



Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter. February marks Black History Month. It is a time to recognize the countless contributions Black citizens, from the trailblazers of the past to the leaders of today, have made throughout history. It's a moment to reflect on the profound impacts that continue to shape our society today.

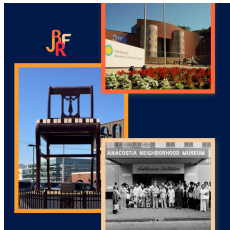
At JBRF, our mission is to empower Black women in Wards 7 and 8 by providing them with the resources and opportunities to build economic mobility and support their career growth. We are dedicated to using philanthropy for equitable treatment in life and healthcare, while celebrating the brilliance of the Black community to lead and inspire.

We believe celebrating Black history goes beyond one month—it's at the heart of everything we do.

Rooted in Resilience: Anacostia's Legacy

Anacostia's history is one of power and perseverance. From the Big Chair, a symbol of strength, to the everyday changemakers shaping the community, this neighborhood embodies resilience. The Anacostia Community Museum has preserved these stories, ensuring future generations continue to be inspired by the changemakers of yesterday.

Discover more about Anacostia's history in our latest [post](#).



World Cancer Day: Taking Action

Did you know that Ward 8 has the highest cancer incidence in D.C. (453 cases per 100,000) and nearly double the mortality rate compared to Ward 3?

Cancer remains one of the most pressing health challenges for Black women in Washington D.C, particularly in Ward 7 and 8 communities. Early detection and access to care can save lives, yet many Black women still face systemic inequities that deny them access to early detection, quality treatment, and survivor support.

With World Cancer Day on February 4th, this month serves as a critical reminder of the need for awareness, prevention, and equitable healthcare. At JBRF, we are committed to reducing racial, health, and economic disparities through a trust-based philanthropy approach. We continue to advocate for sustainable healthcare solutions to ensure every woman gets the care she deserves. Too often, routine screenings are overlooked but they are essential for early detection and better outcomes. Prioritize your health and schedule your screening today.

Learn more [here](#).



[Read the full blog here.](#)

Spotlight: Women Advancing Nutrition, Dietetics, and Agriculture (WANDA)



We're highlighting **WANDA**, a movement empowering Black women and girls to lead change in food, agriculture, and nutrition.

Founded in 2016 by **Tambra Raye Stevenson**, WANDA advocates for healthier communities by championing food justice and wellness.

JBRF is proud to support **WANDA** as they heal and strengthen communities through the power of food.

[Learn about WANDA](#)



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