



Lace on Race Weekly Newsletter May 6, 2020

Part of adding more transparency and ease as you walk with the Lace on Race community is our desire to post a weekly update. Each weekly update will highlight the prominent posts that are important for you to read and engage with, the status of budget for the month, and our featured organizations for the month.

Our Latest Website Posts:

bit.ly/AprilShowersMayAsk

bit.ly/PracticePreventsParalysis

May Budget Numbers: \$734/\$2,000

May Featured Organizations:

<p><i>I Am My Brother's Keeper:</i></p>	<p>I Am My Brother's Keeper is Building a Stronger Community and a Sustainable San Diego. They do this using a three pronged approach.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. M.E.N. (Men Engaging Neighborhoods) - members of IAMBK walk neighborhoods and talk with the youth about their personal health, personal wealth, and personal protection. Teaching our youth the importance of healthy living and sustainability while introducing them to the organizations, small businesses and activists in their communities already doing their part to create a safer, wealthier, and more socially conscious California.
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<p><i>I Am My Brother's Keeper (cont'd):</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. IAMBK Green - provides a variety of wrap-around training and counseling services in their courses. In addition to construction skills, IAMBK Green provides basic math and reading skills, and resume review. They also aid with job searching skills, and basic computer skills. To give its participants a strong foundation in the green economy, IAMBK has added an environmental literacy component from the ROOTS of Success Environmental Literacy Curriculum developed by Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes. 3. Mentoring - reaching out to families and youth that may have a need for positive role models. IAMBK firmly believes that everyone should have 3 people in their lives: the one that walks ahead that we can look up to; one who walks beside us and help us every step of the way; and the one who we reach back for and bring along after we have cleared the way.
<p><i>Voix Noire: (under the Gumball Machine umbrella)</i></p>	<p>Voix Noire is a safe space for Black women, marginalized genders and children to seek and receive assistance via reparations from non-Black individuals. They send grocery orders across the country via SHIPT, Dumpling, Walmart and Instacart. Often these deliveries are the only food some families receive. Voix Noire is also helping families and community organizers in urban food deserts create and sustain community gardens. They need at least \$500 per week to sustain those efforts.</p>
<p><i>Kinfolk Kollektive</i></p>	<p>Kinfolk Kollektive is a one-woman show run by LaSha Patterson-Verona. LsSha is boldly outspoken about her love and celebration of black people. In her space, she provides ongoing support for black single mothers (food, shelter, eviction prevention, assisting in escaping dangerous domestic violence situations, etc.). Kinfolk Kollektive also organizes annual back to school and Christmas initiatives to partner donors with recipients at especially costly times of the year. Currently LaSha has a fund specifically for needs connected to COVID-19 - still primarily to aid black single mothers.</p>

For those of you who want to become Sustainers, or who consider yourselves Sustainers but have yet to fill out the form for 2020, let us know, and we'll walk you through the process. A

Sustainer is one who commits to regular monthly financial engagement with the Lace on Race Community and our partner organizations. If you are interested in becoming a sustainer, please fill out the sustainer form [here](#). Please feel free to contact an admin if you have questions.

April Organization Distributions:

<i>Black Doctors COVID19 Consortium:</i>	\$370 distributed in April
<i>Rent Fund for Undocumented People- COVID19 in Seattle:</i>	\$465 distributed in April
<i>Bridge of Love Across the Border:</i>	\$465 distributed in April
<i>COVID-19 Mutual Aid Fund for LGBTQI+BIPOC:</i>	\$415 distributed in April
<i>Philadelphia Community Bail Fund (PCBF) :</i>	\$300 distributed in April

We are giving thanks for your generosity, which allows Lace on Race to act in concert with our ethos.