



2026
BLACK BELT
**LEGACY
DINNER**

MONTGOMERY
ALABAMA

A CELEBRATION OF JUSTICE, LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

FEATURING

BRYAN STEVENSON

FOUNDER, EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE



OCTOBER 5, 2026

ELEVATION CONVENING
CENTER & HOTEL

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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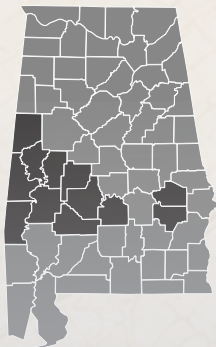


ABOUT THE BLACK BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The mission of the Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) is to forge a collective stream of giving from the community and other sources so we, the people of the Black Belt, can enhance our continuing efforts to lift ourselves by “taking what we have to make what we need.” The vision of BBCF is of a transformed Black Belt where all of our people live and work in healthy, prosperous, inclusive, educated, creative, and giving communities.

As a community foundation, we provide a way for both individuals and institutions to pool their contributions and create a significant local impact together. Since its founding in 2004, the BBCF has raised and distributed over \$20 million in grants to nonprofits that are making a difference in local communities. Some of the notable projects funded include: Storm Shelters, Tornado Relief/Rebuilding, Selma Housing Giveaway, W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s Truth, Racial, Healing & Transformation, and the Head Start program.

Headquartered in Selma, Alabama, BBCF’s service area encompasses a 12-county region that stretches from the State’s eastern border with Georgia to the State’s western border with Mississippi.



OUR COUNTIES:

Bullock, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene,
Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo,
Perry, Pickens, Sumter, Wilcox



ABOUT THE BLACK BELT LEGACY DINNER



MONDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2026



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COCKTAIL RECEPTION
6:00 P.M.

Established in 2014, the Legacy Dinner honors individuals whose leadership, service, and commitment have made a lasting impact on Alabama and its communities. Proceeds from the event support BBCF's grantmaking and community initiatives throughout the Black Belt.

This year, we are proud to honor **BRYAN STEVENSON**, Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative. More than 150 business, civic, philanthropic, and community leaders will gather to recognize his extraordinary contributions to justice, leadership, and opportunity, while celebrating those who continue to serve the people of the Black Belt.

We invite you to become a Legacy Dinner Sponsor and join us in investing in the future of Alabama's Black Belt. Sponsorship opportunities and benefits are enclosed.

*Thank you for your consideration
and generous support.*



2026 HOST COMMITTEE

**The Honorable
John H. England, Jr.**
*Alabama Supreme
Court Justice, Retired*

**Major General
Walter D. Givhan**
United States Air Force, Retired

Mayor Steven L. Reed
City of Montgomery

Dr. Quintin Ross
*President, Alabama
State University*



ABOUT THE HONOREE

Bryan Stevenson

Founder and Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative

Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), a nationally recognized human rights organization based in Montgomery, Alabama. A widely acclaimed public interest lawyer, Stevenson has dedicated his career to advocating for the poor, the incarcerated, and the wrongly condemned.

Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges addressing excessive sentencing, wrongful convictions, and the treatment of children in the criminal legal system. His work in Alabama helped bring national attention to issues of injustice deeply connected to the history and communities of the Black Belt region. Stevenson also led the creation of EJI's internationally recognized Legacy Sites, including the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government, Stevenson is the author of the bestselling memoir *Just Mercy*, which was adapted into an award-winning feature film. His work has earned numerous honors, including the MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant and the National Humanities Medal presented by President Joe Biden.

Through his advocacy, scholarship, and leadership, Stevenson continues to inspire communities to confront injustice while advancing a more hopeful and equitable future.



“You don’t change the world with the ideas in your mind, but with the conviction in your heart.”

-Bryan Stevenson



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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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\$25K MARQUEE SPONSOR

- Title Sponsorship of the 2026 Legacy Dinner (Presented by Company Name and/or logo)
- Logo inclusion on: all promotional and event materials (adjacent to event title), LED screen at the event, BBCF website with a link to your organization's website
- Dedicated sponsor spotlight on BBCF social media leading up to the event
- One reserved table of ten (10) seats - premier placement

\$20K PLATINUM SPONSOR

- First Tier Sponsorship of the 2026 Legacy Dinner
- Logo inclusion on: all promotional and event materials (top tier), LED screen at the event, BBCF website with a link to your organization's website
- Dedicated sponsor spotlight on BBCF social media leading up to the event
- One reserved table of ten (10) seats - premier placement

\$15K GOLD SPONSOR

- Second Tier Sponsorship of the 2026 Legacy Dinner
- Logo inclusion on: all promotional and event materials (second tier), LED screen at the event, BBCF website with a link to your organization's website
- Five (5) reserved seats
- *Two Gold sponsors are seated together at one table, with five seats each*

\$10K SILVER SPONSOR

- Third Tier Sponsorship of the 2026 Legacy Dinner
- Logo inclusion on: event program (third tier) and BBCF website with a link to your organization's website
- Five (5) reserved seats
- *Two Silver sponsors are seated together at one table, with five seats each*

\$5K BRONZE SPONSOR

- Four (4) reserved seats
- Listing in the event program and on the BBCF website

\$2.5K PATRON SPONSOR

- Two (2) reserved seats
- Name recognition in the event program

Your sponsorship is tax deductible as allowed under the law.

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SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization / Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ I would like to be a Sponsor at the following level:

☐ Marquee Sponsor (\$25,000)

☐ Silver Sponsor (\$10,000)

☐ Platinum Sponsor (\$20,000)

☐ Bronze Sponsor (\$5,000)

☐ Gold Sponsor (\$15,000)

☐ Patron Sponsor (\$2,500)

☐ I am unable to attend, but enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

SEATING INFO

Please list the guests attending under your sponsorship or purchased tickets below. Sponsors who wish to donate their table or tickets may indicate so below. If guest names are not yet available, please submit your guest list to development@blackbeltfound.org by **September 1, 2026**.

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

5: _____

6: _____

7: _____

8: _____

9: _____

10: _____

PAYMENT & GIVING INFO

Make checks payable to: **Black Belt Community Foundation**

Online giving: blackbeltfound.org/2026-black-belt-legacy-dinner

*Please note: In lieu of tickets, reservations will be held at the door. To ensure inclusion in printed materials and promotional recognition, sponsorship commitments and logo submissions should be received by **September 1, 2026**.*

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