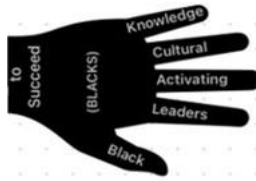


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Can you imagine...

- ❖ being a child and not having a place to lay your head?
- ❖ the fear of a child wondering if his new environment is a safe place?
- ❖ the panic of being in a strange place away from the only home you have ever known?

This is a reality for some Black children in Oregon foster care system. African American children continue to be overrepresented in the foster care system in the state of Oregon.

When these foster care children turn 18, they age out of the system. This means that the financial support is cut off. They are then on their own with no means to support themselves. Some of this population end up on the streets.

But there is hope. BLACKS, Black Leaders Activating Cultural Knowledge to Succeed, is on a mission to help change the outlook for Black and BIPOC foster children in Lane County, Oregon. BLACKS serves students who may be at risk of homelessness after high school.

Each year, BLACKS will have 25 incoming freshmen until there are 100 students at any-time in the high school program.

BLACKS will accomplish this task by setting up pathways to success so they can...

- ✓ get a 2-year degree or a 1-year certificate while still in high school
- ✓ do 4 years of paid internships giving them proper job etiquette, on the job training, and experience. The monies they make will be kept in custodial accounts for students until they graduate high school. This will give them a fresh start in life.
- ✓ Have support and mentorship for their endeavors

Please help BLACKS be a force to change the outlook for these students. BLACKS is a new nonprofit who began with a grant from United Way of Lane County.

Your sponsorship will be instrumental in helping BLACKS to accomplish this undertaking. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 541-788-1636 or [drsanders@blacksinoregon.com](mailto:drsanders@blacksinoregon.com).

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