthday	26
27 Coretta Scott King's Birthday	28	29	30	1	2	3

May  
Let's Talk ...



"If you are silent about your pain,  
they'll kill you and say you  
enjoyed it."

- Zora Neale Hurston

Mental health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to honor the importance of tending to our minds and spirits. Zora Neale Hurston's words remind us of the power in acknowledging our struggles, speaking our truths, and seeking the care we deserve. Are you prioritizing your mental wellbeing—not as an afterthought but as a vital part of who and how you are? Let's interrupt unnecessary silence to share our struggles, stories; and scars, if that's what gets us to a healthier place. Mental health isn't just personal; it's collective.

# MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 National Black Barbershop Appreciation Day	2	3 Septima Clark's Birthday
4	5	6	7	8	9 National Sleep Over Day <i>Stay up or snooze in style— tonight's for memories!</i>	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Lorraine Hansberry's Birthday Malcolm X Day	20	21	22	23	24 International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament
25	26 Memorial Day Thelma "Mother" Hill's Birthday <i>Colleague, Alvin Ailey, referred to Hill as "a rock."</i>	27	28 Betty Shabazz's Birthday	29	30	31



"The music is within your heart,  
your soul, your spirit, and this is  
all I did when I sat at the piano.  
I just go within."

- Alice Coltrane



**June is Black Music Month, a time to honor the profound legacy of music created by Black artists and its transformative impact on the world.** Alice Coltrane reminds us music isn't just an art form, it's an extension of the soul. Black music, in its many forms, arises from deeply personal and collective experiences. Let's celebrate the power of music as a source of healing and connection. In the spirit of Coltrane, what songs/albums inspire you to "go within"? What music is in your heart? Is it a song or feeling? How can you share it with your community? The world?



# JUNE

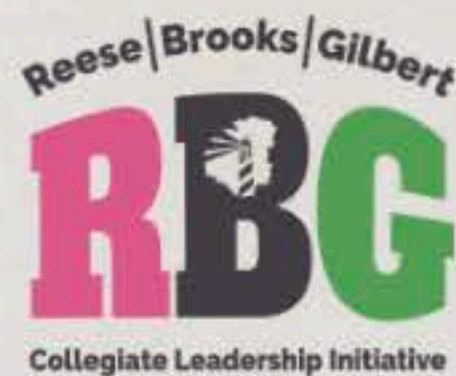
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Intergenerational Day	2	3 Josephine Baker's Birthday	4	5	6 Eid Al-Adha Begins	7 Eid Al-Adha Ends Nikki Giovanni's Birthday
8 National Best Friends' Day <i>Call, text, spend the day with, or honor your best friend today.</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16 International Day of the African Child	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Summer Solstice	21
22 Octavia Butler's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Kwame Toure's Birthday	30 Lena Horne's Birthday	1	2	3	4	5

**Black Girl Summer** is where all the action happens ... at once. Black Girl Summer brings an overlap of every program and participant. Young women spend days together learning about and from one another. With cross-discipline learning, sisterhood cultivation, a rigorous schedule, and impromptu TikTok challenge dance parties, summer is all about being in the moment and sleeping when you get back home.

# BLACK GIRL Summer

♥ GIVE ♥  
SUPPORT

SCAN ME



This summer, we launched our fourth cohort of the two-year **Reese|Brooks|Gilbert (RBG) Collegiate Leadership Initiative** fellowship. This year's innovative direction, in partnership with signature sponsor **Honeywell**, puts an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This cohort boasts 10 young women from four states, representing five universities. STEM fields are predominantly white male-dominated spaces that often wedge out non-white people, especially Black women. Our leadership development focus is to see young women create positive outcomes for themselves and others in the future.

We also owe a special thank you to the **Ford Foundation**, **Oxfam of America**, and **NOLA Lending Group** for their commitment to Black Girl Summer.



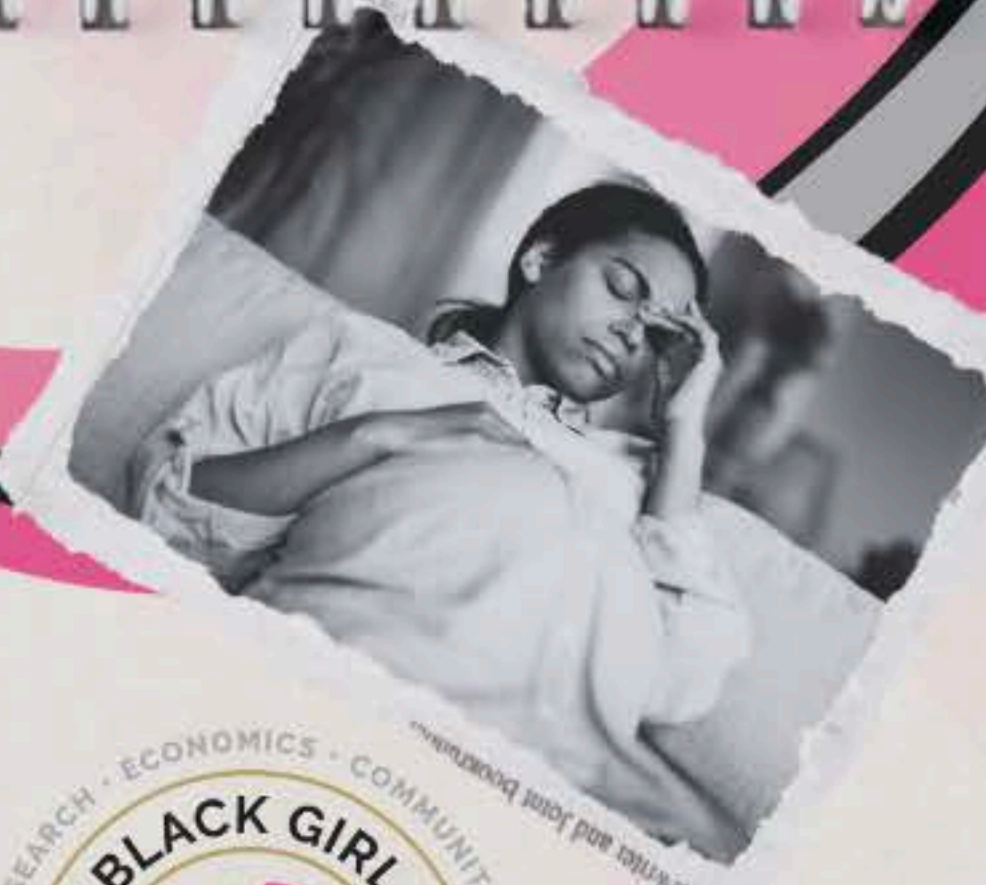


**YWPAC**  
THE YOUNG WOMEN'S  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY COUNCIL

What does the new A.I. revolution have to do with Black girls and women engaged in policy work? It turns out A.I. technology struggles to accurately detect the faces of Black people, particularly those with darker skin tones, and there remains minimal oversight governing the use of this technology.

The 12 participants in our **Young Women's Policy & Advocacy Council (YWPAC)** tackled difficult questions like "How can we ensure policy oversight prevents new technology from harming Black girls and women?" and "What policies would you suggest, and how can we implement them?"

This was just one of the many important issues young women discussed during the YWPAC program, which encouraged participants to use storytelling as an impetus for policy development grounded in community. Our YWPAC members explored their own stories and identities, then ventured into their communities to listen to the stories of elders and other residents. Capstone projects emerged from those conversations, where young women presented policy solutions tailored for their communities to a small audience of stakeholders.



Three burgeoning researchers joined our cohort for this year's **Black Girl Research Institute (BGRI)**, focused on Black maternal health. This year, we expanded our efforts beyond research by establishing the Black Maternal Health Caucus for the State of Mississippi. The mission of this caucus is to address the U.S.'s maternal health crisis, eliminate disparities, and advance policy solutions that aim to improve maternal health outcomes for all mothers. Additionally, under the leadership of Dr. Rhonda Matthews from Pennsylvania Western University, researchers are focused on food insecurity and legislative analysis.

Heartfelt appreciation to Pennsylvania Congresswomen Underwood and Adams.

YWPAC BY THE NUMBERS  
**25**  
applicants

YWPAC BY THE NUMBERS  
**12**  
young women engaged

BGRI BY THE NUMBERS  
**10**  
applicants

YWPAC BY THE NUMBERS  
**7**  
stories collected

YWPAC BY THE NUMBERS  
**2**  
congress women engaged

YWPAC BY THE NUMBERS  
**3**  
new Black women centered capstone projects created

YWPAC BY THE NUMBERS  
**5**  
formal research proposal drafted

July

"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

-Audre Lorde

O' Freedom ... Audre Lorde reminds us a form of freedom begins with the power we find within ourselves with the audacity to dream boldly and act decisively, even when fear is present. As we reflect this month, ask yourself what freedom looks like for you today. What does it look like for those you love and respect? What things are required for this freedom to be actualized individually and collectively for generations to come?

OUR  
WAY

# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 Patrice Lumumba's Birthday	2	3	4	5
6	7 Margaret Walker Alexander's Birthday	8	9	10 Mary McLeod Bethune's Birthday	11	12
13	14 Muriel Snowden's Birthday <i>Snowden was the founder and co-director of Freedom House in Roxbury, Mass.</i>	15	16 Assata Shakur's Birthday Ida B. Wells-Barnett's Birthday	17	18	19
20 Women's Union Establishment Day	21	22	23	24 National Cousins' Day	25	26 Auntie's Day <i>Hey, y'all! We love you!</i>
27	28	29 Hollis Watkins' Birthday	30	31	1	2

# August

"The form of assistance that women give in political movements to men is just as crucial as the leadership that men give to those movements. And this is something that is never recognized and never dealt with. Because women are always relegated to assistance and this is where I became interested in the liberation of women."

— Kathleen Cleaver

Black August is a time to honor the resilience and contributions of Black revolutionaries who have fought tirelessly for liberation. Kathleen Cleaver reminds us of the indispensable role women played (and still do) in movements. Our support, leadership, and unwavering commitment have been pivotal in advancing the cause of self-determination. As we reflect this month, let's recognize and celebrate the often-overlooked efforts of women on the journey toward justice. What girls and women are in your life who deserve acknowledgement and gratitude for their contributions to the privileges you sometimes take for granted?



# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 Black August Begins Emancipation Day in Antigua	2 Chokwe Lumumba Sr.'s Birthday James Baldwin's Birthday
3 Friendship Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Anna Julia Cooper's Birthday	11	12	13	14 Ethel Payne's Birthday <i>Payne was affectionately referred to as the First Lady of the Black Press.</i>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Nat Turner's Revolt	22	23
24/31 Nubia Lumumba's Birthday National Eat Outside Day <i>Only do this if it's not too hot.</i>	25 Althea Gibson's Birthday	26 Katherine Johnson's Birthday	27	28	29	30

# September

"I am a Black woman who writes about labor because I am a Black woman who works."

- bell hooks

**We consider all "work," including paid, unpaid, and exploited work. Labor Day is this month, and bell hooks is a seminal example of the profound connection between labor and literature.** Black women writers have long chronicled their own and others' experiences of work, capturing the resilience, challenges, and triumphs inherent in labor. These narratives shed light on the interconnectivity of race, gender, and class. How can we honor and contribute to the canon of literature or conversations about the significance of Black girls' and women's labor, equity, and the dignity of work?





# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Anne Moody's Birthday <i>Have you read "Coming of Age in Mississippi" lately?</i>	16	17	18	19	20 Dorothy Vaughn's Birthday <i>We're talking the mathematician here, not the singer.</i>
21	22 Rosh Hashanah Begins	23 George Jackson's Birthday	24 Rosh Hashanah Ends	25 bell hooks' Birthday	26 Winnie Mandela's Birthday	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

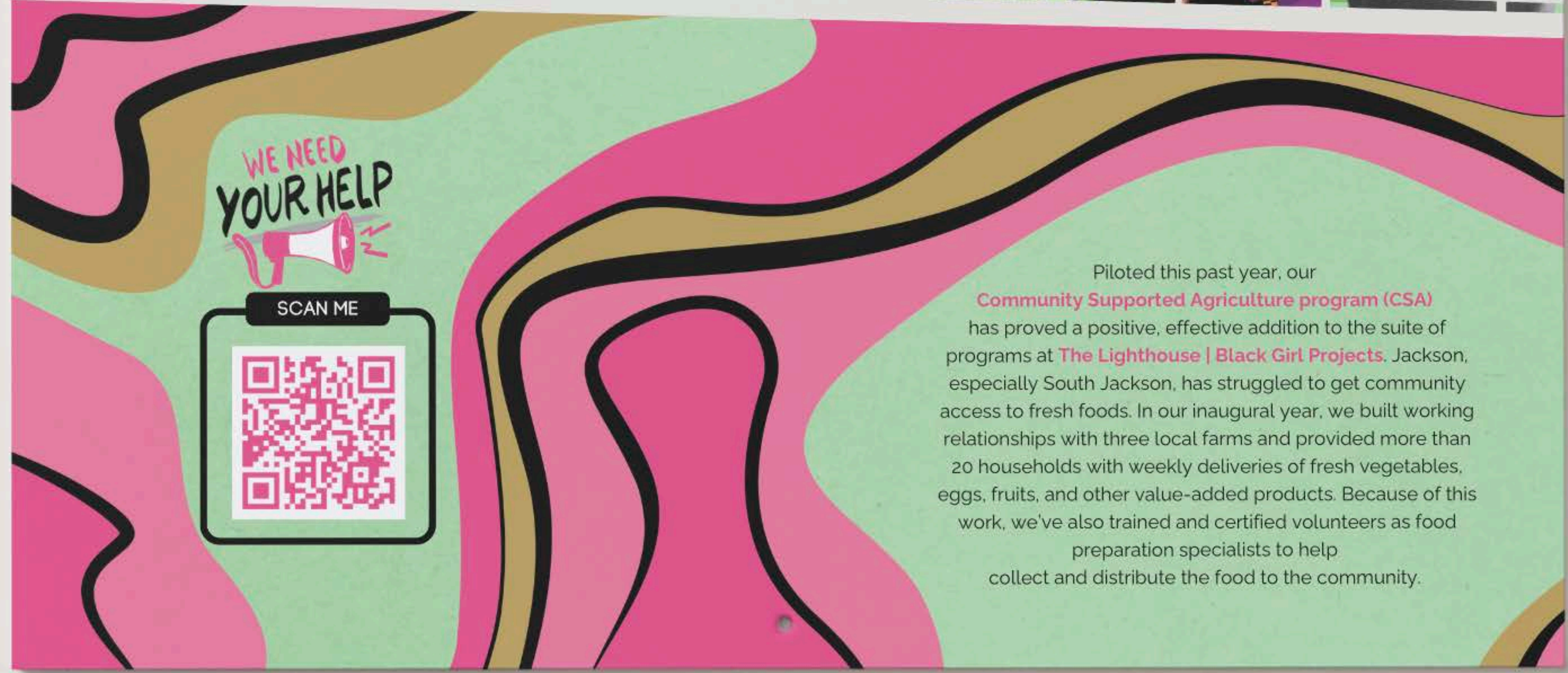


# Community Supported AGRICULTURE

GOOD FOLKS.  
GOOD FARMS.  
GOOD FOOD.

If you give a hungry man food, he will eat it. [But] if you give him land, he will grow his own food.

eat LOCAL



WE NEED YOUR HELP



SCAN ME



Piloted this past year, our **Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA)** has proved a positive, effective addition to the suite of programs at **The Lighthouse | Black Girl Projects**. Jackson, especially South Jackson, has struggled to get community access to fresh foods. In our inaugural year, we built working relationships with three local farms and provided more than 20 households with weekly deliveries of fresh vegetables, eggs, fruits, and other value-added products. Because of this work, we've also trained and certified volunteers as food preparation specialists to help collect and distribute the food to the community.



Jackson, especially South Jackson, has struggled to get community access to fresh foods.

CSA BY THE NUMBERS

847+ pounds of food delivered to the community through 10 weeks

CSA BY THE NUMBERS

20+ Families Served

CSA BY THE NUMBERS

10

households signed up

CSA BY THE NUMBERS

Three local farms and farmers engaged including:

cannon Farm, Footprint Farms, and Mr. Richard Murray's Farm



# October

“Down where we are, food is used as a political weapon. But if you have a pig in your backyard, if you have some vegetables in your garden, you can feed yourself and your family, and nobody can push you around.”

– Fannie Lou Hamer



Fannie Lou Hamer's words underscore the transformative power of cooperatives in fostering self-sufficiency and community resilience. By providing individuals with the means to cultivate their own resources, cooperatives empower communities to become self-sufficient and build sustainable futures. Consider how the legacy of cooperative movements, like Hamer's Freedom Farm Cooperative, continues to inspire initiatives aimed at economic empowerment and equity. What cooperative principles could you embrace (or deepen) to expand ethical systems that uplift and support our communities.

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 Yom Kippur International Coffee Day <i>You know how we feel about coffee at The Lighthouse!</i>	2	3	4
5	6 Fannie Lou Hamer's Birthday	7	8	9	10	11 International Day of the Girl Child
12	13	14	15	16	17 Black Poetry Day <i>Roses are red / some violets are black / you've made it to today / you're on the right track</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Ruby Dee's Birthday	28	29	30	31	1

# November

"Hope is a song in a weary throat."

— Pauli Murray



As we enter November, a time often associated with gratitude and reflection, Pauli Murray's words remind us of the profound resilience in hoping. Even when our voices are tired and our spirits weary, the act of hoping becomes a testament to our strength and endurance. Let's reflect on the sources of hope in our lives and express gratitude for them. How can we nurture the hope within ourselves and others? In what ways can we transform our weariness into a song that uplifts and inspires? By embracing hope and gratitude, we honor the legacy of those who have persevered before us and pave the way for a brighter future.



# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 Use Your Common Sense Day <i>They say common sense isn't so common these days. We all have it, though, right?</i>	5 National Stress Awareness Day <i>Take a moment right now to just breathe.</i>	6	7	8
9	10 J. California Cooper's Birthday	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Pauli Murray's Birthday	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Eat with Loved Ones Day (Thanksgiving)	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



December

"What looks like crazy on an ordinary day looks a lot like love if you catch it in the moonlight."

- Pearl Cleage



As we conclude another year, Pearl Cleage's words remind us that what may seem chaotic or challenging in the moment can, upon reflection, reveal itself as acts of love and growth. The end of the year is a time for celebration and introspection. This month, let's celebrate the progress we've made, both individually and collectively. Let's embrace the lessons learned from our missteps, understanding they're often among our most significant teachers. By doing so, we prepare ourselves to enter the new year with renewed purpose and a deeper commitment to our principles and community. May this season be filled with joy, gratitude, and a steadfast dedication to the journey ahead.





# DECEMBER

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for your  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 Giving Tuesday Donate to <i>The Lighthouse</i>   <i>Black Girl Projects today!</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Elta Baker's Birthday</i>
14 <i>Hanukkah Begins</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Cicely Tyson's Birthday</i>	20
21	22 <i>Hanukkah Ends</i>	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>	27
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1	2	3

# Black Girls

## BLACK GIRL TIMES

The Lighthouse Black girl project

BGX, as we call our online publication for short, is where we invite those in close proximity and far, far away to meet and share, learn, activate, and provoke one another through news and culture writing and mixed media. We trust we are the experts of our own lives; and different perspectives lend to the collective understanding, narrative and culture shift. While a lot of newsrooms are concerned about representation and diversity, BGX is the diversity. And because we're rooted in the practice of liberatory storytelling, a common practice for Black folks universally, we use journalism as our framework. We're not trying to break news; there are people around us doing that and doing it well. We want to add context to the news and answer questions like "How will that headline impact me? What about Black people? Poor people?" through our biweekly newsletter and stories we publish from day-to-day.

BGX BY THE NUMBERS:  
215  
articles published

BGX BY THE NUMBERS:  
220%  
increase in biweekly newsletter subscribers in 12 months

BGX BY THE NUMBERS:  
1520%  
increase in page views

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**BWVC BY THE NUMBERS:**  
**300**  
WOMEN ENGAGED IN  
OUR ADVOCACY AND  
ORGANIZING  
ACTIVITIES



**BWVC BY THE NUMBERS:**  
**75**  
NEW LEADERSHIP  
LEADS

**BWVC BY THE NUMBERS:**  
**2**  
NEW PIECES OF  
LEGISLATION IN  
DEVELOPMENT

# LOOK

**We know Mississippi has significant challenges with childbirth mortality, particularly for Black women.**

The Black Women Vote Coalition (BWVC) spent 2024 planning and developing a "Birth Matters" campaign with the Mississippi Midwives Association to ensure Black people giving birth in Mississippi, and those who serve them in their birthing journeys have access to the most comprehensive childbirth experiences. This, on the heels of passing SB2212 during the 2023 regular Mississippi legislative session, which extended Medicaid post-partum coverage from three months to one year. Black women and others are more well-positioned to have comprehensive birthing experiences that care about them wholly.

To increase voter turnout and political education in rural Mississippi, Lighthouse staff and BWVC volunteers created a #WhySheVotes campaign and engaged voters in Sharkey-Issaquena, Copiah, and rural Hinds counties. A multi-prong strategy—digital organizing (data tracking, storytelling, targeted ads, etc), grassroots canvassing, and phone banking—helped base build, educate, and decrease voter apathy.



JANUARY 2026

"Where there is a woman,  
there is magic."  
- Ntozake Shange

Ntozake Shange's words are a powerful and simple reminder of the transformative power inherent in collective efforts that precipitates from individual growth. Reflecting on our shared accomplishments, we recognize each initiative, story, and act of solidarity has contributed to a tapestry of resilience and progress. Let us carry the wisdom we've gained forward, using it to inform our actions and inspire continued development. Your support and engagement are the cornerstones of our magic, and we look forward to wonder in the years ahead.



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# JANUARY 2026

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28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Haitian Independence Day Kwanzaa Ends	2	3 Festival of Sleep Day
4	5	6	7 Zora Neale Hurston's Birthday	8	9	10
11	12	13 Charlotte Ray's Birthday	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25 Etta James' Birthday	26	27	28	29 National Puzzle Day	30	31

We be doing  
our part to

*Right*  
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