



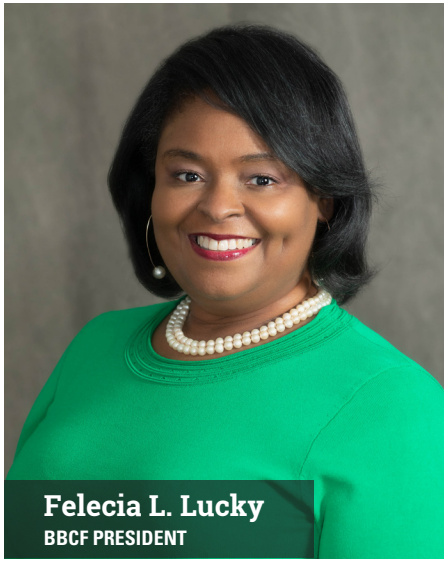
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Community Resilience

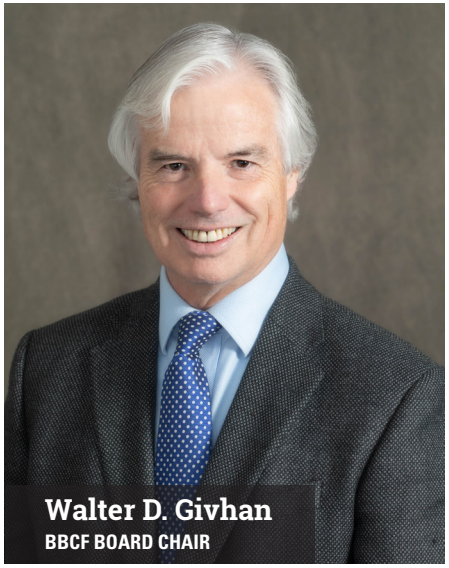
2024 BLACK BELT 13-MONTH CALENDAR | 2023 BBCF ANNUAL REPORT







Felecia L. Lucky
BBCF PRESIDENT



Walter D. Givhan
BBCF BOARD CHAIR



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We can reflect on 2023 as a year that brought new challenges and demonstrated our community's continued resiliency and adaptability when faced with uncertainty. Shortly after celebrating the new year, our beloved home base of Selma was hit with a devastating tornado that left a path of destruction throughout Dallas and several other West Alabama counties. BBCF sprang into action to help those affected by the storm and has, to date, distributed over two million dollars in disaster relief funding to organizations assisting with the recovery efforts. These efforts would not be possible without our faithful supporters, friends, and family behind us every step of the way, and for that, we thank you.

While the year started in peril, it ended in joy and anticipation of a milestone anniversary for the Black Belt Community Foundation - 20 years of service to the Alabama Black Belt! As we continue to celebrate this milestone, we are filled with gratitude and a renewed sense of purpose of transforming the Black Belt by way of decision-making that is informed by the knowledge of what is best for our communities, from the voices of those communities themselves. We are inspired by the lives we have touched, the changes we have instigated and the differences we have made. Yet, here in 2024, we are well aware that the righteous charge we began in 2004 is far from complete. There is still much work to do and we are excited about the future.

Board Chairperson, Walter D. Givhan and I are happy to share this annual report and calendar with you. It is our hope that you find it informative and useful throughout the year! We want to acknowledge and thank our many donors, both individuals and organizations, that have consistently stood with us. We hope you will enjoy the following spotlights of hope, progress, and inspiration that shaped this past year – a year that will be remembered as one of pivotal growth that demonstrated how resiliently strong BBCF has become as an organization. Many thanks to each of you for making this possible.

Sincerely,

Felecia L. Lucky
Felecia L. Lucky, BBCF President

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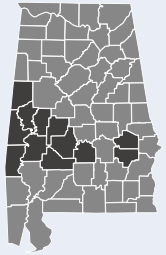
2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Through the Black Belt Community Foundation's work, thousands of citizens in the Alabama Black Belt are able to grow and prosper to overcome adversity and societal perceptions. With your support, we are able to continue to provide the programming, resources, and initiatives that drive the vision for a transformed Black Belt region.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES

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ACTIVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES SERVING ACROSS 12 BLACK BELT COUNTIES. THESE TRAINED VOLUNTEERS WORK ALONGSIDE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP BBCF RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY SUPPORT EVERY ASPECT OF BBCF'S PHILANTHROPIC WORK.

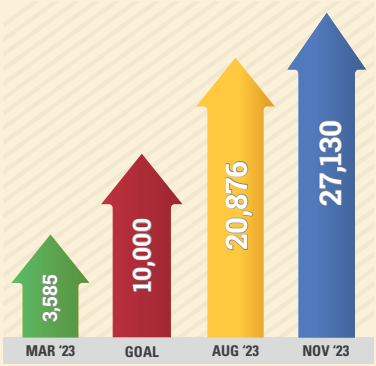


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H.O.P.E.

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BBCF H.O.P.E. AMBASSADORS



HEALTH SURVEYS COLLECTED IN 2023

HEAD START

1st

HEAD START PROGRAM IN ALABAMA TO EQUIP THEIR CLASSROOMS WITH INTERACTIVE IGNITETABLES BY HATCH™ AIMED TO HELP WITH WHOLE CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SKILLS



COMMUNITY GRANTS

54

BLACK BELT GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS

$181K

DISTRIBUTED TO BLACK BELT ORGANIZATIONS

26,356

INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING

$2M

GRANTED IN STORM RELIEF FUNDS

4

BLACK BELT COUNTIES AFFECTED BY TORNADO

ARTS GRANTS

$87.4K

DISTRIBUTED TO 28 BLACK BELT ORGANIZATIONS

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We extend our appreciation to the 2023 Board of Directors for bringing their expertise, engagement, and thought partnership to our organization. They play a key role in helping us share the BBCF story, bringing more people closer to our work, and inviting people to join our efforts and for that, we are forever grateful!

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Head Start Assistant Cook

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Head Start Assistant Teacher

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Sidney Hardy
Head Start Data Coordinator

Daron Harris
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Aaron Head
BBCF Arts Program Director

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Head Start Assistant Teacher

Danneshia Hinton
Head Start Substitute Teacher

Tanika Hogan
Head Start Assistant Teacher

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Head Start Bus Driver/Custodian

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Head Start Family Advocate

Quenika Johnson
Head Start Floating Teacher

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Beverly Jones
Head Start Teacher

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Head Start Teacher

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Fiscal Officer

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Head Start Teacher

Cleo McGrew
Head Start Floating Teacher

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Head Start Director

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Head Start Assistant Teacher

Quyinika Moore
Head Start Floating Teacher

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Head Start Custodian

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Head Start Floating Teacher

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Head Start Education Coordinator/ Mentor Coach

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Head Start Teacher

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Erica Williams
Community Engagement Officer

Pamela Williams
Head Start Teacher

Toya Williams
Head Start Teacher

Lakita Wilson
Head Start Floating Teacher

Lee Wilson
Head Start Custodian

Betty Witherspoon
Head Start Teacher

Marcella Woods
Head Start Family Advocate

Jacqueline Young
Head Start Assistant Teacher



















Disaster Response & Storm Shelter Initiative

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, a high-end EF2 tornado caused devastating damage to numerous counties in Central and West Alabama, including BBCF's home base of Selma in Dallas County, AL. The Black Belt Community Foundation immediately established two funds to support the rebuilding of these communities and encourages individuals, organizations, businesses, and others to donate to these funds to help with the ongoing rebuilding efforts. To date, the BBCF has distributed over $2M in disaster recovery funding to organizations and communities in need.

In preparation for disasters such as the devastating tornado of January 2023, the BBCF established the Storm Shelter Initiative in 2022. Since then, a total of six storm shelters in four Black Belt counties (Greene, Hale, Marengo, & Pickens) have been constructed and installed for residents who otherwise would be vulnerable to the elements.



$2M

GRANTED IN STORM RELIEF FUNDS

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Selma Tornado: 1-Year Anniversary	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	16 National Day of Racial Healing	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		Donate to BBCF's Disaster Relief and Recovery funds to help those still in need! **blackbeltfound.org/donate**	

Black Belt Community Foundation

BBCF extends a heartfelt thank you to each one of our donors who stepped up in the face of disaster and donated to relief and recovery efforts. With your help, the community is on track to rebuild even bigger and better. See a full list of 2023 donors towards the back of this calendar!

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Artistic Expressions

In 2023, the Black Belt Arts Initiative (BBAI) funded a total of 28 projects, totaling $87,400! Projects that emphasized the importance of artistic expression across the Alabama Black Belt included public art installations, workshops, festivals, classes, summer camps, and more. Congrats to our grantees!

- **Bullock County Humane Society,** *Bullock County*
- **Chilly's ICE Cool Band,** *Bullock County*
- **Saiasi Foundation,** *Choctaw County*
- **WR McGrew Outreach Dev. & Ed. Program,** *Choctaw County*
- **ArtsRevive CDC,** *Dallas County*
- **Bridge Crossing Jubilee,** *Dallas County*
- **Fathers of St. Edmund, Southern Missions,** *Dallas County*
- **Orrville Volunteer Fire Department,** *Dallas County*
- **Center For Rural Family Development,** *Greene County*
- **Eutaw Housing Authority Enrichment Program,** *Greene County*
- **Girl Scout Troop 408,** *Greene County*
- **Society of Folk Arts and Culture,** *Greene County*
- **Black Belt Workshop,** *Hale County*
- **R.E.A.C.H. (Rural Enrichment Assessing Community Hands),** *Lowndes County*
- **Alpha Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,** *Macon County*
- **Too Good for Drugs Photojournalism,** *Macon County*
- **Tuskegee Macon Co. Community Foundation,** *Macon County*
- **Tuskegee Repertory Theatre, Inc.,** *Macon County*
- **Two Rivers Arts Council,** *Marengo County*
- **West Perry-Marion Arts & Crafts,** *Perry County*
- **Pickensville Community Center Council,** *Pickens County*
- **Coleman Center for the Arts,** *Sumter County*
- **Divine Girls Coalition,** *Sumter County*
- **UWA Foundation,** *Sumter County*
- **BAMA Kids, Inc.,** *Wilcox County*
- **Black Belt Treasures Cultural Arts Center,** *Wilcox County*
- **Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy,** *Wilcox County*
- **Wilcox ArtWorks,** *Wilcox County*















February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Black History Month Begins	2 **Day of Action** - Community Resource Fair hosted by TRHT Selma, United Way, and WSFA Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15 Digital Learning Day	16	17
18	19 President's Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	20 World Day of Social Justice	21	22	23 **1st Quarter Board Meeting** DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	24
25	26	27	28	29	Donate directly to one of BBCF's scholarship funds to support our youth! **blackbeltfound.org/donate**	

Black Belt Community Foundation

Reminders:

BBCF's Arts Grants and Community Grants programs will hold several informational sessions in late March or early April, prior to the opening of the grant application portal. Please check the BBCF website: **blackbeltfound.org** and follow us on social media for up-to-date information so you don't miss the opportunity to apply for a grant!

@BBCF2004 **@blackbeltcommunityfoundation** **@BlkBeltComFound**

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Giving H.O.P.E.

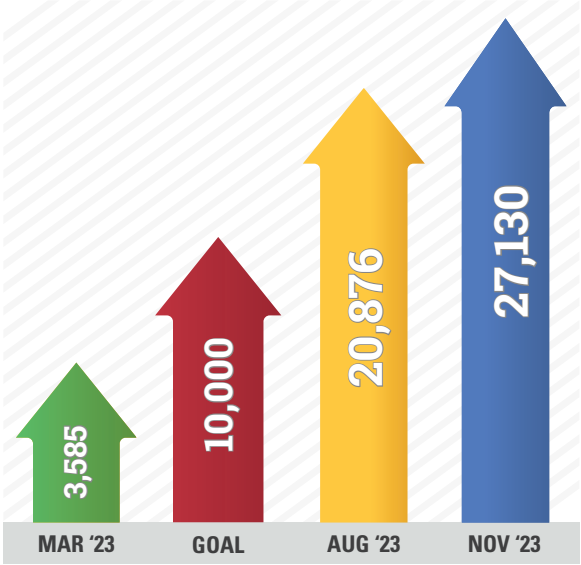
The Black Belt Health, Outreach, Promotion and Education (H.O.P.E.) program, made possible through a grant awarded to the BBCF by the Alabama Department of Public Health, has successfully exceeded all benchmarks and expectations during their first year of service! The Black Belt H.O.P.E. program set the goal of communicating and educating members of local communities while emphasizing COVID-19 vaccines and the importance of contact tracing. BBCF H.O.P.E. Ambassadors have proven to be formidable stewards of Black Belt health. Since late 2023, the H.O.P.E. Ambassadors have reached over 27,000 contacts throughout the 12 counties the BBCF serves!













March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Setup a recurring donation to support health equity in the Alabama Black Belt. **blackbeltfound.org/donate**				1 **Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee** MARCH 1-3, 2024 Women's History Month Begins	2
3	4	5	6	7 59th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday	8 International Women's Day	9
10 Daylight Saving Time	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31 Easter	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday **BBCF Offices Closed**	30

Black Belt Community Foundation

Learn more about the H.O.P.E. Ambassadors and their work.

Read Issue 18 of the Black Belt Bulletin, which provides more details on the Black Belt H.O.P.E. program and highlights several of the over-achieving ambassadors and their work!

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Community Grants

BBCF proudly funded 54 projects in 2023, totaling $181,821. From community festivals to summer reading programs to health and wellness initiatives, this funding makes a significant impact in our communities, touching the lives of 26,356 individuals living in the Alabama Black Belt.

$181K
DISTRIBUTED TO BLACK BELT ORGANIZATIONS

54
BLACK BELT GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS











April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19 Community and Arts Grants - Application Due Date	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30			Support the next 20 years of service with a donation today! **blackbeltfound.org/donate**	

Black Belt Community Foundation

Ways to Give

- Joining the family of Community Associates puts your personal knowledge of the community to good use, creating a brighter future for the entire region.
- Want to help your local library or see greater cultural activities available in your community? Talk to the foundation today to see how you can contribute to a grant fund that enriches your hometown.
- A gift of $50 supports a non-profit's participation in a capacity building workshop, allowing a smaller organization to receive continuing education.

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Celebrating 20 Years

The Black Belt Community Foundation officially opened its doors on May 1, 2004. Over the last 20 years, the BBCF has granted more than $10 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the Black Belt 12-county region. These funds have bolstered programs that promote community and economic development, education, health and wellness, and the arts.







May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Support the next 20 years of service with a donation today! **blackbeltfound.org/donate**		 1 **20th Anniversary of BBCF!**	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6 BBCF Health Equity Conference	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	28	29	30	31 **2nd Quarter Board Meeting** DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

Black Belt Community Foundation

The History of the Black Belt Community Foundation

Read the full history of the BBCF and learn more about our founding members and their efforts to form the foundation we know and love today!

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Community Associates

Community Associates are the cornerstone of the BBCF and one of the primary sources of leadership development resources within the Black Belt counties. A total of 123 Associates serve across 12 Black Belt counties. Twice a year, the Community Associates gather for a retreat where they learn new tools and methods for success. In June of 2023, the Associates met in Tuscaloosa, AL, for their mid-year retreat. There, they discussed shifting organizational norms, trust-based philanthropy principles, and data storytelling. At their annual retreat, held in December of 2023 in Auburn, AL, the Associates explored the topic of bias and how it plays a role in granting funds to organizations in the Black Belt communities.



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 YEARS 2004 2024 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	Did you know that each of the 12 Black Belt counties we serve has a fund that you can donate to specifically? Visit: **blackbeltfound.org/donate** and select your desired county from the designation list to make a donation today!					1
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					Annual Black Girls Dream Conference JUNE 7-9 | ATLANTA, GA	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Community Associates Mid-Year Retreat DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - LOCATION TBD			CHARLESTON, WV	CITY TBD, SC	CHARLOTTE, NC	
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth **BBCF Offices Closed**	20 EATONVILLE, FL	21	22 CITY TBD, FL
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

Black Belt Community Foundation

What's happening in June?

The Southern Black Girls and Womens' Consortium will kick-off the second iteration of the ultra successful 'Joy is our Journey' bus tour through the South from **June 12 - July 3**. With stops in seven southern states, there are plenty of opportunities to catch the big pink bus as it rolls through a town near you, bringing a mini-festival experience for Black girls, gender-expansive youth, and women of all ages to enjoy.



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LEVITT AMP SELMA MUSIC SERIES

Levitt AMP Selma Music Series

In the summer of 2023, TRHT Selma, in partnership with the City of Selma as well as the Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Information, hosted ten weeks of free concerts at the Riverfront Amphitheater and Park thanks to funding from the Levitt Foundation.

The inaugural 'Levitt AMP Selma Music Series' featured a concert almost every Saturday from May 27 to July 29, 2023 and included artists such as Souled Out Groove, Mark Taylor, Jeremy Flyy and Flight Control, Ms. Necie and Sounds, and Tee-Tee Baker. The series welcomed an average of 200 people to Selma every Saturday during the summer months.













July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  BILOXI, MS	2	3  NEW ORLEANS, LA	4 Fourth of July **BBCF Offices Closed**	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		Support the next 20 years of service with a donation today! **blackbeltfound.org/donate**	

Black Belt Community Foundation

Reminders:

TRHT Selma will produce the Levitt AMP Selma Music Series again this summer. The concerts will be held each Saturday from **June 1 to August 3, 2024**. Please check the BBCF website: **blackbeltfound.org** and follow us on social media for up-to-date information on concert lineups and further details!

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BBCF Head Start 1st in Alabama

BBCF Head Start schools are the first in Alabama to use interactive IgniteTables by Hatch™ in their classrooms. In August 2023, teachers received a hands-on demonstration on how to use them from the Hatch developers themselves! During the training session at Wallace Community College, teachers from across the Black Belt who work for the BBCF Head Start programs laughed and played learning games on one of education's latest technology tools – the IgniteTables by Hatch Early Learning™.

After the COVID pandemic, many children returned to school with "challenging behaviors" and had lost skills learned before schools were closed. The interactive learning tables allow teachers to pair learning games with each child's learning needs and give teachers the ability to align their teaching strategies with Head Start's curriculum requirements.

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **Head Start Pre-Service Training** AUGUST 1-10, 2024 DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	2	3 **TRHT Selma's Freedom Fest** DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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11	12 **Head Start School Begins** DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 **3rd Quarter Board Meeting** DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	24
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Black Belt Community Foundation

Learn more about the BBCF Head Start program.

Read Issue 16 of the Black Belt Bulletin, which provides more details on BBCF's Head Start program and the implementation of the IgniteTables by Hatch™!

July 2024

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BBCF Partners with AT&T

At a presentation on August 16, 2023, more than 50 students from schools in Selma and throughout Dallas County were given laptops thanks to a partnership between AT&T, Human IT, and the Black Belt Community Foundation. BBCF President Felecia Lucky reflected on the significance of the partnership, "Access to technology and connectivity is essential in today's world, and these laptops are a game-changer in how these students and families are able to participate in virtual learning, develop new skills and access healthcare. We are grateful for AT&T's donation of these laptops and the impact it will have on how our students and families connect to the future."













September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30				Support the next 20 years of service with a donation today! **blackbeltfound.org/donate**	

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Ways to Give

- A gift of $500 can directly sponsor theatre or venue rental fees, allowing a local performing arts organization to stage a production in its hometown.
- A gift of $2,500 can support a BBCF arts grant to help community cultural organizations present special activities that enrich the lives of their citizens and bring people together.
- Remembering a loved one with a Memorial Gift to the Foundation provides a lasting tribute to them and provides perpetual support for the Black Belt region.

August 2024

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Southern Black Girls AND WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM

Celebrating a Remarkable 2023!

2023 was an incredible year for the Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium, full of joy, growth, and achievements. They hosted the 3rd Annual Black Girls Dream Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, empowering young Black women with workshops, speakers, and community building. In addition, they launched the #BlackGirlJoy Challenge with resounding success, awarding 200 grants to creative and impactful projects across 13 states, aiming to spread happiness and positivity in communities.

The SBGWC also proudly supported 40 grantees through the Black Girls Dream Fund in 2023. These organizations, led by dynamic Black women, are making strides in education, health, economic empowerment, social justice, and leadership.



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **Annual Throw & Go Contest - Ticket Sales Open** *Date subject to change	2	3 **BBCF Legacy Dinner** at the Harbert Center, Birmingham, AL *Date subject to change	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 International Day of the Girl	12
13	14 Indigenous People's Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	Your donations can help us extend our reach and make a difference in the lives of Black Girls! **southernblackgirls.org**	

Black Belt Community Foundation

Stay up-to-date

The Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium regularly sponsors events throughout the year. For up-to-date information on grant opportunities, special screenings, and all things Southern Black Girls, keep your eyes and ears open to the SBGWC website: **southernblackgirls.org** and SBGWC social media channels!

@southernblackgirls **@southernblackgirls** **@blackgirlsdream**

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BBCF Board Members in Action

Members of the BBCF Board of Directors are asked to give of their 'Time, Talent, and Treasures' in service to the Foundation. Their time is measured in their regular attendance at board & committee meetings, retreats, & developmental workshops. Their contributions of talent and treasure are specific to each member and have an immeasurable impact on the work of the BBCF. We call upon our Board members to represent the organization and to be a voice for the communities they serve. The commitment members demonstrate to Black Belt communities is evident in their support of the Foundation and its initiatives. The love they have for the communities they serve is paramount.



























November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Support the next 20 years of service with a donation today! **blackbeltfound.org/donate**				1	2
3 Daylight Saving Time End	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 **Annual Board Meeting and Retreat** DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - LOCATION TBD	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 **BBCF Offices Closed**	28 Thanksgiving Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	29 **BBCF Offices Closed**	30

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Learn more about the BBCF Throw & Go Contest.

Read Issue 25 of the Black Belt Bulletin, which details the history of the Annual Throw & Go Contest held by BBCF each year!

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A Night to Remember

On December 11, 2023, BBCF Community Associates hosted the 20th Anniversary Kick-Off Gala at the Auburn University Hotel & Dixon Conference Center in Auburn, AL. The evening was truly one to remember; complete with a red carpet, marquee lights, balloon arches, awe-inspiring speeches and an awards presentation; followed by food, fellowship, and dancing well into the night! The Gala event was a true success and a testament to the strength of the community in which we serve.

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary Gala, the Community Associates raised over $50,000 through program book ad sales and sponsorships. These funds will be used to support the 2024 Community Grants Program.



















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Community Associates Annual Retreat
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - LOCATION TBD

BBCF Offices Closed for Winter Break: Dec. 23, 2024 - Jan. 3, 2025

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

Donate to the Community Grants Program today!

blackbeltfound.org/donate



Black Belt Community Foundation

May your days be filled with peace, hope, and joy this holiday season. We wish you and yours good cheer in the spirit of giving and counting our many blessings. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the Black Belt Community Foundation!

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Happy New Year!

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	2	3	4
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12 Selma Tornado: 2-Year Anniversary	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day **BBCF Offices Closed**	21 National Day of Racial Healing	22	23	24	25
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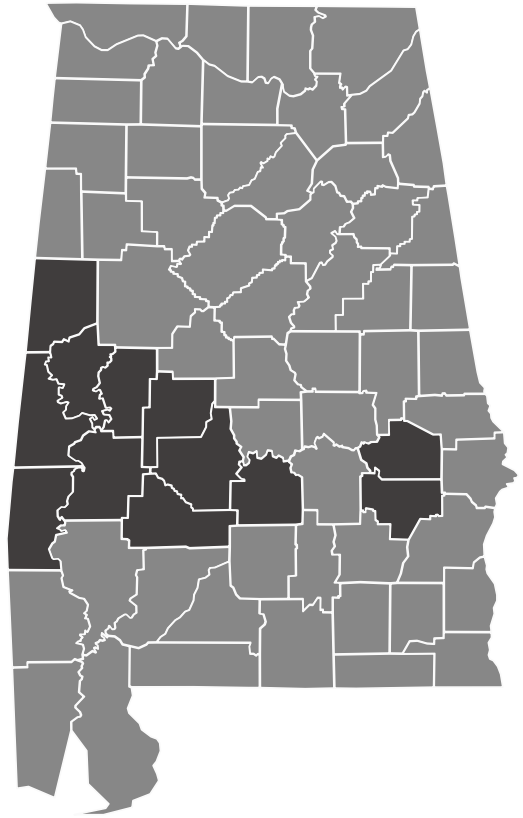
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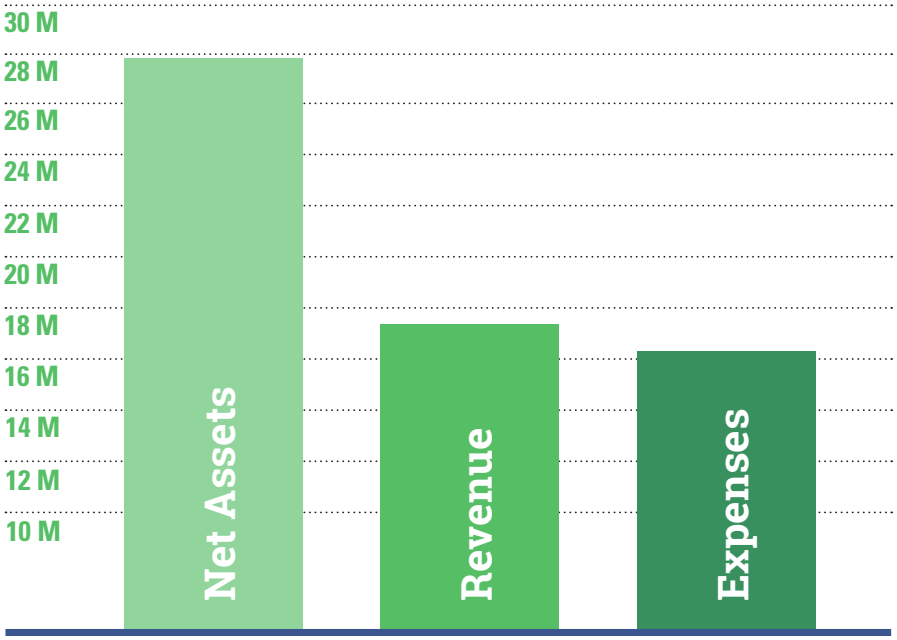


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$27,984,296 Net Assets

Assets	$28,868,001
Liabilities	$884,399

$17,157,478 Revenue

Grants & Grant Mgmt.	$16,044,291
Contributions	$925,160
Misc. Income	$188,027

$16,130,473 Expenses

Programs	$13,727,385
Fundraising	$140,788
Mgmt. & General	$2,262,300

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