

CALENDAR

The Black Families Association meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Call for location.

DECEMBER

Kwanzaa Celebration

JANUARY

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(Day of Service)

FEBRUARY

Annual Black History Exhibit

MARCH

Annual Scholarship Luncheon

JUNE

Juneteenth Celebration

JULY

Annual Celebration of
The Black Family



**NOW
IS THE TIME
FOR UNITY IN THE
COMMUNITY!**



"I Am Because We Are." Ubuntu

**BLACK
FAMILIES
ASSOCIATION**

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PURPOSE : To ensure the health, education, and economic stability of the Black Community.

GOALS: To nurture, support, and protect the development and maintenance of the Black family. To preserve and teach our rich history of survival, productivity, creativity, and innovation.

OBJECTIVES - To provide:

- Annual Celebration of the Black Family
- Food and Housing Resources
- Cultural Education & Events
- Reading & Math Program (K-5)
- Scholarship Program
- Directory of Black Businesses & Community Services
- Bi-monthly Newsletter
- Health Education Workshops
- Financial Literacy Seminars
- Community Safety Workshops

FRAMEWORK

The organization will use the **Seven Principal of Kwanzaa** based on the African philosophy of community building, as a framework to address the needs of our community and honor the ancestral roots of Black Americans.

Kwanzaa is a seven-day, non-religious holiday created in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, a Black nationalist and Professor of Pan-African Studies at California State University, Long Beach, CA. The celebration is from December 26th January 1st.

The term **Kwanzaa** comes from the Swahili phrase “**matunda ya kwanza**”, which means “**first fruits**”. The holiday is based on the **Nguzo Saba**, the Seven Principles of community building.

THE KWANZAA PRINCIPLES (Nguzo Saba)

Umoja- “Unity” - “To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.”

Kujichagulia – “Self-Determination.” This principle refers to defining, naming, creating, and speaking for oneself (ourselves).

Ujima - “Collective Work and Responsibility.” This principle refers to uplifting your community. To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

Ujamaa- “Cooperative Economics.” This principle refers to the uplifting your community economically. To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Nia – “Purpose.” To make our collective vocation the building and development of our community and to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Kuumba - “Creativity.” To always do as much as we can, in the way we can, to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Imani - “Faith.” To believe with all our heart in our people, parents, teachers, leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

We Welcome You to Join Our Efforts to Build a Strong, Supportive Community.

B.F.A. does not receive County or government funding. **Membership Dues are - \$10.00** a month for a family of four and **\$15.00** a month for Black businesses and service organizations. **Please call or text Mr. George Scott (925) 783-5763 for a Membership Application.**