

A LETTER FROM THE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE



Dear friends,

With the support of United Way, we were charged with the task of creating grants that invest in promising community-based, Black-led ideas that aligned with United Way's focus on poverty.

We value Black people and our own self-efficacy to combat poverty in our own communities.

Collectively we are educators, artist, veterans, innovators, community organizers, analyst, lovers, parents and friends. We are infinite in our roles and titles. We are rich in both our histories and melanin, sweet with our passion, and powerful in our present to transcend our conditions. We are the champions of ancestors who grew roses in concrete. We as champions, and more importantly as Black people, are nothing short of excellence...we are melan-ificent!

When black people come together, we are ready, hopeful, energized and most importantly powerful beyond measure. It is with great pride that we, the Champions, invite you to participate in the Black Empowerment Works journey with us!

Signed,

Champions of Change, Class 1