



Welcome to the ACLU of Louisiana's Black Donor Network

Thank you for your participation in this historic group. Black communities have given our time, talent, and treasure, from the time of slavery to Reconstruction, through Jim Crow and the Civil Rights Movement, to today's Racial Justice movement. Black philanthropy has made organizing for civil rights possible. It has sustained our churches, nurtured our families and our neighbors' families, preserved our culture, and built our communities. The ACLU of Louisiana's Black Donor Network is grounded in the recognition that Black philanthropy is movement work. With dedicated and strategic effort, we will endeavor to:

1. Create a philanthropic community between our Black supporters and honor your support of the ACLU of Louisiana and allied organizations as part of the historic movement for racial justice;
2. Facilitate a safe, inclusive peer learning group where you can openly discuss your lived experiences, philanthropic goals in Louisiana, and any success or challenges you've encountered pursuing those goals while also sharing feedback about how ACLU of LA and partnering organizations can grow our base of Black supporters;
3. Support you in advancing your philanthropic goals by bringing in desired speakers and resources;
4. Cultivate a joint gift to the ACLU of Louisiana, and individual gifts to allied organizations working in the spaces you are passionate about;

Your Commitment: From March - October, we will have monthly, evening meetings by Zoom, covering topics such as: Giving and the Black Experience; The Landscape of Racial Justice Work in Louisiana; Fundraising While Black; and Using Our Platforms to Drive Resources to Equity and Inclusion. We will have one in-person event during the Essence Festival, and conclude the program with an in-person event in the fall. As a member of the Black Donor Network, your ongoing feedback will be paramount to the success of our program. Thank you for your support of the ACLU of Louisiana!