



This July, we're honoring the people and partnerships that reflect JBRF's commitment to community-led change. Whether supporting adult learners in their career growth or leaning on intentional leadership, our work is grounded in authentic collaboration.

Here's a look at how we've been showing up, and the stories we're proud to share.

A Juneteenth Celebration WANDA's Sisterhood Supper

We joined **Women Advancing Nutrition Dieticians and Agriculture (WANDA)** for their **5th Annual Sisterhood Supper**. It was a powerful gathering of women dedicated to healing, cultural connection, and community-led change.

The Sisterhood Supper re-imagines the dinner table as a site of memory, leadership, and joy.

We're proud to partner with organizations that center Black women's expertise, cultural knowledge, and food sovereignty as critical tools for community well-being. Together, we honor and uplift the traditions that nourish both body and spirit.



[Learn More About The Sisterhood Supper](#)

Leading with Intention Reflections from René Carter

In our latest [blog](#), **René Carter**, JBRF's **founding board member** and longtime equity advocate, reflects on the power of community-led philanthropy to shape a more just D.C.

Drawing on decades of experience, René emphasizes listening first, leading with care, and building systems rooted in trust, accountability, and collective action. Her insights call us to reimagine what it means to lead with intention and stay grounded in community wisdom.



[Read René's Reflections](#)

Supporting Adult Learners Academy of Hope Graduation

On June 17, we **celebrated the achievements of Academy of Hope's adult learners** who earned their diplomas and GEDs, opening doors to new career paths and brighter futures.

Raychl Speigner, JBRF Program Officer, **attended the ceremony** to cheer on graduates and reflect our shared belief that everyone deserves access to lifelong learning. Academy of Hope remains a cornerstone in Ward 7, equipping adults with tools to grow, lead, and thrive in their communities



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