

One Love Global

Transforming communities so Black children experience justice, peace, healing, opportunity, and abundance.



Youth enjoying interactive coloring books during PPM literacy event.

We are living through difficult and demanding times. From relentless attacks on racial equity and democracy to the daily threats faced by Black and Brown communities, the work of justice is as urgent and needed as ever.

It's that urgency that makes it so important to celebrate wins. These celebrations remind us what's possible and refuel us for the road ahead.

We're excited to share that My Brother's and Sister's Keeper (MBSK) Michigan and Metro Lansing have officially been certified and welcomed into the national My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Alliance.



MBK Certification recognizes our community's deep commitment to addressing opportunity gaps for boys and young men of color. It reflects years of effort building aligned infrastructure, documenting our impact, and working collaboratively to create lasting change.

MBSK Metro Lansing was one of the first cities to accept President Obama's MBK Challenge in 2014, and in 2015 MBSK Michigan was the first state formation in the country. Since then, One Love Global has served as the backbone organization for the statewide movement—convening partners, uplifting youth leadership, and advancing policy solutions rooted in equity.

We are deeply grateful to the many local and statewide partners and young people who have made this milestone possible over the past decade.

And this is just the beginning. Stay tuned later this month for an exciting announcement about a Michigan Education Town Hall series, designed to advance transformative community-driven solutions for educational equity.

We're also celebrating a national win: U.S. Senator Cory Booker, along with Representatives Jasmine Crockett and Lateefah Simon, have reintroduced the U.S. Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT).

Resolution. This resolution calls for the establishment of a congressional commission to reckon with the history and ongoing realities of systemic racism in the United States.



We congratulate Dr. Gail Christopher, architect of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's TRHT framework, for her visionary leadership in bringing this bold resolution to Congress.

One Love Global continues to advance TRHT efforts in partnership with the <u>National</u> <u>Collaborative for Health Equity (NCHE)</u>. Supporting MBSK was one of the foundational goals we named when we began the TRHT process in Metro Lansing in 2016. Today's wins are a testament to the power of that vision—and the strength of collective action.



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support the <u>Peace & Prosperity Youth</u> <u>Action Movement</u>'s Youth Book Drive! Your presence, energy, and love for literacy made this event a beautiful success.

We also want to give a special shoutout to authors <u>Shanell Henry</u> and <u>Cirea Strode</u> for donating books for our youth! Another huge thanks to <u>Capital Area District Libraries</u> for partnering with us for this event!

From book donations to community connections, we were so inspired by the support shown for our young readers. Together, we're helping to build a brighter future—one book at a time.

Stay tuned for more events and ways to get involved. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Even amid struggle, we find joy.

And always, we keep moving forward.

Become a Freedom Summer sponsor!



We're seeking individual and corporate sponsors to help cover stipends, project supplies, and training and mentorship opportunities this summer. Sponsorships start at \$500, and all sponsors will be honored at our Freedom Summer Youth Showcase later this summer.

A heartfelt thank you to our early supporters: Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), Carol Siemon, and MSU Federal Credit Union!

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, reach out to Sarah Gettel at sarah@oneloveglobal.org.

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More Highlights

The August 5 Primary Election is less than a month away! To find out if your community is having an election, visit <u>mi.gov/vote</u> and click on "<u>Your voter information</u>."

Here's a cool tool to see what's on your ballot.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has <u>rebranded its Office of Race</u>, <u>Equity, Diversity and Inclusion</u>...

Michigan officials announced they have <u>finished replacing most lead water pipes in Flint</u>. Still, about 4,000 homes in Flint need to have their pipes removed. Residents who still need lead pipes removed should call 810-410-1133 or email GetTheLeadOut@cityofflint.com.

