



The Black Belt Community Foundation

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On May 1, 2024, the Black Belt Community Foundation will celebrate 20 years of service to the Alabama Black Belt!

### – BCCF Through the Years –

The collage below shows a small glimpse of BCCF activities and events over the past 20 years.



## Black Belt Community Foundation Celebrates 20 Years

With heartfelt gratitude and excitement, BBCF is celebrating 20 years of service in 2024!

In 2004, BBCF open its doors with two employees and a modest budget. The purpose of the organization was to work with the citizens of the Black Belt to assist in bringing resources to the counties in their service area. Under the leadership of their board of directors and President Felecia Lucky, BBCF has worked tirelessly these past 20 years to become an integral part of the community.

The original ambitions of the organization have been exceeded because of the way BBCF has integrated citizens into the leadership and inner workings of the non-profit.

This collaborative model has allowed BBCF to:

- Serve 12 Black Belt counties with over 185,000 citizens
- Advocate for resources for the Black Belt in local, state, national, and international arenas
- Maintain a force of over 100 Community Associates, serving as volunteers in their respective counties
- Directly provide programs and services in health, education, disaster relief, the arts, the environment, food sustainability and housing
- Operate a Head Start program at four sites with 307 pre-school children served by over 70 employees



The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration began on December 11, 2023 with the “Kick-Off Gala” (sponsored by Auburn University) honoring the illustrious Community Associates, the “eyes and ears” of BBCF. The evening was truly one to remember; complete with a red carpet, marquee lights, awe-inspiring speeches, and an awards presentation; followed by food, fellowship, and dancing well into the night!

This year of celebration will also include the much-anticipated move to the new BBCF headquarters at 410 Church Street, in Selma, AL. Open house and ribbon cutting festivities at the new headquarters will bring together community, staff, and local leaders later this spring (date TBA). Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations will culminate with the 2024 BBCF Legacy Dinner in Birmingham, honoring distinguished citizens and BBCF supporters from throughout the state (October 3, 2024).

“This 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary represents a milestone that could only be imagined when this journey began. The fortitude of the citizens and leaders of the Black Belt have made the longevity of this organization a reality. **We look forward to sharing and celebrating with the community throughout the upcoming year**”, states Felecia Lucky, BBCF President.

Look to future BBCF Bulletins and the BBCF Website to share dates, times, and locations of upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and other events.

SAVE THE DATE

October 3, 2024

2024 BBCF LEGACY DINNER  
IN BIRMINGHAM, AL