



**Lace on Race Weekly Newsletter June 4, 2020**

Lace and her Team would like to welcome new walkers! We hope you find your time here challenging, exhorting, and that you find durable and reliable community here, all in the service of reducing systemic and personal harm to Black and brown people. Be sure to read the Guidelines; they will help you to navigate this space best. We also want to welcome our newest Sustainer Circle members. Sustainer Circle members don't get more; more is expected of them, as they lean into enhanced roles in the LoR community.

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/DoingTheWorkWithResolve](https://bit.ly/DoingTheWorkWithResolve)

[bit.ly/JuneAsk1](https://bit.ly/JuneAsk1)

June Budget Numbers: \$5,000/\$5,000 goal

*May Featured Organizations (\$3,574/\$2,000 goal):*

<i>I Am My Brother's Keeper:</i>	\$1,191 distributed to date
<i>Voix Noire: (under the Gumball Machine umbrella)</i>	\$1,191 distributed to date
<i>Kinfolk Collective</i>	\$1,191 distributed to date

*May Featured Organizations (who they are):*

<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"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li></ol>
<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>

*Kinfolk Kollektive*

Kinfolk Kollektive is a one-woman show run by LaSha Patterson-Verona. LaSha 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.

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