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BLACK PHILANTHROPY MONTH 2023 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GUIDE

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together

This Black Philanthropy Month (BPM) Community Participation Guide provides suggestions for community leaders to organize independent Black Philanthropy Month awareness, celebratory and funding equity action activities. While BPM does not convene these events, The Community Participation Guide shares ideas and practices that historically have been successful for groups wanting to organize their own BPM-related events.

BACKGROUND

ABOUT BLACK PHILANTHROPY MONTH

Black Philanthropy Month (BPM), observed every August, is a global celebration and intensive year-round economic justice action campaign to elevate African-descent giving and funding equity. Dr. Jackie Bouvier Copeland created BPM in 2011 with its historic action summit, inspired by Reunity, formerly the Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network, which she also founded in 2001.

Global from its founding, BPM built on its 2003 and 2006 precursor summits to increase Black giving's visibility; promote worldwide Pan-African unity and mutual support; and to commemorate the United Nations Year and Decade of People of African Descent. From its earliest inception through 2021, BPM has had approximately 30 key leaders who were instrumental in collaborating with Dr. Copeland to advance its continuing growth and impact (see BPM history and leadership at bit.ly/39ultNR).

For example, Jean Fountain was instrumental in organizing the pivotal inaugural summit. Karen Kelly-Ariwoola, then program vice president at The Minneapolis Foundation, was BPM's first domestic sponsor. The Global Fund for Women, led by its former CEO, Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, along Vice President, the late Deborah Holmes, was the first international BPM funder.

As part of Reunity and BPM, Dr. Copeland and Dr. Okome collaborated as part of BPM to write some of the pioneering studies of Black Diaspora philanthropy. BPM was an early pioneer of virtual communities, creating a Reunity online network in 2007 that increased BPM participation to eight million people in 30 countries by the 2011 Summit. These early leaders donated countless hours of volunteer support to establish BPM.

Although often behind-the-scenes with little public or field recognition, many have remained involved in various capacities as key financial sponsors, global speaker recruiters, advisors, and local connectors, legitimizing BPM as a truly global movement beyond constituent social media engagement. We are eternally grateful for their pioneering contributions that made BPM possible.

In 2013, leaders Valaida Fullwood, Soul of Philanthropy founder, and Tracey Webb, Black Benefactors and Black Gives founder, joined Dr. Copeland and Reunity as BPM leaders adding their social media expertise and ideas, including creating the BPM Art Poster, Ambassadors Program, attracting more sponsorship, and the U.S. giving circle participation. With the addition of leader Kula Addy in 2014, through 2021 and continuing Reunity members, the combined leadership increased social media reach to 19 million people in 60 countries.

BPM was primarily an annual social media campaign from 2012 through 2019. Then in 2020, Dr. Copeland wrote a white paper to revive the original BPM action summit in collaboration with The Lilly School of Philanthropy and its Mays Center for Diverse Philanthropy at Indiana University with co-leadership from Dr. Una Osili. With buy-in from BPM leaders, including Addy, Fullwood, Webb, Dr. Copeland curated the BPM 2020 action summit, Beyond Philanthropy, ushering in a new era of adding funding equity agenda building, more enhanced use of technology, an Africa-wide summit led by BPM Africa co-chair, Thelma Ekiyor, Afrigrants founder, as well as year-round BPM-specific initiatives.

Dr. Copeland's and Reunity's vast diaspora networks, along with social media, have steadily increased BPM's visibility, attracting international leaders from among Reunity members and new leaders, who now act as global chairs, organizing annual summits in the United States, Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean, and Canada.

BPM continues its origins from the early 2000s as a global Black diasporic and African initiative that illuminates Black generosity, ingenuity, and transformative impact globally to celebrate our collective giving while improving equitable access to private capital.

The primary aims of BPM are informing, celebrating, involving, inspiring, and investing in Black philanthropic and investment leadership to strengthen African-descent communities worldwide for the benefit of all people and our planet. BPM has become a time for individuals, families, and community organizations to plan their giving and community impact year. Constituents should use August to identify their primary community interests, where they'd like to give, as well as the organizations they'd like to support. See the BPM website for strategic giving tools.

We invite all Black people and allies to take the month of August and beyond to support the power of giving to promote justice in these pivotal times of racial, environmental, and economic crisis. The Community Participation Guide outlines many ways to get involved.

SPONSORSHIP

Financial supporters are vital to inform, inspire, and invest in Black Philanthropy and funding equity during August 2023. Over the years, generous individuals, collective giving groups and networks, foundations, national organizations, and corporations have contributed financially. As the vision and possibilities expand, the need for sponsorship dollars increases. You can find the BPM Sponsorship Prospectus at bit.ly/Sponsorbpm2023.

Please direct all sponsorship inquiries to info@blackphilanthropymonth.com.



The word “philanthropy” literally means love of humanity. Mission statements espouse love of humanity. But the reality shows that philanthropy still has some serious work to extend love of humanity to Black people worldwide. Longstanding funding disparity, inadequate representation, inequitable funding processes, and more suggest philanthropy needs a human rights lens for transformative change in Black communities. Due to centuries of racist ideology at almost every level of society, even Africandescendent people themselves can undervalue Black life and be perpetrators of human rights abuses in our communities. As the tragic lynching of Tyre Nichols highlights, anti-racist agendas must also promote Black self-love for equity and justice.

Inspired by the times and the late scholar-activist bell hooks’ writings on love as a necessary foundation for true social change, Black Philanthropy Month’s 2023 theme is Love in Action. We envision a field that moves beyond the rhetoric of philanthropy as love for humanity to make it real in Black communities. Our 2023 theme focuses attention on the root meaning of philanthropy as love for humanity. In the context of Black giving, we will highlight the power of Black self-love as an act of universal human rights that promotes racial, social, economic, gender, and environmental justice for our communities and the entire world. Our core organizing questions are:

What would philanthropy look like if it were driven by love of all humanity including Black people?

What would Black-led philanthropy look like if it were driven by self-love?

Building on our equity principles, how can our movement expand love of Black humanity and equity?

Philanthropy is becoming over-commercialized, sometimes driven more by money than love of humanity. The corporate sector struggles to incorporate meaningful environmental, social, and governance ethics in its business practice. BPM 2023 centers love of self, society, and the planet we share, including Black communities everywhere as equal members of the human family.



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START PLANNING NOW

For social change and a more just world, your participation is vital in expanding the global movement to inform, involve, inspire and invest in Black philanthropic leadership. Your giving should follow your best hopes and vision. Collectively, we can shape and the future we want to see.

Whether you're an individual or part of a group, institution, or community, here are some ways you can start planning:

THREE MONTHS BEFORE

- Determine why, how, and to what end you'd like to engage in BPM 2023
- Connect with prospective allies, collaborators, and partners with shared interests (e.g., your nearest HBCU, social justice advocates, cultural arts institution, community foundation, Black-led organization)
- Review this BPM Participant Guide and check out last year's BPM events and media stories for ideas on what you can do
- Contact BPM if you'd like to become a sponsor of the global Black Philanthropy Month campaign

TWO MONTHS BEFORE

- Flesh out and plan your BPM happening(s)-e.g., networking reception, fundraiser, educational program, issue forum, media campaign, "party with a purpose," community service project.
- Pitch story ideas and interviews to local media outlets
- Pursue a BPM Proclamation with your municipality or other governmental body. Communities around the world have organized since 2011 to get official government or multilateral organization endorsement of BPM. See our website for tools you can use to get your town, city, county, state/province, country, and/or allied corporation to declare every August as Black Philanthropy Month. See the template at blackphilanthropymonth.com/get-involved
- Use the national holiday of Juneteenth to promote BPM in August as another critical event in a year-round global, Black Social Justice calendar.

ONE MONTH BEFORE

- Write an op-ed or blog piece focused on philanthropy, community matters, a cause of personal interest, or your perspectives on Black life and giving.
- Organize a "back-to-school" drive, focusing on the needs of local students in a COVID era
- Announce and promote to your constituency that August is Black Philanthropy Month
- Enter information on your BPM events and happenings via the online form located on the BPM website under "Get Involved!"
- Regularly check the BPM calendar to stay up-to-date and participate in BPM events happening across the world

AUGUST

- Participate in independent BPM Summits - virtual and in-person summits will convene to build knowledge, connections, and shared social action with Black and allied leaders worldwide for equity and social justice in our communities everywhere. You can even organize an in-person listening.



START PLANNING NOW

THROUGHOUT AUGUST

- Carry out your plans for BPM
- Make a financial donation to your favorite organization(s) or cause(s)
- Participate in philanthropy or community-related event
- Engage in virtual or in-person service projects
- Sign a petition and/or take other collective action to support equity and justice for diverse Black people
- Announce and promote the virtual Reunity BWGB with Indiana University, independent Summits, and other events worldwide.

AFTER AUGUST

- Issue a report, op-ed, or blog post that summarizes what occurred, your accomplishments in August, and your future aspirations
- Support and sustain what's begun at your organization or in your community
- Begin planning a bigger, better, and bolder celebration for August 2024
- Identify a cause and then organize your individual, family, community association, club, place of worship to create its annual giving, volunteerism, and/or advocacy plan by October every August in time for the holiday season that you celebrate
- Strengthen Pan-African community building by sustaining your connections with BPM Black or allied contacts from a country other than your own to learn hands-on about Black lived experience, giving, history, and culture worldwide
- If you are a funder of any type, support the Global Black Funding Equity Principles by signing a pledge to adopt them at bit.ly/BPMpledge
- Answer BPM surveys and nominate a funding organization of any type or background for our annual Global Black Funding Equity Award.
- Stay apprised of and support other Black philanthropy, venture funding, and funding equity organizations, initiatives, and events (see BPM speakers, coalition organizations, and sponsors)
- Organize a group to replay and discuss your favorite BPM 2023 session, answering the question: "What have I learned that can improve the impact of my giving or investment on Black communities?" Then share your answer with us at info@blackphilanthropymonth.com to add your ideas to our global collective.
- Support BPM's year-round fundraiser, "Blachant: WISE Music for Change," which includes our founder's debut album and a forthcoming "Blachant Healing Journal," the proceeds of which support BPM and related WISE year-round funding equity projects (see <https://ord.co/blachant> and theWISEfund.org)
- Take regular, concerted steps all year to "be well, while doing good," as self - and community love are key aspects of Black philanthropy

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CONNECTING AND ENGAGING VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

@BlackPhilanthropyMonth

LIKE our Facebook page and encourage others to do the same.

SAMPLE FACEBOOK POSTS



TWITTER

@BlackGiving365

SAMPLE TWEETS



INSTAGRAM

@blkphilanthropymonth

Post images of philanthropic people, places, and ideas that you want to acknowledge and celebrate during August, using #BPM2023



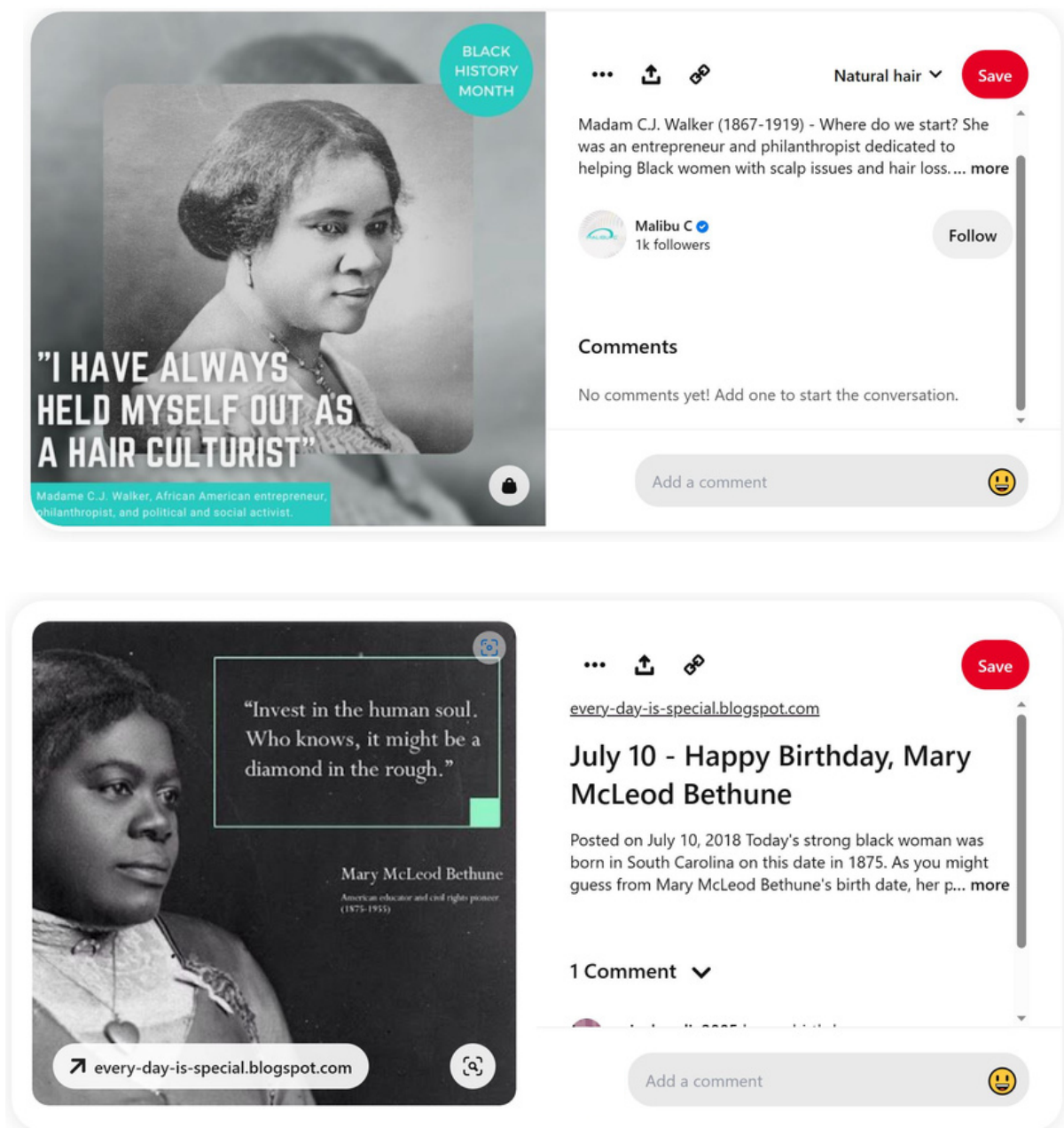
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PINTEREST

#BPM365

Follow Black Philanthropy Groups worldwide online and start a Pinterest board for pinning relevant giving of funding items that move you.

SAMPLE PINS



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PODCASTS



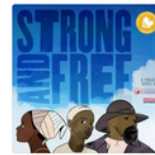
The Black Fundraisers Podcast, Kia Croom
<https://open.spotify.com/show/5o3EAR9yMDc0o2QjnxqmRH>



Giving Black podcast
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/>



Nonprofit Build Up, A. Nicole Campbell
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/nonprofit-build-up/id1554199173>



Strong and free
<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/strong-and-free/id1586199960>



Nonprofit Lowdown, Rhea Wong (BIPOC podcast)
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/nonprofit-lowdown/id1436858854>



Black Equity Podcast
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/black-equity-podcast/id1447881756>



Possibility Project
BIPOC YouTube Channel focused on the social impact sector
<https://www.possibilityproject.org/>

REPURPOSED CONTENT FROM BPM'S FACEBOOK PAGE

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LINKEDIN - #BPM365

LinkedIn is an excellent platform for sharing op-ed pieces, news, and stories about Black professionals in philanthropy, institutional resources and initiatives, and Black-led, Black-benefiting organizations.

HASHTAGGING - #BPM2023 / #BPM365

Let others worldwide know how you're observing Black Philanthropy Month by using #BPM2023 in your social media posts during August. Using the hashtag also allows others to find, share and amplify your BPM events and efforts.

While #BPM2023 is the primary hashtag during August, additional ones include #BlackPhilanthropy, #GivingBlack, #WeGiveBlack, and any you might create for a specific local or organizational effort. To sustain Black philanthropy momentum beyond August, you can use #BPM365 year-round. You also can visit and like the social media pages of the BPM Team on page 3.



WAYS TO OBSERVE

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- #1** Participate in online philanthropy or community focused events.
- #2** Be responsive to local relief and recovery efforts and proactively address anticipated gaps and opportunities - e.g., basic needs, health, learning, economic, social, mental, and digital.
- #3** Lean into the (and hindsight lessons from the COVID-19 crisis) to plant seeds and make investments that yield essential gains in social justice and racial equity.
- #4** Write an op-ed piece for a local or national publication inspired by this year's theme and focused on philanthropy, community issues, and African-descent people.
- #5** Join or start a giving circle in your community. Read *The Sweetness of Circles* and reach out to PhilanthropyTogether for support on [Medium.com](https://www.medium.com) to learn more.

#6 Set up interviews with local broadcast, print, and digital media to discuss your charitable fund, nonprofit organization, community project, or research data. Promote generosity and advocate getting informed about philanthropic tools, planning, and best practices and causes impacting Black communities.

- #7** Become a mentor. Explore options for mentoring virtually.
- #8** Host virtual civic engagement via digital platforms for live presentations and teleconferencing. Present one or a series of issues forums, panel discussions, community conversations, talks with philanthropic experts and luminaries, and workshops around topics of local interest.
- #9** Engage in an online service project to benefit your community or a cause.
- #10** Amplify #BPM2023 efforts via social media during August and #BPM365 the rest of the year.
- #11** Constituents should post their events and check the BPM 2023 calendar on our website at www.blackphilanthropymonth.com

#12 Focus on a specific aspect of philanthropy to educate the community about it; this might include in-depth learning on endowments, social impact investing, planned giving, scholarship funds, donor-advised funds, collective giving groups, etc.

- #13** Share news and stories with newcomers to the concept of philanthropy and traditions of Black giving.



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#14 Host an immersive 30 virtual exhibition of The Soul of Philanthropy for multimedia interactivity and learning.

#15 Organize a virtual museum tour of local or national institutions that present Black art, culture, and history. Access their digital resources to facilitate an online group discussion.

#16 Schedule a watch party, perhaps weekly, with friends, colleagues, and stakeholders via video platforms and streaming services. Choose a movie, documentary, or TED Talk with authentic depictions of Black people, our cultures, and our concerns, locally and globally. After watching, lead an online discussion to explore the implications on African-descent giving today and into the future. groups, etc.

#17 Create and roll out a month-long social media campaign to promote knowledge and share ideas.

#18 Spotlight local Black donors and givers whose impact and exemplary generosity can inspire others.

#19 Donate to a cause of interest, and challenge friends and colleagues to do the same.

#20 Request a proclamation from one or more of your governmental bodies recognizing August as Black Philanthropy Month.

#21 Socialize virtually with a “Happy Hour” meet-up. Schedule the event, email invitees, and choose a discussion topic, e.g., “how is your giving changing due to the current climate?” To recreate a real-life cocktail party, you can ask guests to tune in from home wearing cocktail attire and enjoying their favorite drinks and hors d’oeuvres.

#22 Please keep it simple and in the family by engaging family members in identifying interests, setting philanthropic priorities and goals, and making a plan for giving back. Write up a year-long plan, review the status monthly, and hold each other accountable.

#23 Take August to announce and promote related events and initiatives plans later this year or in 2024.

ART & GRAPHICS

The BPM Art Poster serves as a visual representation of the year's theme. Each inspired piece advances the ideals of our movement, which seeks to shape 21st-century philanthropy and strengthen Black communities everywhere.

In late July, an online announcement will reveal the BPM 2023 featured artist and unveil the newest art poster. Stay tuned to BPM social media for the time and date of the 2023 unveiling!

Below, we have listed our featured artists and their posters from past years.

KAH'MILAH LEDGESTER
2022

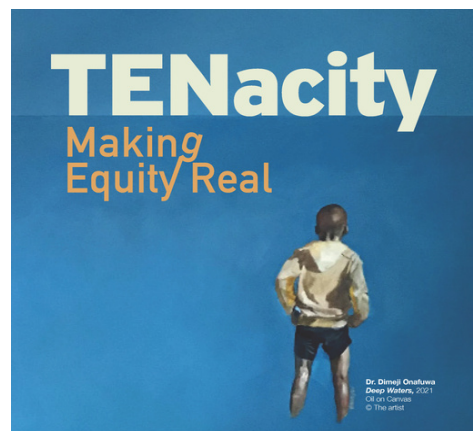
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From Dream to Action



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DIMEJI ONAFUWA
2021



BPM 2021
Signature
Charity Partner



YETUNDE OLAGBAJU
2020



TRACY MURRELL
2019



MARCUS KISSER
2017



By June, brand collateral, including banners and badges, that you can use in your social media, promos, and website will be available via a Dropbox folder. Again, stay tuned to BPM social media for the release.

31 WAYS TO GIVE IN 31 DAYS

1 TRAIN A PET. A \$5 gift to canineassistants.org covers a week of food for a puppy learning to aid people with disabilities.

2 BUY GROCERIES. 34 million Americans are facing hunger; Every dollar you give can provide at least 10 meals to families in need.

3 DONATE YOUR OLD PHONE to cellphonesforsoldiers.com, which recycles and uses proceeds to buy calling cards for our troops.

4 RESTORE VISION. \$50 To uniteforsight.org gives surgery to one of the 94 million people who are blinded or visually impaired by cataracts.

5 REHABILITATE WOMEN WHO'VE BEEN TRAFFICKED. Senhoa.org hires survivors to make jewelry and helps them transition back to society.

6 AMAZON SMILE. While you're making your wishlist you can use Amazon Smile to give back with every purchase.

7 HELP MORE TEENS IN THE U.S. GRADUATE. A million drop out each year. Tutor and assist in an at-risk classroom for 10 months with cityyear.org

8 KEEP AN INFANT HIV-FREE. In Africa, more than 800 babies are born with it daily; \$50 to m2m.org teaches an expectant mom to avoid transmission.

9 DONATE YOUR WEDDING GOWN OR VEIL to bridesagainstreastcancer.org. They'll sell it at a bridal show and help pay for patient support groups

10 COMFORT THE HOMELESS. At projectnightnight.org \$20 provides a blanket, book, and stuffed toy to one of the 334,819 kids in shelters nationwide

11 BEAUTIFY A CITY PARK. \$15 to tpl.org goes toward playground equipment in a new or renovated green space for boys and girls across the U.S.

12 READY YOUNG MOTHER. \$50 to nursefamilypartnership.org coaches five first-time moms about healthy pregnancies and smart parenting.

13 SAVE A LIFE IN SOUTH SUDAN. \$5 to doc2dock.org ships unused supplies from U.S. hospitals to remote clinics, where shortages threaten lives.

14 GIVE INTERNET ACCESS TO AFGHAN WOMEN. \$25 to youngwomenforchange.org donates a desk to the first-ever female-only Web cafe in Kabul.

15 PREP AN ANIMAL for its new home. Just \$10 to petfinderfoundation.com vaccinates 4 shelter dogs or 5 cats, keeping them ready for adaption.

16 INVEST IN HEALTH. 17% of American young people are obese; \$50 to actionforhealthykids.org buys PE tools for a class in a struggling district.

17 HOST A VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE AT YOUR WORK OR PLACE OF BUSINESS. Visit donate.foodbanksj.org/virtualfooddrive to learn more.

18 STOP PARTNER VIOLENCE. In honor of Yeardley Love, who was killed by an ex-boyfriend, joinonelove.org educates us all to prevent abuse.

19 PAY FOR A TERMINALLY ILL CHILD'S GETAWAY. \$25 to givekidstheworld.org helps affected families take a vacation to its Florida resort.

20 VOLUNTEER FROM YOUR DESK. Sparked.com asks about your skills & passions, then gives ideas for using your talents to better the world.

21 FIGHT LUNG CANCER. A donation to lcfamerica.org funds research to predict, detect, and treat the top cancer killer among American.

22 HELP EMPOWER PEOPLE and communities in situations of poverty, illiteracy, disease, and social injustice by donating to brac.net

23 PREVENT ILLITERACY Order yourself a new book at betterworldbooks.com and they'll send one to a needy child in the U.S. or abroad.

24 RAISE A ROOF FOR A STRUGGLING FAMILY Spend a day at one of womenbuild.org's 27 sites and help put a low-income family into a home.

25 CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE by donating to adopt.nature.org.

26 KEEP AT-RISK YOUTH DRUG-FREE. For \$25 to deaeducationalfoundation.org, one girl can attend after-school dance classes for 10 weeks.

27 END HUNGER. Spend \$120 on a Feed tote full of gourmet snacks (deandeluca.com), and 15 meals go to kids in Africa, Asia, or the Middle East.

28 SOOTHE A SCARED KID. Send a stuffed animal to projectsmile.org; police officers and paramedics will hand them out to trauma victims.

29 GIVE LAND TO A POVERTY-STRICKEN WOMAN. For \$150, landesa.org secures a plot for a woman in India to live and grow food with her family.

30 RUSH IN RELIEF WHEN NATURAL DISASTERS STRIKE. Teamrubiconusa.org uses your \$11 to keep a veteran ready to deploy to crisis areas.

31 REBUILD SCHOOLS after devastation by donating to happyheartfund.org.

WATCH & LEARN

Below is a starter list of documentaries and other film pieces to consider if planning a BPM film fest or watch party. These films illuminate various issues and facets of Black life around the globe. Use this list as a guide as you search to find one that suits your interests and audience.



13th (2016) | Filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on how the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans.



America To Me (2018) | Docuseries takes an insider look at two Chicago-area schools, examining decades-old racial bias and educational inequities.



American Son (2019) | Dramatic film where time passes and tension mounts in a Florida police station as parents await news of their missing teenage son. Starring Kerry Washington.



August 28th (2016) | Documentary film by Ava DuVernay on events that happened on August 28th in African-American history. Featuring Angela Basset, Don Cheadle, and Regina King.



Black Sheep (2018) | Oscar nominated British short documentary about a Black teen and his family moving out of London to meet more racism in an Essex estate run by a racist gang.



The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind (2019) | Drama about a 13-year-old boy thrown out of the school he loves when his family can no longer afford the fees. He sneaks into the library and learns how to build a windmill to save his village from famine.



I Am Not Your Negro (2016) | Oscar-nominated documentary by Raoul Peck, based on a James Baldwin manuscript. Narrated by Samuel L. Jackson, the film explores the history of anti-Black racism in the United States.



Just Mercy (2019) | Legal drama based on Bryan Stevenson's memoir about America's broken criminal justice system. Starring Michael 8. Jordan, Jamie Foxx.

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Last Black Man in San Francisco (2019) | American drama centered on the efforts of a young man to reclaim his childhood home, a now-expensive Victorian house in a gentrified neighborhood.



Left Field: What Happened to All the Black Farmers? (2019) | Black farmers once made up 14 percent of America's farmers. Today, they account for less than 2 percent. This NBC short documentary explores how racial discrimination and unjust practices affect farming families.



Lionheart (2018) | Nigerian comedic drama produced by Chinny Onwugbenu and directed by Genevieve Nnaji. Looking to prove her worth, a woman steps up to the challenge of working with her crude and eccentric brother when her father is forced to take a step back due to health issues.



Miss Virginia (2019) | Story of a struggling inner-city mother who sacrifices everything to give her son a good education and launches a movement. Starring Uzo Aduba and Vanessa Williams.



Moonlight (2016) | Oscar-winning drama by Barry Jenkins about a young African American man grappling with his identity and sexuality while experiencing the everyday struggles of childhood, adolescence, and burgeoning adulthood. Starring Mahershala Ali, Trevante Rhodes, Naomie Harris.



Mother of George (2013) | Nigerian drama directed by Andrew Dosunmu tells the Story of newly-wed immigrants in New York and their struggle with fertility. Starring Danai Gurira, Issach de Bankole.



My Father's Land (2016) | Bahamian/Haitian documentary exploring the life of a Haitian gardener living in a marginalized community in the Bahamas called the Mud. The socio-economic complexities of immigration, culture, and identity.



Queen of Katwe (2016) | Biographical drama from Disney depicting the life of a young girl from an impoverished area of Kampala, Uganda becoming a renowned chess prodigy. Starring David Oyelowo



Radical Brownies (2017) | See what happens in this short documentary when young girls embrace activism. Not without controversy, the Radical Monarchs of California earn badges, not for sewing or selling cookies but for completing challenges on social justice.



Selma (2014) | Oscar-nominated, historical drama based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches in Alabama, led by Southern civil rights movement leaders.



Through A Lens Darkly (2014) | Documentary by Thomas Allen Harris explores how African American communities have used the camera as a tool for social change from the invention of photography to the present.



Time: The Kalief Browder Story (2017) | Docuseries advocates the criminal justice reform as it traces the tragic case of Kalief Browder, a Bronx, New York teen who spent three horrific years in Rikers Island jail awaiting trial after being arrested for allegedly stealing a backpack.



Resist (2018) | Docuseries by Patrisse Cullars, co-founder of Black Lives Matter, explores SLM grassroots efforts in Los Angeles for prison reform, giving a behind-the-scenes look at their powerful activism in action.



Rosenwald (2015) | Documentary about a remarkable philanthropic partnership between Jewish businessman Julius Rosenwald, Black educator Booker T. Washington and African American communities across southern states.



She Did That (2020) | American documentary that goes inside the lives of Black female entrepreneurs as they discuss building legacies and pioneering a new future for the next generation. Featuring Melissa Butler, Luvvie Ajayi, and Renae Bluitt.



When They See Us (2019) | Oscar-nominated dramatic miniseries by Ava DuVernay based on the true Story of five teens from Harlem trapped in a nightmare when they're falsely accused of a brutal attack in Central Park, New York City. Starring Asante Black, Caleel Harris, Ethan Herrise, Jharrel Jerome.

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Wilmington on Fire (2015) | Documentary by Christopher Everett, chronicles the racial terrorizing and massacre of African Americans by a white mob in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1898. It marks the only successful coup d'état in American political history.



1619 Project (2023) | Reframing the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the very center of national narrative; the legacy of slavery shapes different aspects of contemporary American life.



Woke (2020) | Inspired by the life and work of artist Keith Knight, comedy series WOKE takes an absurdly irreverent look at identity and culture as it follows Keef, an African-American cartoonist finally on the verge of mainstream success when an unexpected incident changes everything. With a fresh outlook on the world around him, Keef must now navigate the new voices and ideas that confront and challenge him, all without setting aflame everything he's already built.



Unwavering: The Power of Black Innovation (2022) | Celebrating the long legacy of Black innovation through portraits of nine Black leaders supported by Echoing Green's Black Male Achievement Fellowship; guests include Dr. Cory Greene, Deanna Van Buren, Damon Packwood and Dr. Cheryl Dorsey.



Between the World And Me (2020) | Artists and activists weave a tapestry of the African-American experience in this special event, a gripping adaptation of the New York Times #1 bestselling book by Ta-Nehisi Coates and the Apollo stage performance of the same name.



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SI L'INJUSTICE DEVIENT LA LOI, ALORS LA REVOLTE DEVIENT UNE OBLIGATION

THANK YOU!

JUSTICE

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