



# Lace on Race Newsletter

August 2021

*Our North Star*

**TO LESSEN AND MITIGATE THE HARM  
ENDURED BY BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE  
PERPETUATED BY WHITE PEOPLE  
AND WHITE SUPREMACY**

## COMMUNITY & NEW MEMBER WELCOME

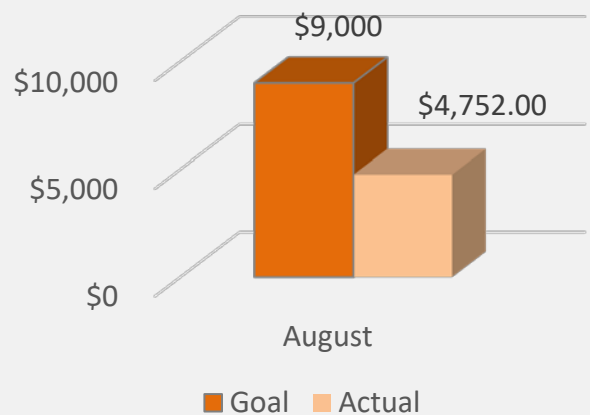
Check it out!

**[Community Guidelines](#)**

Register and join us at

**[Lace on Race Café](#)**

## AUGUST UPDATE



PayPal: [paypal.me/LaceonRace](https://paypal.me/LaceonRace)

the seeds that  
have been planted,  
where I see our words  
and ethos echoed in  
other spaces,

**DIDN'T  
JUST  
HAPPEN**

# LACE ON RACE FEATURED POSTS

## HESED REMINDER – REQUIRED COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE

**WE ARE NEW PEOPLE DOING NEW THINGS IN NEW WAYS! YOU ARE LOVINGLY BEING CALLED IN – NEW NORMS APPLY. ENGAGE IN LACE ON RACE CAFÉ, CROSS-POST, RESPOND TO AT LEAST 2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS & SHARE TO YOUR NETWORKS.**

[Early September Invitation to Engage](#)

[Lace on Race Live – Birthday Celebration and Ask Me Anything](#)

[The Six Tenets: Introduction, I, II, III and IV](#)

[Lace on Race Website Scavenger Activity](#)

[Lace on Race Trivia: 101, 201, 301](#)

[Get to Know Lace: Two Truths and a Lie](#)

## KEY POSTS TO VISIT & REVISIT

STARTER POSTS
<u><a href="#">Guideline Videos</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Community Onboarding</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Relational Ethics</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Obstacles to Growth &amp; Community</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Encouragement, Exhortation &amp; the Can't</a></u>
<u><a href="#">React, Emojis &amp; Engagement</a></u>
<u><a href="#">White Woman &amp; Oppression</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Critical Discussion Posts</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Hope &amp; Vision</a></u>

# CHEF ' S TABLE & SUSTAINERS CIRCLE

## Chef's Table:

*Chef's Table at the Lace on Race Café is a forum for walkers who are ready to work deeper, harder and faster in service to our North Star. Walkers invited to this table will have demonstrated relentless reliability; resilience through lumpy crossings; dedicated financial engagement (of any capacity); and high levels of community participation. [Chef's Table Self-Evaluation Form](#)*

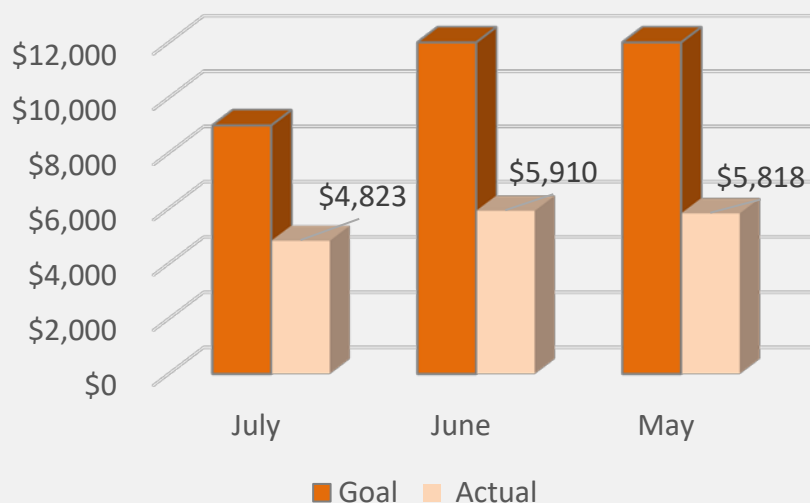
## Sustainers Circle:

*A sustainer is someone who has consistently been in the Lace on Race community for six months or more and is committed to financially sustaining this space and reliably engaging in the community. [Sustainer Application](#)*

## Sustainer-in-Training:

*If you have not yet met Sustainer criteria due to the six-month active community member requirement and are still interested in becoming a Sustainer, please fill out our [Sustainer-in-Training Form](#).*

## PREVIOUS FINANCIAL ENGAGEMENT



***To community walkers who have and continue to financially engage, we give thanks. It's your generosity that allows Lace on Race to act in concert with our ethos.***

# LACE ON RACE MENTAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH FUND

*This fund will allow Black and Brown women to find time for themselves in authentic, healing self-care. To be able to stop, reflect, to rest. To be able to grieve, to mourn, to commiserate. To experience playfulness and joy, while cherishing one another and themselves.*

*Monthly engagement goal is to disburse up to \$1,000 from this fund.*

To Apply  
To Contribute

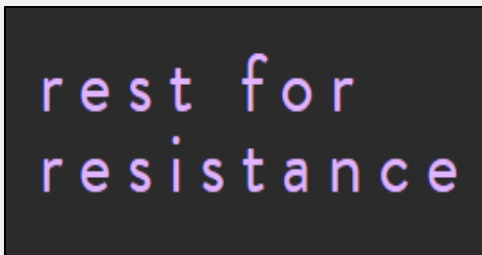
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Menu Order Form

## FEATURED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Rest for Resistance (QTOPC Mental Health)  
Online Organization



*Rest for Resistance strives to uplift marginalized communities, those who rarely get access to adequate health care or social support.*

*We create healing spaces for LGBTQIA+ individuals, namely trans & queer people of color, as well as other stigmatized groups such as sex workers, immigrants, persons with physical and/or mental disabilities, and those living at the intersections of all these.*

**Engagement: \$1,000**

Dignified Learning Project  
Headquartered in San Diego, CA



*Working for transformative education to manifest the values of dignity through student services, teacher collaboration and community engagement.*

**Engagement: \$1,000**



August was hot.

It was hot here in Lemon Grove on my coronavirus couch and at my kitchen table oh, but it was hot in a lot more ways than that!

It was hot in the fun and the joy that we as a community celebrated together, as we played games and learned about our new refreshed website and honored and lifted up our beloved Catherine DeBose.

As much fun as it was for me to go back and look at old articles and add refreshed commentary, and also to play the games myself (holding my breath and hoping that I got 100% oh, because it was kind of dicey a couple of times there), it was also a time of contemplation and reflection for me.

As I went back over the last three and a half years of our lives together, of our time together as a community; as I revisited conversations in the comments, as I thought about faces old and new, I was refreshed and renewed.

We as a community have grown and changed, we have expanded even in contraction, and in return, we have changed lives outside of our own shared Orchard.

Count it all joy.

I have to say (speaking of deep joy), one of the greatest joys of my life is in listening to you all, in reading your personal communications to me oh, and also in reading your thoughtful and authentic comments.

For some of you who've walked with me for a significant period of time, I can absolutely see the growth; I can see the new shoots that are coming up from your orange trees and I have indeed tasted the fruit of your efforts and of your commitment.

In a new practice that I am developing, I go back, and I read them. And read them. And read them again. You should too.

I am so proud to be walking with each and everyone of you, seasoned Walkers and new Walkers alike.

I see you as you were, I see you as you are now oh, and I also have this gorgeous fictive vision of the people we are becoming-- both individually and as a community.

Even through the tribulations of this last year, we have thrived; our Orchard is healthy.

That's because of you.



I hope that I have given you nourishment and tools for the journey, but as I've said so many times, I cannot do it for you oh, but I will absolutely do it with you, and for that reason I am so encouraged.

I hear stories about all of you in the workplace, and your families, in your own internal lives that makes us individually and collectively safer and the living balms for those who are harmed by white supremacy, and that makes me weep even as I walk ever faster.

This is a big deal.

It's wonderful to savor who we have been and what we have done in the last three and a half years.

It is galvanizing to see the people that we are now, even despite deep pain and harm done to our community.

In the Lace on Race live that we did on August 25th, in the Ask Me Anything portion, (which I \*cannot wait\* to do again!) someone asks where I find my hope.

I find my hope in our shared future.

The entire point of becoming a formal entity was for legacy.

Real Talk: white supremacy will not end in our lifetime; this is truth no matter if you're 20 or 50 or 80. So our walking must be reliable and resolute.

Hear that again.

This goal we have set for ourselves, the North Star of Lace on Race will not be fully realized In Our Lifetime.

I do not find that discouraging. Our North Star is lessening and mitigating the harm endured by Black and brown people.

That truth is acknowledged and confronted and folded into our absolutely audacious and utterly realistic mission.

The work will need to continue beyond us.

The Lace on Race Center for Racial Equity is to ensure that this important work continues beyond our mortal lives.

The work that we are doing in this present moment- it's not only for the people we see, but also for the people we don't see, and even more crucially, for those who have yet to be born.

We need to keep that 'high aim steering' that calls us to focus on the future even as we work in the present.

So, while August was wonderful, so wonderful, it's just the appetizer.

We need to, individually and collectively, continue to serve up good and nourishing Praxis that extends beyond us out into the world both here and now and in the future.

And we are doing just that.

Thank you for Lifting me up; your words of encouragement do not fall on deaf ears. I cherish and treasure every one of them.

Keep them coming.

My promise is the same as every other month- I am here for the Long Haul and I will never cease to walk with you.

Thank you for walking with me.

Lace up.



**Lace Watkins, Founder & Executive Director**



**[Check Me Out!](#)**