### Who Are We

We are Black Light Projects (BLP), established in 2017 and registered as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit in 2020, created to provide a formal way of collecting historical information which documents and highlights the achievements of Phoenixville's African American residents, and instill pride in our community through education. We are a community organization determined to explore, preserve, and illuminate the impactful contributions of the African American community. We are equally determined to resurface the experiences and stories of our African American history makers and notables, told or untold, celebrating the contribution of local leaders, political and sports heroes, places which significantly changed our culture, and organizations that uplifted our youth. Black Light Projects strives to inspire local communities in surrounding areas to establish correlating organizations which highlight and honor their own African American history and

heritage.



It is important to preserve our history, so our past doesn't get lost and to portray that our community was vibrant because we learn from those who came before us. Many of our people don't know who they are. We want our people to know who they are. We wish to instill, "We were an integral part of informing and shaping Phoenixville as it is today, instead of that one point of view we get in the history books." Recipient Street Address City, State, Zip



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# Black Light Projects

Don't undervalue your contribution to your community. If not now, when? If not you, who?

## **Testimonials**

'Each year Black Light Projects' unique presentations leave you feeling more connected to the experience of the Black American, whose story is often not shared through the lens of those who have experienced their pain and joy directly."

- Dr. Craig L. Parkinson, Superintendent

"It's been an honor for Orion to partner with Black Light Projects who are showing the way for other communities to capture the rich contributions of our black neighbors so that these extraordinary lives can be shared with future generations."

#### - Kris Keller, Executive Director

"Diversity in Action – Phoenixville most recently collaborated with Black Light Projects on the celebration of the 2021 Juneteenth National Freedom Day. The creativity, talent, and connections of our friends in BLP were paramount in the success of our event."



PAHS Black History Month Programs 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Tributes on high school's Wall of Fame May 2018

Exhibits & Presentations Orion Communities Diversity in Action – Phoenixville (DIA) Phoenixville Community Health Foundation (PCHF) Bethel Baptist Church Phoenixville Public Library

# Sample Tributes



Eubank "Ted" Travis-Bey



Richard Coppedge Edward Bundy





Mrs. Portia Ramsey Virginia Mack Debbie (Coppedge) Mitchell

## What BLP Offers

Legacy Awards Young Voices Contest Annual Community Day Black History Exhibits Partnerships and Collaborations







"This work is necessary so we can recognize the things that are possible." – Shira Thornton

"You have to make sure the accomplishments of communities that are not the majority are highlighted." – Zamelia Doswell

"People need to know they are fearfully and wonderfully made, and the shade of their skin does not mean they are not significant. It means they are significant, they have worth, and they have a purpose God put them on Earth to do." – **Rev. Robin Bearden Reed** 

# We Need You

**GROW OUR MISSION - VOLUNTEER** 

Research Data Collection Setup for Special Events Specialized Services SUPPORT OUR VISION - DONTATE

> Your Stories Exhibition Items Monetary Gifts

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