



Before turning fully toward what lies ahead, we want to take a moment to reflect on a meaningful close to 2025.

December offered us valuable opportunities to engage with inspiring leaders, gather at community events and partner convenings, deepen relationships, and continue listening closely to the voices shaping our work. We are carrying these experiences forward as we move into the year ahead with renewed focus and intention.

JBRF In Action

Investing in Non-profit Leadership



Nonprofit leaders from across the region came together at **Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business for New Strategies Rising**, a four-day experience focused on strengthening sustainability, strategy, and long-term impact.

Through hands-on learning and shared insight, participants explored new approaches to funding, storytelling, and organizational growth — all grounded in real-world practice and community connection.

We're proud to support this work through our **SustainABLE Community Initiatives (SCI)** portfolio. More highlights — and voices from the room — are coming soon on our social media.

JBRF Team Spotlight

Celebrating Laurin Kelly's Impact

We're proud to celebrate **Laurin Kelly**, JBRF's Director of Operations and Project Management, on her recent recognition at the **Black in Business Awards**.

Laurin's leadership and vision reflect years of dedication and community-centered work. Being recognized in a space dedicated to celebrating Black excellence underscores the power of strong networks, intentional growth, and showing up authentically while doing meaningful work.



What Guides Our Work

Inside our SustainABLE Community Initiatives



At JBRF, our approach starts with listening. Through our **SustainABLE Community Initiatives (SCI)**, we invest in wellness, collaboration, and capacity building to help nonprofits strengthen leadership and build long-term resilience.

We're building a sustainable foundation for the future of East of the Anacostia River by working directly alongside community leaders and organizations. Learn more about it on our website.

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