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NO BOUNDARIES COALITION PURCHASED EIGHT(8) BILLBOARDS THROUGHOUT WEST BALTIMORE WHICH WERE UP FOR 16 WEEKS!

#### Letter from the Executive Director

It is great to celebrate the work of No Boundaries Coalition and our members, staff, board and communities. 2020 has been a challenge for us all but one thing remains the same... the communities in 21217 continue to be resilient.

This year our staff was challenged to recreate our work, our thinking and how we would serve in a meaningful way. I am proud to lead some of Baltimore's best and brightest. Despite our climate, No Boundaries diligently worked along with our partners to ensure that Central West Baltimore was properly counted in the census process, elected the next slate of local government leaders, and was served fresh, affordable foods in abundance. We also produced adult and youth community leaders, all while continuing the fight for clean, safe neighborhoods.

If I have learned anything, it is that together we can ensure that 21217 thrives and the work of deconstructing boundaries and building communities continues. With the help of other 21217 neighborhood organizations, volunteers, residents, sponsors and funders, No Boundaries will continue the fight for a more empowered Central West Baltimore. Now more than ever, we will hold our elected officials accountable, train more community leaders and strive for self sufficiency.

Thank you for your continued support. Our family at No Boundaries Coalition wishes your family a safe, healthy and peaceful holiday season and new year. I look forward to working with you in 2021 and beyond.

We hope that you enjoy reading about the great work that we did from July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020.

In service of the community,

Ashiah Parker Executive Director

> If you missed our billboards, ask any of our members to tell you about No Boundaries Coalition.



I'm ordering my groceries! No Boundaries launched the buying club pilot program so I just order what I want and NBC will deliver my groceries to my door.

### HEALTH AND FOOD JUSTICE

Over the past year, No Boundaries has made great strides in contributing to the health and wellness of our community. Prior to the pandemic, our signature food program, Fresh at the Avenue, celebrated its 4th Anniversary! We had a fabulous month-long celebration complete with cooking demos, special sales and giveaways. The celebration culminated in the Fresh 4th Anniversary CommUNITY Party, featuring the inaugural Kale Cook Off. Seven contestants competed for the best cooked and raw kale dish prizes. Our winners in the cooked category were Nicola Norman and Brandin Bowden of the Institute for Integrative Health, and Michelle Stafford and Eula McDowell of Bmore Yoga Community took home the prize in the raw category. The contest was judged by Board President Lenora Dawson, local chef Nichole Mooney, Black Girls Cook, and Councilman Leon Pinkett of the 7th District. Additionally, Lieutenant Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Maya Rockeymoore Cummings and countless other community members and customers attended the event. Congratulations to our intern, Avionna Fitzhugh, on a huge success!



**No Boundaries also began hosting a number of exciting food-centered** events in 2019. For example, along with our partner Furman L. Templeton, we began hosting regular "Fresh at Furman" pop-ups, further expanding access to quality food. We ended our "Fresh at Furman" presence with Halloween Fun Day featuring a pumpkin pie smoothie demo. Finally, we worked with the Civic Culture team to host pop-ups throughout the community to encourage healthy eating, voting and Census 2020 completion.

The health and food justice team at No Boundaries ended 2019 strong by adding several exciting new offerings at Fresh at the Avenue. Fresh started 2nd Saturday tastings of fresh foods at the stall, and we also started spotlighting a "Veggie of the Month" and "Recipe of the Week." No Boundaries was also proud to begin opening Fresh at the Avenue for a second operational day on Wednesdays from 11-4pm.

The Health and Food Justice team at No Boundaries worked very hard over the last fiscal year to build our operational capacity. In the last week of June 2019, we launched our Operations Management Internship for youth ages 18-24 with the support of and funding from Baltimore Children and Youth Fund (BCYF.) In partnership with Mom Cares, twelve youth learned about safe food handling, food preparation, hazard management, small business operations, entrepreneurship, food justice and personal growth and development. Three of these young people took the ServSafe Food Safety Managers exam, and all three passed, becoming ServSafe certified. To date, No Boundaries has graduated two cohorts of interns from the Operations Management Internship. Last year, No Boundaries also forged a relationship with the Johns Hopkins Center for Social Concern when we began hosting their CIIP Intern, Adina Jahan. Adina helped to improve our operational capacity with key modifications to our program's social media and branding.

**The emergence and spread of COVID-19,** unfortunately, disrupted many of the program plans that we had for Spring 2020. In March, we were gearing up to begin opening the Fresh stall for additional operational days, an effort to reach our goal of 4 days per week by June 2020. When the pandemic hit, not only was Fresh at the Avenue forced to cease in-person operations, but our team also had to end internships and regular visits from at-risk volunteers from Charles Town and other communities. Anticipating a greater level of need from some of our most food insecure residents, No Boundaries quickly organized to host a Food Giveaway in Gilmor Homes in partnership with Malcolm House Intentional Community and Tubman House Farms.

In April 2020, our team regrouped and redesigned Fresh at the Avenue and the Operations Management Internship. Fresh staff conducted customer outreach and designed workshops and sessions with business coaches from the Innovation Works Boost Program. The Central West Baltimore Buying Club was born, initially as a pilot program. We began signing-up residents for the program with a goal of recruiting 10 families to start. In June, No Boundaries began piloting the Central West Baltimore Buying Club, with 19 families and ordering partnerships with Farm Alliance of Baltimore, Motzi Bread, Freedom Paper Company, Healthy People Juice, Cherry Hill Urban Farm & Community Garden, Strength to Love II Farms and others. We distributed free seedlings to members to grow their own gardens, and we also partnered with St. Francis Center and Compost Collective to provide free door-to-door, contact-less delivery. The pilot was sponsored by the Fund for Educational Excellence.

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54 COMMENTS

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l just won a contest for a meme l created about the census. Normally only my family see's my work, but No Boundaries might make this thing go viral!

### **CIVIC CULTURE**

This last year, No Boundaries was pleased to participate in and support a number of civic engagement projects. As we do whenever there is a local election, No Boundaries hosted a forum for candidates running for seats in the 7th, 9th and 11th districts (March 2020). The races for the 7th and 9th districts were especially competitive, perhaps contributing to approximately 100 community members attending in spite of the threat of COVID-19. No Boundaries Coalition was scheduled to host our 13th Annual Boundary Block Party the following month on April 18, 2020. This event was cancelled and replaced with two physically distanced events. First, a Car Caravan



that promoted voting and literally ended at the ballot drop-box. Over 40 cars participated in the car caravan, led by a voter education sound truck and at the end of the route community members were able to cast their votes in the delayed 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Next, on the evening of the same day we hosted a virtual dance party called "Dance Your Ballot to the Box". During the virtual event, which garnered nearly 1,000 views, candidates participated in dance battles, guests watched dance performances and participated in group dance sessions, and local celebrities shared messages promoting voting.

In October 2019, No Boundaries worked with OSI and other community organizations to collect approximately 5,000 surveys citywide during the Blueprint for Baltimore project. 900 of those surveys were collected by No Boundaries Coalition alone! In addition to collecting important data on citizens' policy preferences and priorities, we were also able to offer part-time employment to over 20 people to help complete this work.

In the Fall of 2019, we launched the Leadership Academy. The purpose of this training was to develop adults into community leaders who would then become block captains and community advocates upon completion of the program. February 2020, No Boundaries recruited twenty community members to participate in our Leadership Academy. To reduce the financial burden of participation, No Boundaries provided a stipend to each participant. The academy was open to adults ages 18 and up, with this year's participants spanning a wide age range. Shortly after the beginning of the pandemic, we converted to a virtual leadership academy with over 75% of participants choosing to continue their participation in the new format. This fiscal year, we graduated two cohorts, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Our goal was to graduate 20 students, and we ended up graduating 24 students.

The Civic Culture team at No Boundaries also worked on increasing awareness of the importance of voting and voter registration projects in our community. In particular, we hosted 12 Civic Saturdays with guests such as local rapper President Davo & The Algebra Project. In addition, eight students from our Leadership Academy both registered to vote & registered others to vote. Additionally, we partnered with local business "Gain" to create a first time voters campaign that registered over 50 new voters.

No Boundaries is proud to report that we wrote & received a Maryland Census Grant this past year. The grant provided revenue for us to hire three part-time employees, all from the community, and we were able to collect names and contact information for over 300 people. Moreover, we were able to gauge the extent to which people were familiar with the Census by asking these 300 individuals if they had heard about the Census. The Census grant provided funding to increase awareness of the Census, which **No Boundaries used to purchase 8 billboards which were up for 16 weeks.** We increased interest in the Census by hosting a Census sweepstakes with over 5 winners winning over \$500.

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### NO BOUNDARIES YOUTH ORGANIZERS (NBYO)

Youth at No Boundaries Coalition are impacting Central West Baltimore in major ways. First, our youth continued to build their capacity and sharpen their skills by participating in structured leadership development opportunities. In August 2019, No Boundaries sent three students, along with our full-time staff and Board Chair, to the Neighborworks training in New Orleans. Fifty city-wide youth participants also attended NbYO's virtual Youth Issues Assembly in March 2020.

NBYO began fiscal year 2020 with the youth leadership team's final planning session of 2019, held in August, where we took time to plan for our open house the following month. The open house was a success and we went on to enroll 25 young people into our 2019-20 cohort of NbYO. Youth attendance in program sessions remained well above 70%.

When we became aware of COVID-19's local emergence in March 2020, our youth team had to pivot and quickly restructure our programming for the remainder of the year. In response to

COVID-19, we transitioned most of our programs to an online format, as well as cancelled all of our Spring trips because many Colleges, Universities, and Museums were closed. However, we were still able to host youth- led and centered workshops that engaged our students and their peers. On May 2nd, our 4th year Youth Organizer Kathleen worked with program coordinators to host a virtual cooking class and intro "Understanding Your Self Interest" workshop. In mid-May, we collaborated with Youth as Resources to host a youth grant writing workshop where our students were able to get tips and prepare grants for YAR and Philanthropy Tank. The very next Week on May 20th, our youth were invited to a Civic Saturday event with local rapper President Davo that stressed the importance of voting. We closed the month with our last youth workshop led by our 2nd year Youth Organizer Isis, which was special because it was her first time leading and hosting a workshop. The workshop focused on racism at a crucial time of racial reckoning in our country.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION: BASED ON A JULY - JUNE FISCAL YEAR



CASH ON HAND AS OF 6/30/19: \$251,707 INCOME: \$555,932 EXPENSES: \$489,727





## 2020 EXPENSES

FUNDRAISING: 2%PROGRAMS AND SERVICES: 76%AVENUE ENGAGEMENT CENTER: 6%MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL: 16%

#### STIPENDS IN THE COMMUNITY!

No Boundaries Coalition paid out approximately \$100,000 in stipends for projects and service in our community.

#### FISCAL SPONSORSHIP

No Boundaries served as fiscal sponsor for Baltimoreans for Transparent and Accountable Law Enforcement and Sandtown South Neighborhood Alliance.

### NO BOUNDARIES COALITION WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN:

Baltimore Sun WYPR WOLB Organizational Spotlight with the Baltimore Community Foundation



### **GOLDSEKER FOUNDATION**

### FUND FOR CHANGE

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

### AARP FOUNDATION

BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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**CLAYTON BAKER TRUST** 

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