

Celebrate Black Philanthropy Month An Annual, Global Celebration of African-Descent Giving

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Dr. Jacqueline Copeland-Carson of Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network established the month of August as Black Philanthropy Month in 2011 with recognition by the United Nations as part of its Declaration of 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent. Since its founding, millions of people and organizations across the globe have celebrated every August as a month of celebration and renewal of giving to and by African-descent communities.

Black Philanthropy Month is an annual, global celebration of African-descent giving in all its forms.

The month-long observance invites all people of African ancestry and allied brothers and sisters to take August and beyond to promote the power of giving to transform lives; and

Black communities have vested reasons to celebrate and renew their rich, shared traditions of giving, self-help, and innovation throughout the world.

An extraordinary legacy of giving, volunteering and philanthropy and merit this concerted effort to lift up important stories, spotlight good work, educate the generations, and inspire collective action to advance justice for all African-descent people.

Understanding and generosity are instrumental to improving social, educational, economic and health outcomes in African-descent communities everywhere.

Philanthropy at its etymological root means *love of humankind*. Black Philanthropy Month affirms for the world, the love and humanity of African-descent people.

In the spirit of the UN Decade for People of African Descent, we encourage the global community to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural richness and philanthropic spirit of African-descent communities year-round, recognizing the vital role generosity plays in ensuring a healthy, safe and prosperous community in which to live, work and flourish.

For more information on Black Philanthropy Month, including how to recognize it in your region, as well as local events, visit blackphilanthropymonth.com. Join the movement online at #BPM2015, #BPM365, and @BPM.

