



**OUR SPOT**  
COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE

# Sponsorship Brochure



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# SUBVERSIVE SOCIAL WORK



## ABOUT OUR WORK

The Black Platteville Community Network (BlkPlattCom) emerged in 2019 in response to the community's needs. Since then, BlkPlattCom has facilitated the redistribution of over \$2,000 in mutual aid, hosted 30 culturally relevant events, and maintained a consistent presence in the community, serving over 30 Black families and 200 community members. Eventually, other marginalized folks' needs began to emerge, leading to the creation of the mission and vision of the world's first institutional social work agency, Subversive Social Work.





## Pivoting towards an intersectional community

After curating a space for the larger Black community, subgroups and people of other minoritized backgrounds began to reach out to us for support. In response, Subversive Social Work (SSW) expanded our antiracist perspective to an anti-oppressive organization to reach the connected communities. We find that the best way to help people is to divest from coloniality.

### Mission

Decrease the deleterious effects of colonial strategies, perceptions, and standards that govern minoritized populations.

### Vision

We intend to do so by actualizing our mission and “co-create a hub of community-driven programming for the historically excluded folks to connect, build, and enjoy.” Since its inception,

### Pathways

Our Spot is a solution to oppressive norms, values, and expectations that informally govern Platteville, WI. It has become a place for **Us** to come and exist fully.

**Us** Black. **Us** Indigenous. **Us** Brown. **Us** barely scraping by. **Us** systems-involved. **Us** surviving poverty. **Us** living under Community supervision, surveillance, & control. **Us** LGBTQIA+. **Us** unhoused. **Us** Weirdos. **Us** survivors. **Us** seeking liberation.\* **Us**. To hang, learn and grow. **Our** liberation is connected.

\*Modified from Roots. Wounds. Words.



# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## **FOUNDING PARTNER \$10,000+**

This level of sponsorship is truly a partnership. Not only is this a financial commitment to the community, but it is a commitment to working together to retain a diverse workforce. Features:

- Quarterly Organizational Development event to improve your organization's connection to minoritized communities
- Verbal acknowledgment at Community Events
- Prominent Logo/Name on our website
- Opportunities to include branded materials in Our Spot Pville Community Gathering Space
- Promotion of partnership in Community Newsletter

## **COMMUNITY CO-CONSPIRATOR \$5,000+**

A community co-conspirator is an ally who is willing to be uncomfortable, to sacrifice, & to collaborate for equity. Gifts at this level signify your commitment to doing the work in your community. We will provide you access to the latest and most impactful information to develop an anti-oppressive praxis.

Features:

- Visible commitment to being an active agent of change that realizes their own stake in eradicating white supremacy
- Host networking and/or educational gatherings Our Spot Pville
- Access to regular capacity-building educational workshops to develop critical consciousness about contemporary realities
- Support the Economic Development of the Black Platteville Community Network

## COMMUNITY ALLY \$2,500

- Honorable mention recognition and positioning on the Website
- Promotion of sponsorship in Our Spot Pville Community Gathering Space and Newsletter
- Ability to host networking and educational gatherings at Our Spot Pville

## COMMUNITY FRIEND \$1,000

Promotion of sponsorship at Our Spot Pville Community Gathering Space

## LOVE OFFERING \$200.00-\$999.00

## ALL LEVELS SUPPORT ONGOING PROGRAMS



**SOUL FOOD SATURDAY IMPACT**

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#platteville  
Follow/add us on FB, Insta, Twitter, Snapchat

**AWARENESS. BUILD COMMUNITY. POOL RESOURCES. MOBILIZE-BRANCH!**

Collective Care is the Move!

58+ volunteers, 2 church partners, 488+ meals served, 190+ meals delivered, 310+ total volunteer hours each college grade level, transfer, nontraditional students served a meal! (1-5th), increased community members served, delivered meals to quarantined students, served students from IL, IA, WI, & MN, served 12 nutritious, culturally enriching dignified meal.

**Week 12+**

**488+**





# OUR APPROACH

**Our approach is rooted in the concepts of Emergence and Connection. According to adrienne marie brown, “emergence is the way complex systems and patterns arise out of a multiplicity of relatively simple interactions.”**

**Emergent Praxis is our approach to building relationships and healing our community. We learn along the way and shift based on that new information.**



**Using critical curiosity, flexibility, creativity, and a deep knowledge base, including lived experiences, we facilitate a responsive process to elucidate oppressive norms, values, policies, and structures that are barriers to authentic relationships and critical connections.**

# SPONSORS SUPPORT LASTING COMMUNITY PRESENCE



Our organizations have been connecting various sections of minoritized communities for over three years. Your support helps curate events that celebrate our sameness

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**2020**

**2021**



**2022**

# YOUR \$\$ SUPPORT CONNECTIONS





# MEET OUR TEAM



Sakara Wages, MSW, is a consultant, researcher, and educator who has taught hundreds of students from around the world in person, virtually, and bi-modal. Sakara is a Ph.D. candidate at the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, where she produces a range of written government reports as a research assistant at the Institute for Research on Poverty. Sakara is an education professional employed as an adjunct professor at both UW-Platteville and UW-Madison, where she teaches a wide range of courses. Finally, Sakara owns Subversive Social Work at Our Spot, where she donates time, money, love, and labor to organizing the community and achieving social justice.



Carla Wages is a lifelong community caregiver. For over 30 years, Carla has devoted her life to caring for Black children. Carla is currently the community-college liaison, a student advisor for the UWP Office of Multicultural Affairs, and a champion for social welfare.

Carla is also a mother of 4, a wife, and a veteran of the US Army Reserves. She has connected the community to resources and walked them through solutions.



Jeremy Payne, MSE, is a seasoned administrative professional and educator. Jeremy holds a Master of Science in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he specialized in Adult Education and has taught students about Ethnic studies at various institutions. In addition, Jeremy is a former Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he actualized his dedication to ensuring equitable access to education. Over a decade of experience complement Jeremy's natural ability to teach and extend 'love ethic' to his personal, familial, professional, and community interactions.



**Together, the Wages, Payne, and Klann Families have donated hundreds of dollars, over 850 hours of labor, and an immeasurable amount of love to supporting the community. We support activities ranging from mitigating police interactions and advocating in IEP meetings, to supporting the educational and entrepreneurial goals of members of the minoritized people living in Platteville. and beyond.**



# Sponsorship is easy!

**1**

Select a sponsorship level

**2**

Email [welcome@subversivesocialwork.com](mailto:welcome@subversivesocialwork.com) to let us know what level you are ready, willing, and able to sponsor.

**3**

Submit Payment

- Visit [subversivesocialwork.com](http://subversivesocialwork.com) and donate on the website via PayPal

**OR**

- Deliver or mail a check payable to **Subversive Social Work** for the appropriate amount to

Subversive Social Work  
30 South Bonson  
Platteville, WI 53818

**4**

Watch for a follow-up email with next steps.



**Thank you! I look  
forward to working  
towards a more  
equitable  
Platteville,  
Together!**

**Contact**

608-492-3324

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