

annual report

In 2020 we developed a strategic vision to rebuild and strengthen Black-led infrastructure for systemic social change. Today we share our continued success on our strategic priority areas.

Organize Collective Investments in Black-led Social Change to Build Political and Economic Power.



Carried out research and deepened conversations with ABFE members and partners to create and promote funder collaboratives that support infrastructure building for Black-led organizations around the country.



Advanced our partnership with Candid® for joint research project examining the funding experience of Black-led nonprofits and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).



In partnership with ABFE's Umoja Circle network, released a report illustrating how Black Foundation CEOs are addressing anti-Black racism in "A Spirit of Unity: How Black Foundation CEOs are Advancing the Call to Action on Anti-Black Racism for Philanthropy".

Sustain and Expand Philanthropic Advising Services to Influence National and Local Funder Investment in Black-led Social Change.



Leveraged ABFE members to design and execute a seminar series at Bowie State University, the oldest Historically Black University in Maryland, as we partner to launch a fellowship and degree program in philanthropy and nonprofit management.



Partnered with the Association of Corporate Citizenship Professionals (ACCP) to conduct a workshop with corporate leaders.



In partnership with Meta®, and the Young, Black, and Giving Back Institute produced the "Black Nonprofit Fundraising Guide".



Training team engaged 12 clients with work ranging from introductory workshops to more extensive technical assistance support.

Working with ABFE in learning and applying the Race Equity Impact Assessment tools has supported the team in continuing to develop critical technical and adaptive skills and knowledge to be able to engage in deeper conversations, analysis, and understanding of where children and families are impacted by systems. ABFE's style of coaching and engagement provides an interactive and safe learning environment for vulnerable conversations and impactful application. A truly enlightening, empowering and ongoing process we are embracing with intention.

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CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

Strengthen and Diversify ABFE's Membership

Back in person! After two years of all virtual convenings, ABFE moved back to in-person and hybrid convenings.

Harambee 2022

Harambee 2022 welcomed nearly 900 leaders in philanthropy to the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. to contribute to a series of curated sessions and plenaries that not only amplified ABFE's ten imperatives for the philanthropic sector but focused on subjects and policy themes important to Black communities.

James Joseph Lecture Awards

Judy Belk, President and Chief Executive Officer at the California Wellness Foundation, was awarded as the James A. Joseph lecturer at the 31st annual awards ceremony. The James A. Joseph Lecture was established in 1991 in honor of ABFE's co-founder and distinguished philanthropic leader, Ambassador James A. Joseph. Each year, this award recognizes an outstanding individual whose visionary leadership and stewardship of progressive philanthropic ideals advance ABFE's mission. The Lecture is an illustration of our continuing commitment to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas about the role of philanthropy in addressing the concerns of Black communities.

Additional awardees included:

Institutional Award: If, A Foundation for Radical Possibility
Emerging Leader in Philanthropy: Jacoria Borders, Program Officer at The Arthur M. Blank Foundation

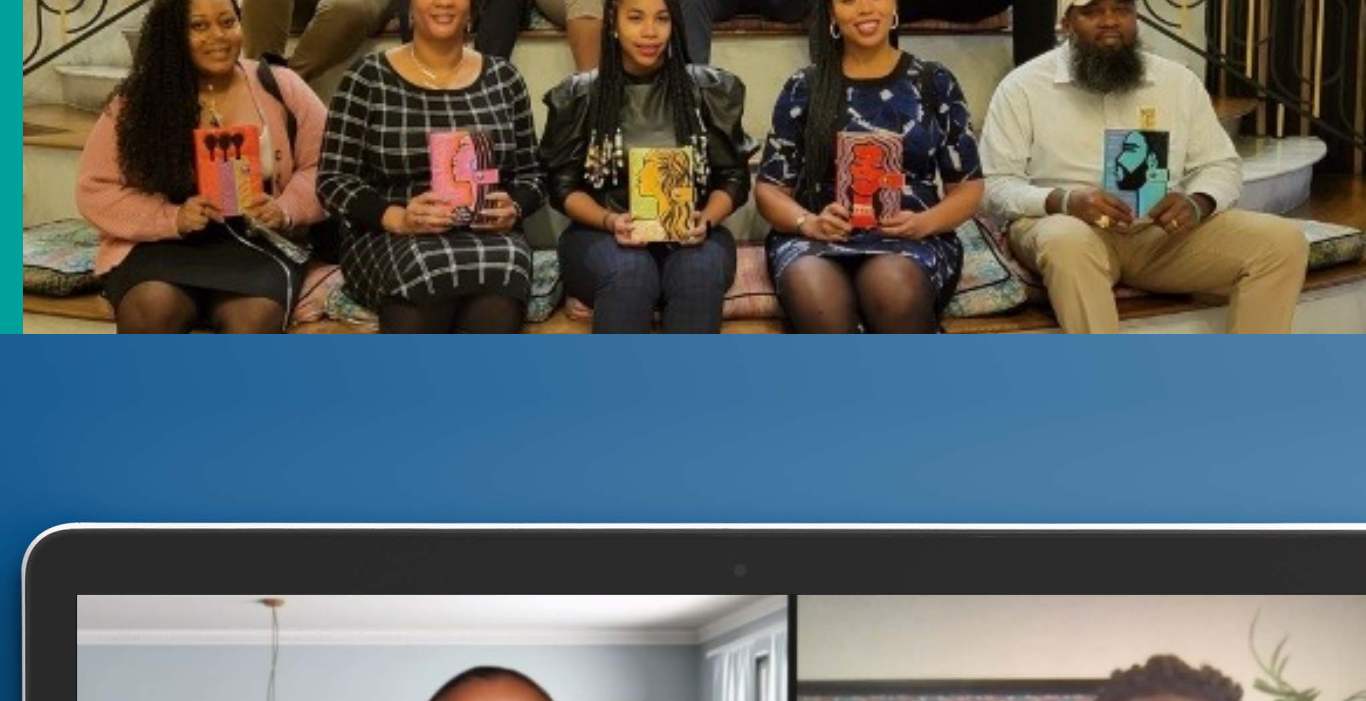
Traillblazer: Social Change Fund United; Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, and Dwyane Wade

Black Women in Philanthropy Leadership Retreat

Formerly Women in Philanthropy, reunited in San Diego, with nearly 120 sector leaders committed to the journey of revitalizing wellness and healing in their leadership. This was our largest retreat in our nine-year history.

Connecting Leaders Fellowship Program

Program launched the 17th class of fellows. These ten fellows will embark on a year-long experience designed to sharpen the skills and strengthen the leadership capacity of foundation staff, donors, and trustees who are committed to supporting Black communities through philanthropy.

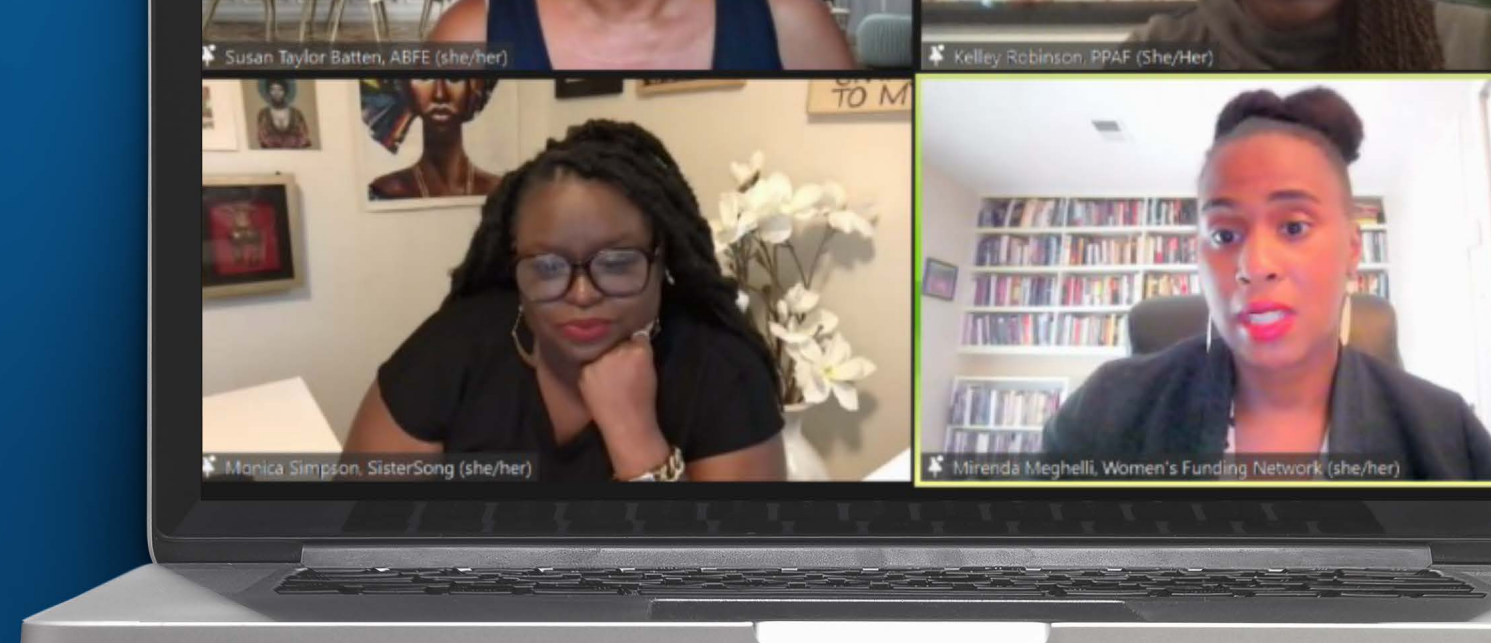


Webinars

Our January webinar, "From Reaction to Action - Using All Resources to Inform Racially Equitable Corporate Philanthropy," aimed to not only address the historical and ongoing racial injustices facing Black communities but served to help grantmaking partners better assess how they shift their financial influence, from reaction to action.

In July, we held a funder briefing on "Black Women's Reproductive Health" aimed to lift up Black-led reproductive justice organizations and their collective response to Supreme Court and other state court decisions regarding Roe v. Wade.

In October, we held, "Funding Advocacy 101: Understanding Philanthropy's Role in Advancing Social Change," featuring United Philanthropy Forum and aimed to enhance the philanthropic community's shared understanding of how to effectively advocate on behalf of public policy matters that align with their respective organizational mission and work.



Convenings



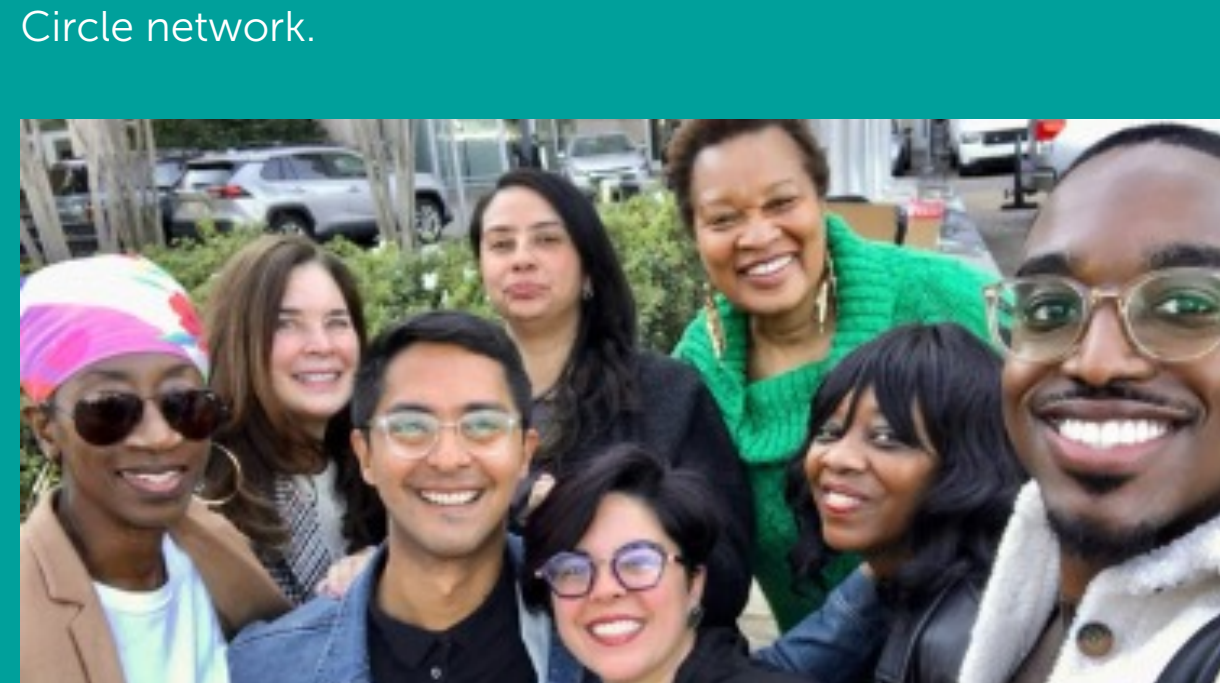
In partnership with JP Morgan Chase, we curated a session that examined the prosperity gap, socio-economic disparity, and the social equity challenges facing Black communities. Watch a recap [here](#).



Convened Black Family Foundations in Miami's historic Overtown area to discuss the work of the communities they serve and explore opportunities to partner and learn as we remain committed to supporting Black communities.



Continued to convene Black Foundation CEOs across the country on topics including how philanthropy can collaborate to address issues of anti-Blackness, insights on deploying federal funds in Black communities, and how to best prepare for attacks on racial equity work and funding in our Umoja Circle network.



In November, Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP) & ABFE shared a week exploring the Civil Rights movement in a collective journey to Atlanta, Georgia and Montgomery, Alabama. Together, we dove deeper into the past and the present systems and policies that have hindered Black and Brown communities from fully collaborating on initiatives to eradicate the social disparities we both face. The time shared was an effort to go deeper into the experience of Black Americans and Afro-Latinx of the south while equipping us with important tools to continue to advance equity on the path to justice and liberation for our intrinsically connected communities.



Hosted first-ever corporate community hack-a-thon for Black professionals in corporate philanthropy to discuss the opportunity to build a continuous learning network to support corporate colleagues in advocating for Black communities in their grantmaking, business, and other philanthropic giving.



Convened Black Foundation trustees in California and during the Harambee conference to discuss opportunities to further support our shared commitment to addressing anti-Black racism to positively impact the health, wealth, and well-being of Black communities in California.



Launched Smart Investment Network, a network for investment officers, asset allocators, and diverse asset managers with an explicit focus on supporting Black-led investment firms and promoting equitable investment practices.



ABFE's Membership Monday's Member Spotlight series is an opportunity to shine the light on our members to further grow our engagement efforts. This year, the following members have participated in the series:

- UDCs College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences
- University of District of Columbia
- The Smith Family Foundation
- Health Forward Foundation
- Gilead Sciences, Inc
- Greater Washington Community Foundation
- Avenues for Justice
- Seattle Foundation

ABFE Growth Fund to Support Infrastructure and Capacity



Strengthened staff infrastructure in the areas of programs, networks, finance, and administration.



Moved to fully remote office with national staff footprint.



Hired Black-owned investment firm to support growth of fiscal reserves.

Coming Up in 2023

Events

- Launching a Community Healing Philanthropy for colleagues that identify as Black Women in Philanthropy.
- Partnering with Catchafire to offer our Black-led nonprofit members free access to their wrap-around services and skills-building platform.
- **Leverage the Trust California Trustee Retreat**
March 23-25, 2023 - Manhattan Beach
- **Let's all Pull together - Harambee 2023**
April 13-15 - Downtown, Raleigh NC
- **10th Annual Black Women in Philanthropy Retreat**
Note, this event is member-only.
- **Leverage the Trust National convening**

Engage

- ABFE research on how philanthropy supports Historically Black Colleges and Universities, done in partnership with Candid.
- Launching national network of Black community funds open to grant makers and intermediary funders to build greater economic and political power in Black communities and within community foundations.
- Continuing the work with Community Foundations to address racially equitable practices and funding strategies while introducing the concept of Sustainable Development Goals.

