

MOVEMENT MILESTONES

BUILDING THE BLACK LEFT, AND USHERING IN A NEW WORLD

The world may be on fire, but your support means more than you know.

We're kicking off a quarterly series of hopeful headlines to cleanse your feed and remind you that your power and presence as a supporter of M4BL is powerful in these times. Good things are happening, and we need you more than ever.



36

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

2000+

PEOPLE DIRECTLY ENGAGED NATIONWIDE

CLICK TO VIEW NATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE:

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE GUARDIAN

CNN

RECLAIM MLK: A MASS DAY OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY OVER CHAOS

M4BL hosted a national day of action to reclaim and defend the radical legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., emphasizing his critique of racism, capitalism, and militarism at a time when Black history is being actively erased.

Across the country, participants held marches, town halls, provided mutual aid, and installed art builds—engaging more than 2,000 people in political education, community care, and collective action. Our efforts were hot in the press and across our base, strengthening the broader movement ecosystem, building momentum, deepening collaboration, and bringing new organizations into sustained alignment.

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THE AKOBEN: OUR DEPLOYMENT IN MINNEAPOLIS

In response to ICE in Minneapolis, M4BL rapidly deployed a five-person team, the Akoben, to assess urgent needs, coordinate with Black-led organizations, and provide critical on-the-ground support. With the likelihood of continued federal actions, these deployments ensure communities are prepared, protected, and resourced for sustained resistance and long-term movement building.

[CLICK HERE to rewatch our own Mary Hooks at a Minneapolis press conference calling for a January 30 nationwide shutdown.](#)

5

STAFF DEPLOYED FOR
RAPID-RESPONSE COORDINATION

200+

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENGAGED

10+

LOCAL & NATIONAL
PARTNERS ACTIVATED

FREEDOM FEBRUARY

For Black History Month, M4BL launched “Freedom February,” a coordinated month-long national activation that mobilized organizations and communities to defend Black history and advance a shared vision for Black futures.

Kicking off with a [National Mass Call on February 3, 2026](#), featuring Angela Davis, M4BL Co-Executive Director M Adams, Dr. Dayo Gore, and Dr. Adom Getachew, February featured teach-ins, assemblies, and cultural programming. This was M4BL’s most successful virtual engagement month yet—not only did we engage thousands nationwide but also positioned M4BL as a central hub for political education, narrative alignment, and coordinated action across the Black-led ecosystem.

3000+

PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED
NATIONWIDE

62

ORGANIZATIONS BUILT &
EXECUTED MOBILIZATIONS

700+

REGISTRANTS ACROSS
NATIONWIDE PROGRAMS

400+

ATTENDEES ACROSS
NATIONWIDE PROGRAMS



50+
LOCAL RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING

20%
INCREASE IN OUTREACH &
FOLLOW-UP CAPACITY

\$40K
IN DIRECT PAYMENTS TO
MEMBER ORGS FOR
IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC
BENEFIT

500+
INDIVIDUALS REACHED VIA
PHONE BANKING

POWERUP LABOR BANK: ECONOMICS AND BASEBUILDING

We launched a new program to advance the intersections of economic support and basebuilding, with our pilot based in Atlanta. PowerUp Labor Banks compensate community members for essential organizing work like phone banking, canvassing, and digital outreach while offering political education and pathways into leadership roles within local campaigns.

ABOUT THE CCNs

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CHICAGO'S E.A.T. LEADING CCN

SERVING OVER
2000+
CHICAGOANS

10
LOCAL
PARTNERS

WHAT'S NEXT
MINNEAPOLIS

ATLANTA **LOS ANGELES**
WASHINGTON D.C. **MEMPHIS**

COMMUNITY CARE NETWORKS: ORGANIZING, PROTECTION & STRATEGY

Launching this spring and based on five years of pilot tests, the Community Care Network (CCN) is a scalable infrastructure model for coordinating mutual aid, building grassroots power, and delivering education through regional ecosystems. By establishing clear roles, shared resources, and real-time coordination, CCNs enable communities to move from reactive crisis response to proactive, sustained organizing and responsive resourcing rooted in local needs. This model strengthens long-term movement capacity while delivering immediate material relief to ensure Black communities are supported today and organized for systemic change tomorrow.

THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY PROJECT

500+
PEOPLE ENGAGED
(IN PERSON + DIGITAL)

20+
ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS
THE COUNTRY

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLIES: PEOPLE, POWER AND CHANGE

The People's Assemblies (PAs) convene thousands of Black and allied residents in hybrid gatherings across major cities to identify local priorities, shape policy platforms, and practice community-led governance alongside faith institutions and grassroots partners. Since 2019, the PMAs have convened hundreds of thousands of people nationwide. So far, the PAs have taken place in Atlanta and Los Angeles, two cities with strong M4BL roots. The next one will be held **virtually and in Chicago** on May 30.

NEW AUDIENCES, NEW TOOLS

- EXPANDING BASES BEYOND MOVEMENT
- SHARING POWER MAPPING
- COMMUNITY RESPONSE TRAINING
- AND OTHER TOOLS



NO KINGS DAY

M4BL is on the host and joint committee of the No Kings Day organizing coalition. In this moment, one of our strategies is to extend our thought leadership in coordination with a broader movement of co-conspirations against fascism. This is an extension of our thought leadership in multiracial coalition support, the development of the Rising Majority being one of our most incredible examples of this work that became an independent entity and movement.

“IT IS OUR
DUTY TO FIGHT
FOR OUR
FREEDOM.
IT IS OUR
DUTY TO WIN.”

- ASSATA SHAKUR

The journey continues, and the march toward progress is increasingly steeper with unprecedented retrenchments in philanthropic support for movement justice work. M4BL Deputy Director of Fund Strategy and Management, Charles Long, contributed to the largest prospectus on the current state of philanthropic support for BIPOC organizations and social movement work: *DERAILED: Rising Attacks and Retreating Resources for Racial Justice*. To keep witnessing hope in action, shifting the conditions for Black people and communities, give now for the strongest impact.



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