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| Name of Organization: | Feed Black Futures |
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| 5 Keyword Descriptors:  *Tutoring, afterschool, STEM, college access, career exploration* | Food distribution, Black mamas and caregivers, formerly incarcerated, food justice, Black farmers |
| Mission Statement:  *What’s the ‘missing” in your service area? How will you fill the gap? Who benefits?* | Creating a world where Black people have access to high-quality fresh food and the means and skills to produce it |
| Target Population: *Gender, age, socioeconomic status: infants 0- 4, youth 5-13, Females ages 14-18. Young adults 19-24 from underserved, urban communities. Adults with disabilities ages 25- 55 in the San Fernando Valley. Seniors 55+, afflicted with dementia or Alzheimer’s.* | Black mamas and caregivers impacted by incarceration and Black and Brown farmers.  Program recipients have to be a Black mama or caregiver and connected to Essie Justice Group or A New Way of Life Reentry  All 150 programming recipients are Black mamas and caregivers and their family members; 44% have been incarcerated, and 56% have been harmed by loved ones’ incarceration. Sixteen percent of the recipients are between ages 25-29, 8% are between ages 30-39, 60% are between ages 40-55, and 24% of the recipients are above 60 years old. Average size of household that receives food is 5.  We purchase produce, chicken, and eggs from two individual Black farmers that receive investment, 1 Latine operated farm, and two Black owned farmers market that support 8-15 farmers. |
| How many clients will you serve and how often? *Include the timeframe, monthly, quarterly, annually. e.g., 100 youth per month* | FY2021-2022   * 150 receive weekly or bi-monthly food delivery * (35 households + 6 Reentry homes) * 5 have received edible landscapes * 4 have received farmer training * 85 have received food justice education * 3 BlPOC food producers |
| What geographical area will your organization serve? *Community, City, State, Country. i.e., The West Athens community of South L.A.* | IE (6 families in San Bernardino County), LA (19 in South LA), 6 Reentry homes in LA, 7 families in Oakland |
| Describe the Gap your organization will fill? *List resources, training, education, opportunities, role models, alternatives, access, etc.* | * Food insecurity for Black families in South LA, the IE, and Oakland impacted by food apartheid   + Service provided= food deliveries, garden installation * Food injustices and loss of community connection to growing and providing food for many Black people   + Service provided= garden installation, food justice education, farmer training, financial investment for Black farmers |
| Describe the innovation in how your organization fills the gap. *Math tutoring by African American Alumnae Engineers, On-the-job training with industry professionals, Homework assistance via app.* | Feed Black Futures addresses Black economic and health inequities. We buy Black farms’ organic produce and eggs and deliver it to Black mamas/caregivers and their families facing food insecurity due to or exacerbated by their own or a loved one’s justice system involvement, and we give these mamas/caregivers the resources to support their families in growing food to eat or sell. |
| **Program Description(s):**  What are your organization’s programs?  *Youth development*  *College Readiness*  *Career Exploration*  *Relationship Counseling*  *Parenting Classes*  *Program title: From Boys2Men Rites of Passage*  *Service provided: Mentoring, homework assistance, college access and admissions, career planning, parenting/relationship counseling.*  Measurable goals: *What is the problem? Homelessness. What is the change (verb) your program will produce? i.e., increase, decrease, reduce, eliminate, cure*  By how much? *(% - make the goal attainable. Usually 10-25%)*  *e.g., To reduce homelessness by 10%*  Actionable objectives: *How will your org accomplish the goal? By hosting three interviewing techniques workshops per week*  What is the length, frequency and duration of each program?  How long will your programs run? *e.g., 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours*  How often will your programs be offered?  *e.g. 3 times a week, 4 times a month, once a quarter, twice a year*  How long is the program?  *12 weeks, 6 months, 1 year*  *e.g,.* ***Boys2Men Rites of Passage*** *is a male youth development program for young African American men ages, 12-24 from the Watts, Compton, West Athens communities of South Los Angeles. Youth are partnered with professional African American men, ages 25-65 who model positive characteristics, decision-making, healthy relationships and career choices. Participants attend a two-hour workshop every Saturday for 12 weeks, covering topics from peer pressure to goal setting, college, and career exploration, to healthy relationships. The goal of the Boy2Men Rites of passage program is to reduce the school-to-prison pipeline by 25% from these underserved, overrepresented communities by 2025.* | Provide a description (with all the information listed) for **EACH** Program |
| *Program One*:  **Farmer Training**: FBF provides scholarships to BIPOC owned farm, Huerta del Valle’s, farmer training program.  Participants are trained in topics such as soil chemistry and farm planning with an analysis of how racism has divorced people of color from the land. Participants learn how to prepare raised beds, plant from seed, work with perennial fruits, select and plant cover crops, properly use hand tools, and care for chickens, sheep, and pigs. By the end of the program training participants will have the knowledge and skills to grow food, and the tools to begin a comprehensive commercial farm training. By the end of teach year, Huerta del Valle farm will graduate at least 4 FBF community members from the 6-month training program.  *Program two*:  **Food Justice Education**: FBF hosts quarterly, one hour, virtual, food justice education sessions with 20-30 FBF community members in partnership with Essie Justice Group. Participants are trained on food sovereignty principles and politics impacting current food justice issues and engage in activities, readings, and discussions related to understanding how food justice issues affect consumers and employees and develop the ability to apply food justice to the personal, professional, and institutional. By the end of each training, participants will have an increase in knowledge and attitudes about food justice.  *Program Three*:  **Food distribution**: FBF provides free weekly or bi-monthly food boxes with 7-10 items of organically grown produce to 25 families and 6 reentry homes (about 150 people). By the end of each year, FBF will have purchased over $45,000 worth of produce from small scale BIPOC farmers to deliver to families in the Inland Empire, South LA, and Oakland.  By the end of each year, food recipients are surveyed to assess changes in self-reported health, wellness, and costs averted due to free food deliveries.  *Program Four*:  **Garden Installation**: FBF provides edible landscapes to FBF community members looking to grow their own food. Each year, FBF provides 4-8 edible landscapes equipped with seasonal vegetables as well as culinary and medicinal herbs. During installation, FBF team members work with families to build and install gardens to impart wood working, planting, and/or garden building skills. FBF members provide at least one follow-up garden coaching session to support members in pest management and food harvesting as well as eave families with seeds and materials to continue to cultivate food. The goal of the garden installation is to support families wanting to grow their own food to sell or with the skills and means to do so. Black people have been historically and currently denied access to food and land and through installation and coaching, families can connect or reconnect with the earth and its bounty. |
| **Organizational History**  (About Us, Who We Are, Agency History)  Year of inception. Year incorporated (if different than inception date):  Why organization was founded  What has been the organization’s biggest challenge?  How has the organization overcome that challenge?  What is the organization’s greatest accomplishment since its incorporating?  *Boys2Men was started in the basement of a school counselor’s home in Newark, New Jersey in1999 after witnessing 75% of his male African American freshmen class fall prey to gangs, drugs, teen pregnancy and prison. In 2003, the organization become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and began administering programs in local elementary and high schools to disrupt the school to prison pipeline ravaging through predominantly under sourced, underserved Black and Brown communities. In 1992, after the L.A. civil unrest, the West Coast Chapter of B2M was incorporated to address the devastating number Black males in Watts, Compton and the West Athens communities of South L.A. entering prison or being killed. To date, the organization has partnered with 5 LAUSD school districts to graduate 100% of its participants (2,200 African American males), provided over $5 million in college scholarships, and placed over 1,750 youth in internships and assisted 1,571 with landing entry level professional and paraprofessional jobs.* | FBF was founded by me, Ali Anderson, in June 2020. After moving back to the Inland Empire due to COVID-19 in April 2020, I started volunteering at a farm and community garden named Huerta del Valle in Ontario, California. After spending three days a week weeding, harvesting, and supporting CSA coordinators, I started brainstorming ways to support Black folx most harmed by state violence, the impacts of COVID-19, and food insecurity.  In partnership with Black women led, reentry-based community organizations Essie Justice Group and a New Way of Life Reentry Project, I started a GoFundMe fundraiser with a $10,000 goal to feed 20 Black, system-impacted mamas and their families for the summer. About three weeks later the campaign raised $90,000 and thus the mission was solidified- to foster Black liberation by creating access to high-quality fresh produce and supporting people with the means and skills to grow their own food. As of October 2021, we have provided 2,498 bags/boxes of produce, eggs, and bread to about 150 people on a weekly or bi-monthly basis, installed edible landscapes for 5 families, put 4 mamas through farmer training, and educated 85 on food justice.  FBF faces many challenges especially related to proximity of Black, system impacted families to Black farmers with means to grow enough food to fill a community sponsored agriculture (CSA) box. We have not yet solved this problem and must switch sources of produce every 4 to 5 months to meet the needs of our families in conjunction with purchasing food from BIPOC (but ideally Black) farmers.  We are fiscally sponsored by [Omprakash Inc](http://omprakash.org/) |