



July 2021-June 2022

Annual Report

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From the Executive Director

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Greetings, No Boundaries Coalition Family!

Thank you for all you do to improve the quality of life in the Central West Baltimore area.

As we adjust to some semblance of normalcy, our No Boundaries Coalition Family has shown the strength and resilience to face every challenge and win. We move our agenda forward daily with positive attitudes and grateful hearts because of your fortitude that does not go unnoticed and is truly appreciated.

Together, we are rewriting 21217's story by eliminating barriers and providing access to all. We empower our youth, register new voters, offer COVID-19 testing and vaccines, provide access to fresh and healthy foods, develop a robust and well-trained workforce, create a safer place for us all, and realize racial and economic equity. This level of engagement is only possible because of your unwavering support.

As we expand our programming and overcome new challenges, your unwavering commitment to No Boundaries Coalition is the fuel we need to endure. Let's continue with relentless optimism and strong determination to achieve new opportunities for our 21217 community and the City of Baltimore.

In service,

Ashiah Parker

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Executive Director



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COALITION**
IN CENTRAL WEST BALTIMORE



Letter from the Board President

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed glaring disparities in vulnerable communities across the country. From access to testing and vaccine distribution to disproportionate mortality rates among Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), the impact of inequitable services proved devastating.

Yet, in 21217 community members were able to meet these challenges head-on. The No Boundaries Coalition maintained our commitment to cultivating civic engagement by pivoting to an online platform to implement our Block Captains Boot Camp. Our virtual monthly meetings connected our residents with COVID-19 resources, and our steadfast presence fostered a sense of community. During one of the most traumatic experiences of the past decade, the

No Boundaries Coalition's dedication to Central West Baltimore was unwavering.

Although we have made significant strides, there is still much work to be done. With your continued support, the No Boundaries Coalition will continue to work to resolve the social determinants that impact 21217. We will lead the way in developing innovative programs that expand opportunities for employment, enhance resources that combat food insecurity, and establish meaningful ways to address mental health and trauma in our community. As board chair, I am honored to be a member of a movement that empowers Central West Baltimore.

Sincerely,
Christina Ramsey
Christina Ramsey
Board Chair



Meet Our Board

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2021-2022*



Yinka Bode-George, President
Paul Plymouth, Vice President
Christopher Kingsley, Treasurer
Arianna Koudounas, Secretary
Gregg Mitchell
Christina Ramsey
Eric Stephenson
James Torrence

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Class of 2022

Meet Our Team

HEAD OF THE CLASS: NBC STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Our team maintains strong ties with Baltimore initiatives and organizations by serving on various boards, committees, and other community-focused programming.



ASHIAH PARKER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Co-Founder and Partner, Tidemore Public Affairs
- Vice-Chair, Local Control Advisory Board
- President, Memorial Apartments Corporation
- Treasurer, Bikemore
- Member at Large, Live Baltimore
- Member, Baltimore Unity Hall
- Member, Baltimore Progress Fund
- Member, Baltimore Votes Advisory Committee



NABEEHAH AZEEZ

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

- Treasurer, Step Up Maryland
- Treasurer, Communities United
- Member, Baltimore Peoples Climate Movement
- Member, Muslim Community Cultural Center of Baltimore
- Member, Baltimore Unity Hall Advisory Board
- Memorial Episcopal Church's Guy T. Hollyday Reparations Fund Advisory Board
- Member, Islamic Leadership Training and Development Program (ILTDP) Inaugural Cohort



SHALEECE WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- Founder and Executive Director, Tree House Project, Inc.
- Member, Truth Alkaline Water Co. Board Member, Tru Relations Board
- Volunteer and Advocate, Dads United
- Advocate and Organizer, Baltimore City Police Youth Advisory Council



JUAN NANCE

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & FOOD JUSTICE

- Community Schools Committee
- Member, Family League and Baltimore City
- John Hopkins Bunting Neighbor Leadership Fellow, Class of 2019



EEAN LOGAN

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC CULTURE



REKEA WILLIAMS

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Associate, Tidemore Public Affairs

Class of 2022

Meet Our Team



REYNARD PARKS

MARKET MANAGER

President, Ministerial Congress
of the Aboriginal Republic of
North America (elected Tribal
Government Official)



KHALIA YOUNG

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

- Volunteer, Plantation Park Heights
- Member, Baltimore Transit Equity Advisory Board
- Member, Environmental Justice Committee
- Member, SOWEBO Festival Planning Committee



**KATHLEEN "KAT"
JONES**

NYBO PROGRAM MANAGER



CIVIC CULTURE

We don't need to be a mouthpiece for our community because our residents are their own best advocates. After all, no one knows their needs better than they do. Therefore, our civic programming seeks to inform and engage residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders on how to advocate effectively for their best interests through the following programs:

Block Captains Boot Camp

The success of the Block Captain Boot Camp is attributable to the three-year, \$600,000 Innovation Fund for Community Safety grant that we were awarded last fiscal year from Johns Hopkins University (JHU).



The boot camp includes a 12-week Leadership Academy, where participants learn fundamental tools and tactics for community organizing, advocacy, and mobilization. Participants can earn money while in the program and are eligible for a mini-grant and the paid "Block Captain Year of Service" initiative once they graduate.

With the support of the JHU grant, we expanded every aspect of the program. In fact, we were able to host three cohorts during this reporting period. We look forward to taking this program to greater heights over the duration of this grant lifecycle

Biennial Candidate Forum

As we create an empowered, well-resourced, self-sufficient community, we must ensure we provide opportunities for our residents to engage in the process. To this end, we invited Reverend Dr. Alvin C. Hathaway, Sr. to moderate our biennial candidate forum at Dorothy I. Height Elementary School on May 10, 2022.

Ahead of the midterm primary, attendees engaged candidates running for various elected offices—including the 40th District House of Delegates, Sheriff, Clerk of the Court, State's Attorney, and State Central Committee.



CIVIC CULTURE

Block Captains Fall 2021 & Spring 2022



SUPERLATIVES

Community Member Highlights

All of our community members play a unique role in our work in 21217, and we are grateful for all who work with us to deconstruct boundaries and reconstruct our community.



**KESHONTAE LEWIS AND
STEPHAN HANLEY**

Having completed our 12-week Leadership Academy, Keshontae was our first mini-grant recipient. She and her husband, Stephan, used the mini-grant to distribute cameras to their neighbors and provide free training. Keshontae is currently completing a year of service as a No Boundaries Coalition Block Captain.



QUANSHAY HENDERSON

A two-time Leadership Academy Program participant, Quanshay is forging a partnership between the Block Captain Boot Camp program and Black Women Build (BWB). As a result of her influence, our program is now a requirement for BWB participants! Quanshay is also a mini-grant recipient and is currently doing a year of service as a No Boundaries Coalition Block Captain.





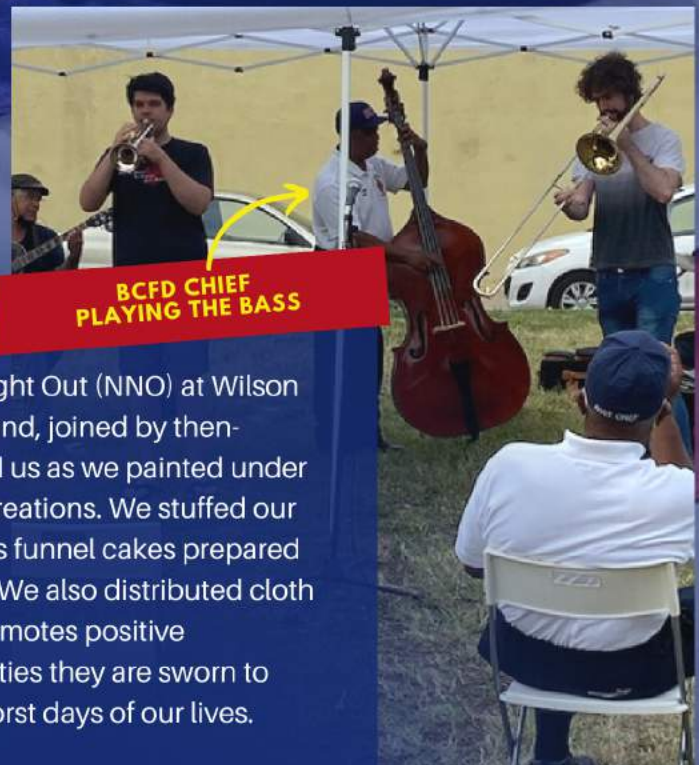
2021 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



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LIVE BALTIMORE &
VISIT BALTIMORE



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 3, 2021, we celebrated National Night Out (NNO) at Wilson and Etting Park. The Baltimore Pop Up Jazz Band, joined by then-Baltimore City Fire Chief Niles Ford, serenaded us as we painted under the stars with Artist Mica Johnson of MiJo-B Creations. We stuffed our faces with hotdogs, hamburgers, and delicious funnel cakes prepared by "The Funnel Cake King," Dwayne Benbow. We also distributed cloth masks donated by Chase Street A&E. NNO promotes positive interactions between the police and communities they are sworn to serve and protect every day, not just on the worst days of our lives.

Good Trouble Vigil for Democracy

On the first anniversary of The Honorable John Lewis' death, individuals and organizations nationwide gathered for "The Good Trouble Vigils for Democracy." These events honored the life and legacy of John Lewis in addition to advocating for our democracy by demanding that Congress act to protect voting rights.

No Boundaries hosted our vigil at the Jubilee Arts Greenspace in partnership with Allies for Democracy, the Declaration for American Democracy, The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights, and Transformative Justice Coalition.

We were joined by Congressman John Sarbanes and representatives from the Baltimore City Branch of the NAACP, Senator Chris Van Hollen's Office, and Baltimore Women United.



The federal delegation held a press conference to announce a \$2 million investment into the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue Market and its upcoming revitalization.



The ladies of No Boundaries Coalition were awarded the Harriet Tubman Freedom Award from Let's Thrive Baltimore, We Our Us and a living descendant of Mother Harriet.

BALTIMORE UNITY HALL GROUNDBREAKING





NbYO Youth Organizers



KAT



MS. SHALEECE



MR. KARIM



DWAYNE



IBRIANA



DENZEL



JATEARAH



DAYNA



CHAMBERLAIN



KAYSHAWNA



MACKEY



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NbYO

Youth Organizers



MS. SHAY



NELSON



QUAN



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No Boundaries Youth Organizers (NbYO) continues to empower youth leaders between the ages of 13 and 19 through community organizing and developing professional and life skills. NbYO participants earn cash incentives, service-learning opportunities, and scholarships.

During this reporting period, we supported 21 NbYO participants, of which two matriculated into staff positions as program coordinators. Additionally, we awarded \$250 Scholarships to four NbYO members who graduated high school.

**Congratulations to our
NbYO Leaders who were
members of the
Class of 2022!**

**Alfal (Towson University)
Bruke (Johns Hopkins University)
Chamberlain (Coppin State University)
Danta (Coppin State University)**

CONGRATS

**For more information about NbYO,
contact our Director of Youth
Programming, Shaleece Williams, at
nbyo@noboundariescoalition.com.**

NbYO YOUTH ORGANIZERS



New Orleans Travel & Study

In partnership with The African Diaspora Alliance, we raised \$14,990 to send five NbYO leaders to New Orleans to inspire creativity, introduce culture, cultivate independence, and broaden perspectives. Participants learned about the histories of rebellion and resilience, institutional racism in America, urban agriculture, networking, research, and team building.

NbYO leaders engaged in activities to nourish their critical thinking skills, fortify their ability to raise questions about their environment, and address issues within their community. As a result of this experience, they are now equipped to organize their respective communities through a historical lens and contextualize their present-day realities.

Our enrichment excursion included visiting the Whitney Plantation and Plant Bae, as well as participating in an Ancestry Body Movement Class, the Night Light City Bike Tour, and a Writing Workshop.





Service-Learning

Our NbYO leaders organized several service-learning projects, including two peer-focused meetings to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine, police accountability, and bullying. One session was held at Noisy Burger, while New Song Academy hosted the other.

Additionally, they convened a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in partnership with New Song and the Baltimore City Health Department's VALUE youth Ambassadors.



WHAT'S UP?



6-Week Summer Internship Powered by YouthWorks

In partnership with YouthWork's and We Thrive Entrepreneurship program, NbYo offered a six-week summer internship to four youth organizers. Our summer interns created business models with a mission to impact their community and change the world.



2022

YOUTH ISSUES ASSEMBLY

NbYO



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6th Annual Youth Issues Assembly



On April 16, 2022, NbYO hosted the 6th Annual Youth Issues Assembly at Coppin State University with emcees Ibriana and Big Fred.

During the full-day conference, we invited youth and young adults from 8 to 26 years of age who live, work, or worship in 21217 to address local elected officials and participate in workshops and presentations. Mayor Brandon Scott joined us as our special guest.

Through panel discussions, a diverse group of more than 150 youth engaged elected officials and Baltimore Police in a series of questions centered around improving community relations and overall safety in our beloved city.

Youth leaders, elected officials, and members of law enforcement discussed ways to improve the perception of Baltimore City youth, as well as the investments needed to improve the overall safety and future of Baltimore City.

Partnerships

During this reporting period, NbYO connected with several community partners, including:

- Augusta Fells Savage High School
- Booker T. Washington Middle School
- Coppin Academy High School
- Renaissance Academy High School
- St. Francis Neighborhood Center
- The African Diaspora Alliance

Additionally, we partnered with the following organizations to offer programming::

- **Truth 2 Power** provided civic education lessons;
- **Youth As Resources** hosted a Climate Club to strategize organizing efforts to address critical issues relevant to Augusta Fells High School students;
- **Iron Crown Production/Voices** of 21217 provided weekly videography and photography courses with a focus on Advocacy through Art;
- **Creating the Narrative Book Club** organized by Isaiah Young held a weekly club focused on writing and literacy enrichment.

NO BOUNDARIES YOUTH ORGANIZERS

HEALTH & FOOD JUSTICE

No Boundaries Coalition continues to work to realize food health and wealth for all Baltimore residents as we end food apartheid one initiative at a time.



Fresh at the Avenue

Fresh at the Avenue continues to thrive. With COVID-19 behind us, we are moving full steam ahead with several new developments over the past year.

We upgraded our Clover Customer Relationship Management software to serve our customers better. This measure will help us to efficiently assess sales, shrinkage, and other metric-based information, which will influence how we deliver optimal service to the community.

Additionally, we are collaborating with interns from Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) on a social media strategy for the market, as well as creative enhancements to the market's aesthetic and overall shopping experience.

We also launched ShopHero, an online grocery shopping and home delivery platform, which accepts electronic benefits transfer (EBT).

Much is happening at Fresh at the Avenue. Thank you for your continued support!



HOURS

Thursday and Friday
(10:30 AM – 5:00 PM)

Saturday (9:30 AM – 5:00 PM)



Paul Ruppert, President & CEO of Baltimore Public Markets at The Fresh Anniversary.



DECONSTRUCTING BOUNDARIES & RECONSTRUCTING COMMUNITY



On June 17, 2022, Memorial Episcopal Apartment Corporation, Somerset Development Corporation, and a host of community based nonprofits along with Mayor Brandon Scott cut the ribbon on the Baltimore Unity Hall. The Unity Hall will be the new home of No Boundaries Coalition and a community resource to the residents of 21217.



BALTIMORE UNITY HALL RIBBON CUTTING





On June 18, 2022, in partnership with Jubilee Arts, we welcomed more than 600 guests to our 15th Annual Boundary Block Party. With the support of more than 30 volunteers, we offered childcare services while parents patronized our nearly 30 vendors.

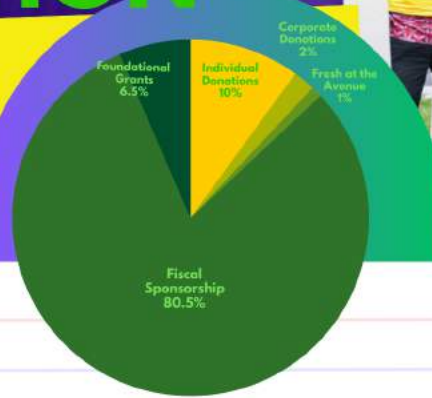
Attendees enjoyed a live performance by Musician Wifty Bangura, a fashion show, food trucks, and other fun activities.





FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Last year, we received **\$704,050** in grants and **\$89,979** in donations from individuals. We are grateful to all who support our programs and our people.



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OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As of 6/30/21

2021: Cash on hand: \$418,686

Income: \$843,307

Expenses: \$657,060

As of 6/30/22

2022: Cash on hand: \$370,863

Income: \$873,695

Expenses: \$816,236

Revenue is up 3.6%

Total Stipends placed in the hands of community members = \$85,323

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
CONTINUED
SUPPORT!**

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OF CENTRAL WEST BALTIMORE

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The No Boundaries Coalition is a resident-led advocacy organization building a unified and empowered Central West Baltimore across the boundaries of race, class, and neighborhood.

The No Boundaries Coalition community includes everyone who lives, works, or worships in the Central West Baltimore neighborhoods of Sandtown, Druid Heights, Upton, Madison Park, Penn North, Reservoir Hill, and Bolton Hill.

Mission: Through training, education, and base-building, we deconstruct physical and imagined barriers in Central West Baltimore, thereby empowering residents to lead and live sustained community transformation.

Vision: We envision a self-sufficient community with ample equitably shared resources to enable our community to thrive on its own terms.

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