



Black Homeschoolers  
**Of Central Florida, Inc.**

# **2023**

# **COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT**

**PREPARED & PRESENTED BY**

*Rasheeda Denning.*

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## COMMUNITY GARDEN & FOOD COOPERATIVE

In this program we learn various gardening techniques with in ground, raised garden beds, hydroponics, and a greenhouse.

**TEXT "BHCFL" TO  
44-321 TO DONATE**



# Vision

Connecting. Building. Learning & Growing Together!

Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. is a village, a place that homeschoolers call home. We provide a safe, supportive, and learning environment for our homeschooling families, which is especially important for families of color that may not get the support they need in other places.

We provide classes, resources and information, options, and events curtailed to meet the needs of our families. At BHCFL, families find a welcoming village environment that provides support and guidance, and equips the parents with the skills & confidence they need to be successful on their homeschooling journey. Our youth flourish in an environment where their culture and history is celebrated and explored. This village encourages education, self love, and growth. Not only does Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida help build friendships, but in our village, friends become family.

# Mission

01

Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. exists solely to inform, educate, and help other homeschooling families, namely those of color, in the Central Florida area, the State of Florida, and around the United States.

02

Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. executes that mission by providing classes, guest speakers in career fields, field trips, hosting an annual graduation/awards ceremony, a lending library, informative communications, support, motivation, family to family connections, and connections to other support groups at the local and state level.

03

Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida empowers our children and inspires parents to harness the power within to educate their children.

04

This organization is not affiliated with any one religion and is open to people of all faiths. Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization.



# About Us

## It Takes A Village!

Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. has been serving the Greater Central Florida homeschool community since 2009, providing support, classes, field trips and learning opportunities, along with hosting events for homeschooled youth grades Pre-K-12th.

Our organization offers in-person and virtual classes and have established Youth and Parent Clubs including 4-H, Science and Art Clubs, Public Speaking and Leadership Club, Science National Honor Society Club, and a homeschool (WISE) Women in Science and Engineering Club in partnership with Daytona State College WISE Club.



## Serving the Family!

Not only does Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. provide for the youth, but also their families. There are programs like the BHCFL Parent Book Club, Parent Workshops, BHCFL Family Retreat Week, and out-of-state and out-of-country trips for families to connect, bond, learn and grow together.

Our programs of focus are the [BHCFL African Cultural Arts Program](#), [BHCFL Outdoor Recreational Program](#), [BHCFL Community Garden and Food Cooperative](#), [The Lending Library](#), [The Graduation/Awards Ceremony](#), [our Fencing and Golf Program](#), [Community Service](#), and the [Guests/Classes/Field Trips Program](#) which includes our [Tutoring & College Preparatory Program](#), [Work Readiness](#), and our [Parent Workshops & Coaching](#).



# PEACE & BLESSINGS



2023

from our BHCFL  
families

We've had an amazing 2023 school year!



# Today We Celebrate You,

The individuals and organizations that help make our visions come to life!



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## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



VELA  
EDUCATION FUND



Grow with Google



PUBLIX  
SAM'S CLUB



ORLANDO  
BALLET

Walmart



Microsoft

amazon

EDUCATION  
REVOLUTION



FPEA



first tee  
central florida



NSHSS  
Be Honored. Be More.

Mike Bender  
GOLF ACADEMY

African American  
Museum of the Arts



Junior  
Achievement

Advent Health

AMERICAN LEGION  
ORANGE BAKER POST 187  
Served...And Still Serving!



CENTRAL FLORIDA  
FOUNDATION

Joining together with a common goal to  
create something beautiful.



# OUR FOUNDER



**Rasheeda Denning**  
*Founder/President*

Since starting BHCFL in 2009, it has been my passion to use our platform to bring homeschooling awareness to parents as a legal and viable option to educating their children.

With this Community Impact Report, we want you to see how your support is being put to work. As you will notice throughout, BHCFL provides essential services to homeschooling families and to the Greater Central Florida community.

We continue to see higher numbers of families waiting to join Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, which reinforces the important work we are doing. It's because of your support we can continue to provide these programs and services.

Thank you to our community for your continued support and trust in BHCFL. This is the difference we are making together.



**“Preparing our youth  
today for the  
incredible journey  
that awaits them  
tomorrow.”**

# MY DESK NOTES



Greetings,

It is with great pride and gratitude we review the progress and momentum Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. (BHCFL), achieved in 2023. Thanks to the generosity of all of you, our members, supporters, and partners, we have a lot to celebrate.

Despite the many challenges the year would bring, BHCFL created opportunities and impactful experiences for over 192 homeschooled youth and families, provided 113 community members with scholarships for tech certifications through our Google Scholarships program, and we put 50 laptop computers, 49 tablets, and 5 printers into the hands of homeschooling families!

With your partnership and support, we were able to expand the reach of our organization by increased marketing, attendance to more enrichment classes, field trips, hands-on learning opportunities, community events, expansion of our Community EXPO cultural and homeschooling event, and workforce development model. Through our programs, we provided new pathways to success by strengthening BHCFL events and work readiness opportunities, improving program quality, and reaching more youth and families.

These efforts reflect the commitment BHCFL makes to homeschooled youth and their families, supporters, and the communities we serve to close the opportunity gap for those who need us most. Your support is vital to making all of this happen.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing dedication to diversity and opportunity for our youth because they are our future.

All My Best,  
RASHEEDA DENNING  
FOUNDER/PRESIDENT

# Let's start with our programs

IN 2023

We partnered with local organizations and organizations around the U.S., to expand our services!

# OUR PROGRAMS

[www.bhcflstrong.org](http://www.bhcflstrong.org)



**COMMUNITY GARDEN & FOOD COOPERATIVE**



**BHCFL OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM**



**THE LENDING LIBRARY**



**THE GRADUATION/ AWARDS CEREMONY**



**AFRICAN CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM**



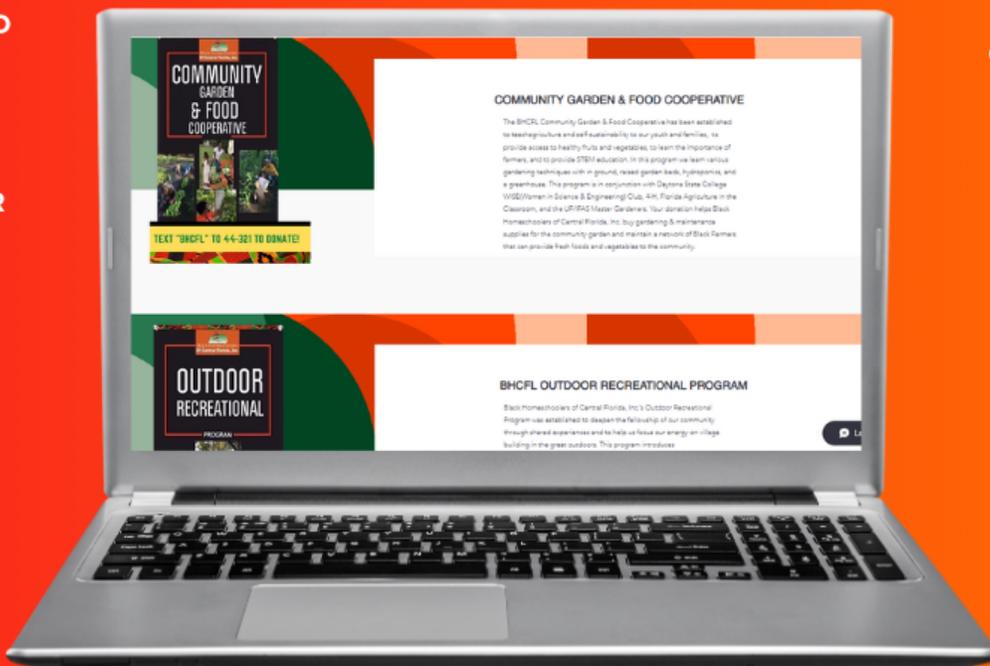
**GOLF & FENCING PROGRAM**



**GUESTS/FIELD TRIPS/CLASSES**



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**



Check our website to see more



More info  
[www.bhcflstrong.org](http://www.bhcflstrong.org)

Our Email  
[BHCFLStrong@gmail.com](mailto:BHCFLStrong@gmail.com)



# OUR LOCAL & NATIONAL PARTNERS & SPONSORS

Our BHCFL internships grew to 12 amazing interns; eleven interns coming from the **Stetson University Bonner Program**, and one homeschooled high school intern.

We were able to expand science offerings to our homeschooling families with the boost of dissection kits and STEAM supplies to our Lending Library due to the sponsorship of the **Sarah George Trust Fund**.

Our Outdoor Recreation Program hit a new high this year with 14 families participating in our Family Retreat Weekend, due in part to our ability to lend out family tents, cots, and supplies, to bring underrepresented families out in nature. Many thanks to **Central Florida Foundation** and **Walmart** for sponsoring this program, and to **FISH Florida** for sponsoring the fishing rods for our families.

Our Parent Workshops for new and struggling homeschooling families was able to continue due to the wonderful sponsorship provided by **AdventHealth** for this program. We were able to bless 5 families with this service.

Not only do our programs need funding to run, but the engine and fuel behind the scenes that keeps our organization moving are the general expenses that need to be funded as well. We are grateful to **VELA Education Fund** and **Central Florida Foundation** for understanding that, and blessing us with a **Next Steps Grant** and a **Grassroots Grant**.

  
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# Learning and Growing Dissections



  
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# Learning and Growing STEAM Days



  
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# Learning and Growing Forensic Science



  
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# Learning and Growing Science & Geography Fair



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida became an Equity in Home Education Program Hub for the State of Florida!

- In partnership with EHEP and Canary Academy, we provided nearly 100 kits/1000+ items to homeschooling families that included laptops, tablets, printers, backpacks and school supplies and free online learning for homeschoolers that were accepted to the EHEP program.



**Black Homeschoolers Of Central Florida, Inc.**

**We are now an** Equity In Home Education Program (EHEP) Distribution Site!

**EHEP** EQUITY IN HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM

**School supplies**

This program's focus is providing support and resources to underrepresented homeschooling families from minority and low-income backgrounds.

**FIND OUT MORE!**



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida's Black Panther high school team won Plant the Moon challenge!

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida** partnered with **Google** to provide 500 scholarships to homeschooling families and the community-at-large, to earn tech certifications in Cybersecurity, Data Analyst, Project Manager, IT Support Specialist, Digital Marketer, and UX Design, in an effort to create more equitable access to opportunity and advancement and remove structural barriers that have disproportionately hindered Black talent. **To date, we've had 113 enrollments, with 47 already earning their first tech certification.** All enrollees can apply for more tech certifications. **To date, 624 learning hours have been clocked.**



Grow with Google 

**APPLY FOR A FREE SCHOLARSHIP!**

Thanks to generous support from Grow With Google, Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. (BHCFL) is distributing 500 free Google Career Certificate scholarships to not only homeschooling youth and parents, but to our entire community!

Interested in this scholarship and career development opportunity?



**START TODAY!**

#GrowWithGoogle

Put your skills to work!

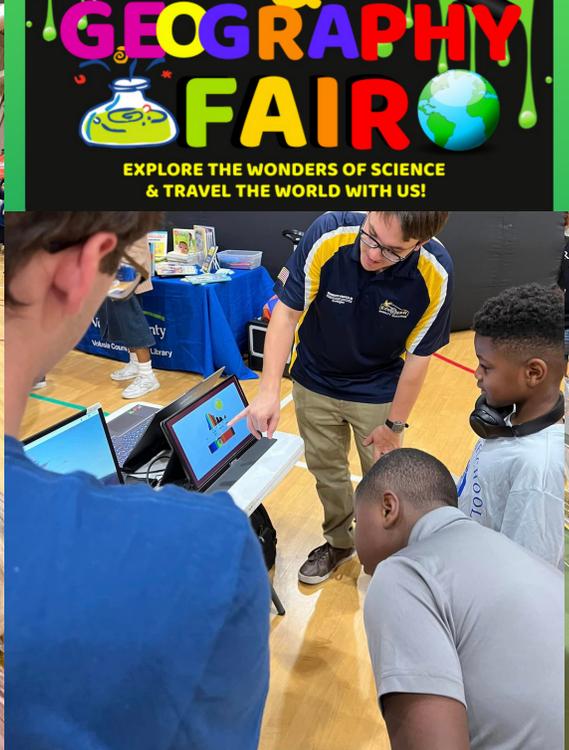
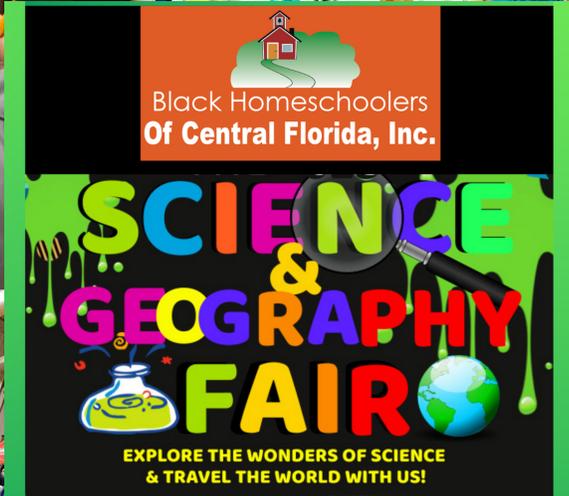
**BE JOB READY IN SIX MONTHS WITH A GOOGLE CAREER CERTIFICATE SCHOLARSHIP!**

No prior knowledge needed!

Visit Our Website!  
<http://bit.ly/3REt8E>

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our **BHCFL Science and Geography Fair** opened to the public for the first time due to the much appreciated sponsorship of the event by **Mainstreet Community Bank**. Many thanks to Embry-Riddle, Museum of Arts and Sciences, FEMA, and Volusia County Public Library.



# OUR REACH

From 2009-Present

Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. serves the entire State of Florida, but current members range from Miami Dade to Jacksonville to Ocala to Tampa Florida. Our homebase is Volusia County.

## Areas Served:

Miami-Dade

Broward County

Palm Beach County

Polk County

Osceola County

Brevard County

Orange County

Seminole County

Lake County

Volusia County

Flagler County

Duval County

Marion County

Hillsborough County



# OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



## OUR PROGRAMS 2023

- \*BHCFL African Cultural Arts Program
- \*BHCFL Outdoor Recreational Program
- \*BHCFL Community Garden and Food Cooperative
- \*The Lending Library
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# OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

- Volunteer Engagement (grew 88%) Amazon, AdventHealth, Stetson University, individuals
- Approx. community events hosted and participated in (grew 25%)
- Increase in partnerships! (grew 50%)
- \$60,000+ raised to support programs!
- Growth and support for families (grew 200%)

**We are so grateful for sponsors, partners, volunteers, and donors like you! This work is only possible with your support!**

**HOMESCHOOLING  
FAMILIES SERVED**

**192**

Total individuals

**COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS SERVED**

**300+**

Served at Events we hosted  
or participated in

**VOLUNTEER HOURS  
X \$ IN-KIND VALUE**

**\$ 95,400**

Based on National Volunteer  
Value Rate \$31.80/hr.



# OUR SUPER TEAM

"MAKING MAGIC HAPPEN IN THE LIVES OF OUR  
BHCFL FAMILIES"



Rasheeda Denning  
Founder/President  
B.A. Communications  
Worcester State University  
Post Commander American Legion Orange Baker Post 187  
Stetson University Partners Advisory Board Member  
U.S. Army Veteran



Brian Denning, Sr.  
Vice- President  
B.A Business Administration Management  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Penn Tank Lines Terminal Manager  
US Foods Transportation Manager  
U.S.Army veteran

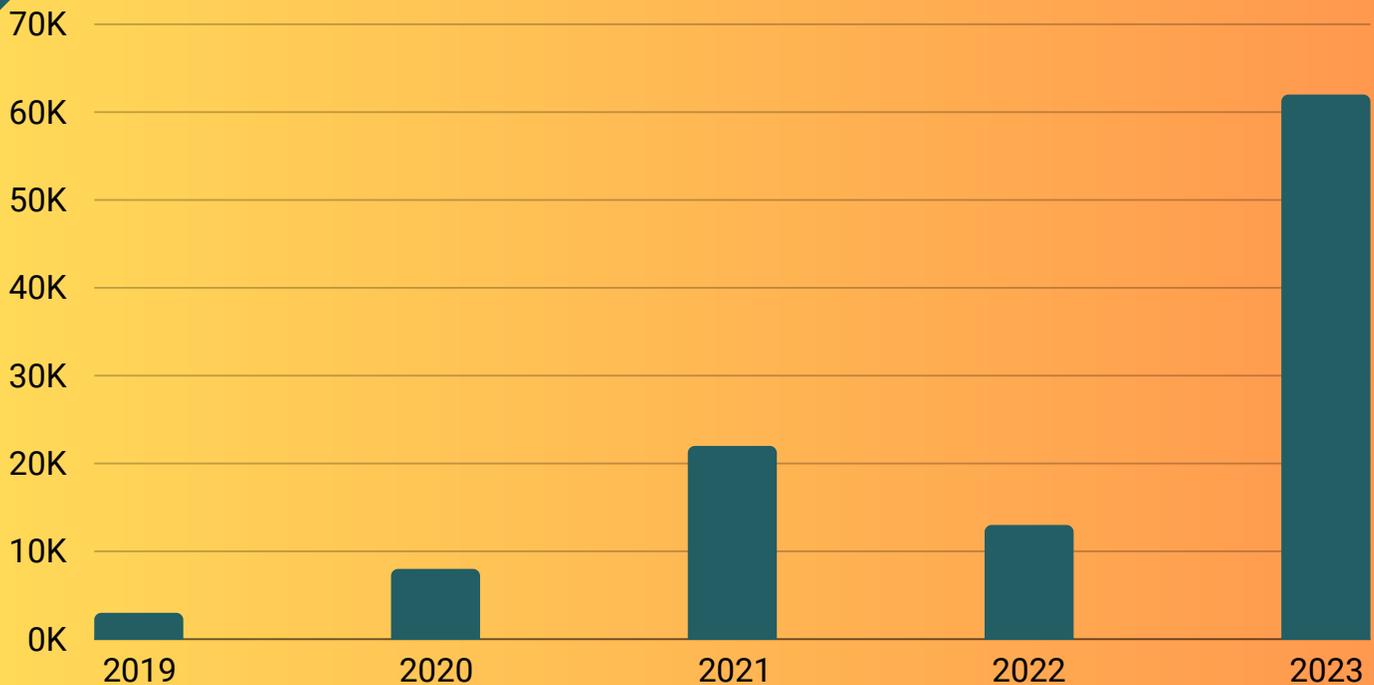


Toi Bynes  
Sr. Operations Manager/ Enrollment  
Coordinator  
B.S. Business/Human Resources  
Master of Arts in Teaching  
Master of Nonprofit Management  
Certified Yoga Instructor



Lorraine Tomic  
Parent Workshops Facilitator/Homeschool Coach  
HomeSchool Builders  
LPN, SBD  
Pediatric Nurse, Parenting Coach

# 5-Year Financial Review



**PUBLIC SUPPORT CHART JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2019-2023**

## Revenue 2023

- Gifts, grants, contributions **\$62,720**
- Membership dues & Assessments **\$28,528**
- Investment Income **\$470**

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**Total Revenue** **\$91,718**

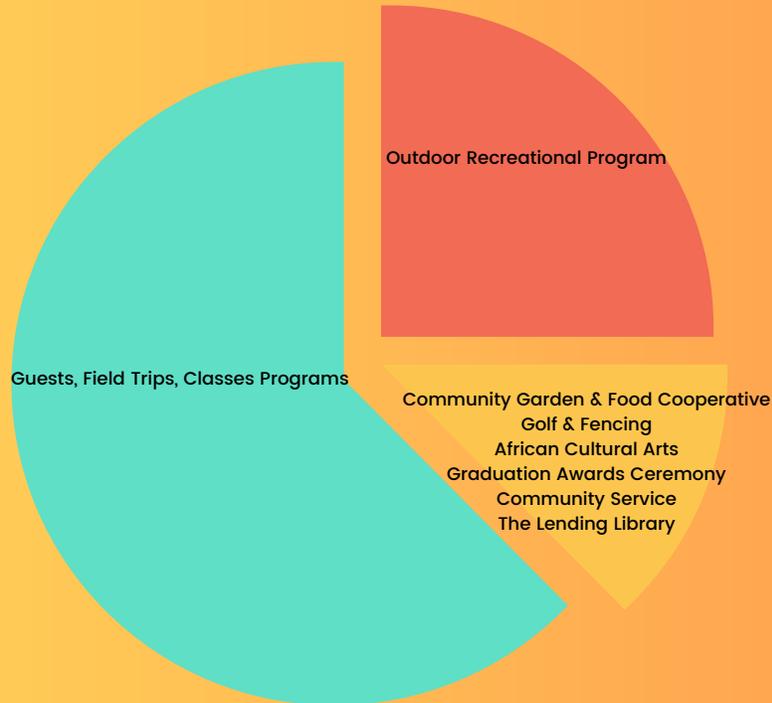
## Expenses 2023

- Benefits Paid to or For Members **\$29,021**
- Grants and similar amounts paid **\$1,333**
- Corporate Fees, Online programs, Charter fees, Staff Training, Website fees, Insurance, Background Checks & Fingerprinting **\$5,500**
- Rent **\$5,720**
- Printing, publications, postage and shipping **\$5,748**
- Independent Contractors- **\$3,525**

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**Total Expenses** **\$50,847**

# Financial Review of Programs



The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Law of the State of Florida, including the accounting

standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by The Institute of Chartered Accountants. Law requires the directors to prepare financial statements

- Guests, Field Trips, Classes Programs- **\$28,000**
- Lending Library- **\$1,500**
- Outdoor Recreation Program- **\$10,000**
- Other Program Services- **\$3,500**

(Archery Equipment, Event Decor, Fans & Food Serving Equipment)



Thank you for supporting our youth,  
because, they are our future!