



The arrival of spring brings a renewed sense of purpose. In this edition of our newsletter, we're sharing how JBRF continues to show up for our East of the River communities. Whether we're cheering on D.C.'s future healthcare heroes or joining bold convenings in New Orleans and Atlanta, our commitment to purposeful action always keeps community at heart.

JBRF in the Community Committed to advancing health equity, opportunity, and systems level change

PEAK NOLA 2025

Manon Matchett (Director of Community and Strategic Initiatives) represented JBRF at the PEAK NOLA 2025 convening.



Hosted by PEAK Grantmaking, PEAK NOLA 2025 called for the philanthropic community to lead with courage and invest in community-led change.

Manon connected with sector peers like Miyesha Perry, PEAK Board Member and Chief Program Officer at the Kenneth Rainin Foundation.

She also visited the New Orleans African American Museum to honor the contributions of the African American diaspora.

ABFE Annual Harambee Conference

Laurin Kelly (Director of Operations & Project Management) and Raychl Speigner (Program Officer) stood alongside hundreds of changemakers committed to funding Black futures.

In April, our team joined the **largest convening of Black professionals in organized philanthropy** at the ABFE Annual Harambee Conference in Atlanta.

Centered on the theme “Let’s All Pull Together” the event was a call to action and unity.

We left inspired by the shared commitment to advancing equity. When Black communities lead, the entire sector moves forward.



Medical Ascension Awards Ceremony

JBRF co-sponsored the Spring 2025 awards ceremony with Sibley Memorial Hospital.



On April 5, we proudly **celebrated 37 young adults who completed the Spring Medical Ascension Youth Cycle.**

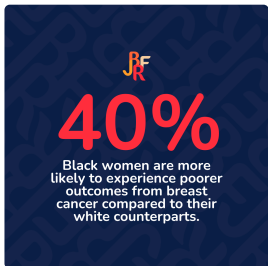
JBRF’s Manon Matchett, Victoria Harvey, and Sibley Memorial Hospital’s Elijah McDuffie joined the event to celebrate these aspiring healthcare professionals.

Participants led health talks, launched PSAs & podcasts, and practiced clinical exams. They received clinical kits from Sibley Memorial Hospital, along with certificates and prizes.



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