

2021 Black Breastfeeding Week Sponsor Guide

August 25-31

The BIG Pause: Collective Rest for Collective Power

About Black Breastfeeding Week

BBW was created in 2013 by 3 national breastfeeding advocates in response to 40+ years of a gaping racial disparity in breastfeeding rates. Since then, BBW has been celebrated throughout the nation with over 800 community events, 10+ million social media impressions, and \$5000+ distributed in community grants and prizes and featured in national media outlets including nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show, Harpers Bazaar, Healthline, Ebony Magazine, and The Huffington Post, among others. Black Breastfeeding Week is the sole health campaign with an explicit national focus with online and local impact on Black maternal and infant health through breastfeeding.

This year's theme: **The Big Pause--Collective Rest for Collective Power** provides an opportunity for mission-aligned brands to support Black women, birthing people and families by honoring the power of rest in breastfeeding, maternal health, and social justice outcomes. This year, after an unprecedented global pandemic and in solidarity with the multi-racial movement for Black lives, we honor rest as restorative and revolutionary for Black families. Furthermore, breastfeeding/body feeding is an important moment of rest in early motherhood that must be valued, not undermined.

This year's signature event, **The Big Pause: Festival of Rest** will be a virtual wellness event on August 28, 2021, featuring "rooms" and spaces for meditation, yoga, exercise, cooking, creative arts and, of course, a lactation lounge and more.

Continuing in the tradition of BBW will be a series of live and recorded webinars, panels and interviews throughout the week focusing on **The State of Black Breastfeeding**.

Impact of Covid-19 on Black Breastfeeding and Lactation

COVID-19 has forced the disruption or discontinuation of evidence-based interventions for black breastfeeding support, including those recommended in the Surgeon General's Call To Action, such as peer-led support and community-based interventions. Studies show that breastfeeding is the first preventative medicine. Breastfeeding is also the safest and most reliable form of infant feeding during a crisis. This pandemic is devastating Black communities, leaving community organizations stretched for both human and economic resources. The burden of providing breastfeeding education, promotion and lactation is necessarily shifting to online spaces through groups as well as healthcare providers. More now than ever before, it is critical that Black communities be equipped with the tools needed to repair the harms to

breastfeeding norms among black families, regain momentum in reducing racial disparities and to, ultimately, meet the goals of Healthy People 2020; 81.9% breastfeeding initiation and 60.6% duration at 6 months.

Benefits of Sponsorship

- **Brand Enhancement:** Company logos and thank-you messaging will be included in National BBW materials, including websites and social media posts. (Facebook: 15K Followers)
- **Advance Racial Equity:** Support Black women-led organizations and campaigns.
- **Community Benefit:** Your participation and support directly impacts the wellness of our families, our communities, and the future of humanity around the world. Portions of funds received will be used to distribute mini-grants to community orgs participating in BBW.

Sponsorship Overview

Benefit	In-Kind Sponsor (Valued at or above \$1000)	Supporter \$2,000-\$4,999	Patron \$5,000	Champion Over \$5,000
Product distribution supported	X	X	X	X
Logo on BBW Web Page	X	X	X	X
Social media recognition multiple times throughout the week		X	X	X
Verbal recognition & shoutouts prior to <i>The State of Black Breastfeeding Series</i>		X	X	X
Included in press release			X	X
Ad shared on social media			X	X
Verbal recognition & shoutouts prior to and throughout <i>The Big Pause: Festival of Rest</i>				X
Ads throughout <i>The Big Pause: Festival of Rest</i>				X
Support running a matching donor campaign				X

Sponsorship Guidelines

- Complete p.4 of this Registration Form and send it to KiddadaG@BMBFA.org.
- Credit card payments can be made [here](#).
- Checks should be addressed to:
 - **BMBFA**, 19750 Burt Rd., #205, Detroit, MI 48219.
 - You may include “BBW” in the memo.
- Sponsor funds are unrestricted and can be used to support the activities in any way the event organizers see fit.
- Questions? Contact Kiddada Green, KiddadaG@BMBFA.org

2021 BBW Sponsor Commitment Registration Form

Name: _____ Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Org Purpose: _____
Special requests: _____
Sponsorship Level: _____ Amount: _____

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