

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

#THEWORLDISWATCHING

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN
SOLIDARITY

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

2020

This year has brought challenges none of us could have foreseen. We are in the largest civil rights movement in history while trying to survive a global pandemic. It is more important than ever to help and support one another while we face the unknown. We have worked throughout 2020 to support the Black Lives Matter movement and push for political, systemic, and environmental changes in the hopes of racial equality. We are a young organization with passionate team members advocating for a better future where racial equality and justice are the norms. Since our founding in June 2020, #TheWorldIsWatching has:

- Hosted a virtual panel with Queen Diambi of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on Black Lives Matter and African Diaspora.
- Co-hosted a benefit concert with Da Asian Hip Hop to raise donations and show solidarity for the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Spoke on the *Kind of an Expert* and the *Womanhood & International Relations* podcast to discuss workplace racial inequality, #TheWorldIsWatching, and the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Gained over 800 followers across our social media platforms.
- Gathered **thousands of individual signatures and institutional endorsements** for our International Declaration.

- Published three **Issue Briefings** to our website: *Racism is a Public Health Crisis, Addressing Health Care Disparities with National CLAS Standards*, and *Narrowing the Racial Wealth Gap Through Housing Investment*.
- Participated in a panel on BIPOC participation in public policy and racial equality for the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.
- Contacted **over 660 elected officials** across the United States to express solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and call for policy change.
- Expanded our team to 16 core members with diverse backgrounds and expertise.
- Hosted a virtual panel on youth governance at the Civil 20, the civil society engagement group of the G-20.
- Published the first issue of the *From Our Eyes* magazine, which featured artwork and reflections by 15 members and allies of the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Broadcasted the **Black Lives Matter Global Chats** series, a live IGTV discussion featuring guest speakers.

We are fighting for change and progress in the on-going battle against systemic racism. Over the last seven months, our work has included advocating for policy changes, organizing resources and events, and amplifying voices calling for racial justice. You can learn more about #TheWorldIsWatching and support our mission by reading our International Declaration on our website, www.theworldiswatchingblm.org, and signing the accompanying petition. You can also follow our social media channels to stay updated on upcoming events, releases and essential information.