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Feed Black Futures

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BIG BOLD IDEA

Eliminate food and economic insecurity for Black, jail and prison-impacted mamas and caregivers and Black farmers in California by delivering regeneratively grown food and teaching about food justice and land stewardship.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Feed Black Futures (FBF) is the only Black, Queer, and women-led organization in California investing in Black farmers to make sure that prison and jail-impacted mamas and caregivers receive and grow the food that they need to nourish their communities. FBF buys regeneratively grown food from BIPOC farmers and delivers it to Black mamas and caregivers facing food insecurity exacerbated by the carceral system. FBF also subsidizes farmer training, builds edible landscapes, and engages recipients and other community members in education and advocacy efforts around food justice. FBF envisions a world where Black women and femmes are at the forefront of the agroecological movement, creating regenerative Black food systems that replenish the land and its resources.

PERSONAL BIO

With over a decade of experience in public health, birthwork, and food justice, Ali is the founder and executive director of Feed Black Futures. She has led direct action organizing campaigns for communities facing carceral violence and reproductive and environmental injustice. She has also created policies to bring pay equity and social support to community health workers working in food, reproductive, and economic justice. Ali has been a keynote speaker on topics related to food sovereignty and food justice at Harvard School of Public Health, University of California Los Angeles, and Pitzer College. Ali holds a master’s in public health from Emory University. In 2021, she was awarded the Black Women Green Futures Award, and in 2022 was a winner of the Echoing Green Social Innovation Challenge. Ali has been featured in TIME and People Magazine and is on the Board of Directors of Acta Non Verba Youth Community Farm and SisterSong.