



Across our communities, **health, opportunity, and stability** are shaped by the systems and support that surround us. From maternal health to nonprofit leadership to community-based pathways for growth, **these connections matter.**

At JBRF, we center this understanding in **everything** we do. This month, we highlight the people, insights, and partnerships working to **strengthen communities** and **expand access** to care, support, and opportunity.

JBRF Insights
Our Latest Blogpost



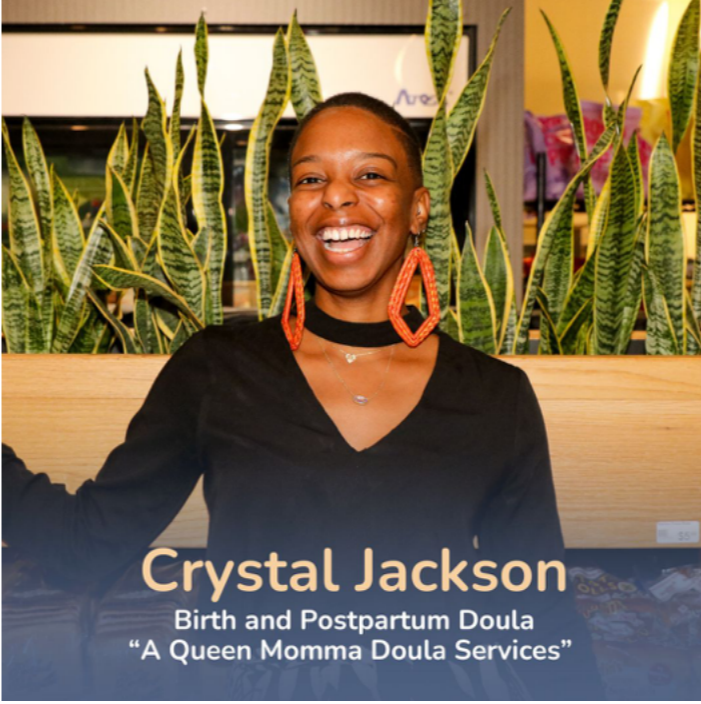
Nonprofits are **essential** to how communities function, yet many are being **pushed to operate in survival mode** as demand grows and resources fall short. Behind this strain are deeper, structural challenges impacting **funding, leadership, and long-term sustainability.**

In our latest piece, we explore what's driving these pressures, why Black-led nonprofits are often most affected, and what it **really takes** to build stronger, more resilient organizations.

Community Spotlight
Crystal Jackson

Black Maternal Health Week is a moment to spotlight the disparities affecting Black mothers and the people working to change them. During this week, we are highlighting doulas and the vital support they provide to Black women and families.

We're featuring **Crystal Jackson**, founder of [A Queen Momma Doula Services](#), whose work centers compassionate, continuous care through pregnancy, birth, and postpartum.



JBRF In Action
Showing Up Across Our Community



JBRF was proud to join the [Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School](#) at its Ward 5 Campus for their **College and Career Fair**. Pictured: **Marja Hilfiker**, co-founder of Academy of Hope; **Connie Williams**, founder of Plenty to Eat and Academy of Hope alum; and JBRF team members **Shilpa Kothari** and **Raychl Speigner**.

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66%
of nonprofits say funding stability is their biggest challenge.

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