

*Black Diamond Community Foundation*

*A Year of Reorganizing,  
ReBuilding & Preparing for 2027*

**We're Not Stopping .....We're  
Restructuring!**

2026 has been a year of unexpected challenges and important reflection for Black Diamond Community Foundation. As an organization committed to helping youth participate in sports and STEM and enrichment opportunities, we have made the decision to use this year to reorganize, rebuild our funding resources, and prepare for an even stronger 2027.

This year, we experienced a significant loss of funding opportunities. In an effort to make sure our youth were still able to participate, our Director personally stepped in to purchase equipment and help cover participation needs for youth who otherwise could not afford to participate. While we were proud to help, continuing to personally carry these expenses was not sustainable.

So, we took a step back .....not stepping away.



**WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2027**

Our full 2027 activity calendar will be posted in December 2026.

Programs and activities will be scheduled based on the funding and sponsorships available to support them. We want to build programs that we can sustain rather than promise activities that we may not have the resources to provide.

**STEM IS COMING BACK!**

Our youth LOVE STEM, and we heard them! Beginning in 2027, we plan to bring monthly STEM activities to Black Diamond Studio. The move comes after the Faulkner County Library developed alternative programming plans, giving us the opportunity to bring our STEM experiences to our own venue.

We are actively looking for STEM Program Sponsors to help make these monthly experiences possible.

Your sponsorship can help provide:

- STEM activity materials and kits
- Hands-on learning experiences
- Supplies and equipment
- Snacks and program needs
- Opportunities for more youth to participate

Our kids are curious, creative, and excited to learn. We want to keep giving them opportunities to explore!

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### **EVERY KID SPORTS**

**We will also continue working with Every Kid Sports, giving you updates on when the Pass is Open to apply to help families access youth sports opportunities.**

**After an incredible meeting with their organization, we learned just how great the demand has become for assistance from Arkansas families.**

**Unfortunately, there are currently limited donor dollars specifically supporting Arkansas youth.**

**When donors contribute to programs like these, their funding can sometimes be designated for a particular state, sport, or participating organization.**

**That means even when a national program is available, the number of Arkansas youth who can receive assistance may still be limited.**

**We are working diligently to change that.**

### **WE NEED OUR COMMUNITY**

**Across Arkansas, many funding opportunities are understandably focused on critical needs such as homelessness and youth with disabilities.**

**But there is another barrier that deserves attention:**

### **ABILITY TO PAY.**



### **2027 IS GOING TO BE AMAZING!**

**We already have several fundraising opportunities in the works for next year, and we are continuing to build partnerships and seek sponsors.**

**We haven't stopped.**

**We haven't given up.**

**We're rebuilding.**

**Thank you to everyone who has supported Black Diamond Community Foundation, volunteered, donated, sponsored an activity, encouraged our youth, or simply believed in our mission.**

**We're taking 2026 to get stronger, more organized, and better prepared to serve our youth.**

**We'll see you in 2027!**

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**A child shouldn't have to miss out on sports, STEM or enrichment simply because their family cannot afford the registration fee, equipment, or other participation costs.**

**That's where we want to make a difference.**

**We are working to build the funding, sponsorships, and community partnerships necessary to give more Arkansas youth the opportunity to participate.**

**And we can't do it alone.**

**see you in 2027!**

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### HELP US MAKE 2027 AMAZING!

Your Support Can Put an Opportunity Within Reach  
Black Diamond Community Foundation is preparing for an exciting 2027, but we need our community behind us.

Your support can help a child participate in a sport, provide hands-on STEM experiences, purchase equipment, or give a young person an opportunity they might otherwise have to miss because of cost.

**THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP:**

#### BECOME A SPONSOR

Sponsor a program, STEM activity, youth sports participation, or an entire season of opportunities for local youth.

#### BECOME A DONOR

Every contribution helps us provide the equipment, supplies, registration assistance, and program resources our youth need.

#### BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Businesses, organizations, and individuals can partner with us through sponsorships, in-kind donations, fundraising, volunteer opportunities, and other forms of support.

#### SPONSOR OUR 2027 STEM PROGRAM

Our youth have told us loud and clear — they LOVE STEM! We plan to bring monthly hands-on STEM activities to Black Diamond Studio in 2027, but we need sponsors to help cover the cost of materials and supplies.

Would your business sponsor a STEM session?

Your sponsorship could directly provide a group of local youth with an exciting opportunity to experiment, create, explore, and learn.

#### HELP A CHILD PLAY

We believe finances should not be the reason a child has to sit on the sidelines.

Help us provide assistance with:

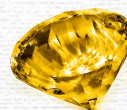
- ✓ Sports registration
- ✓ Sports equipment
- ✓ Program fees
- ✓ STEM supplies
- ✓ Arts & enrichment activities
- ✓ Other participation needs

Your donation can help turn “I can’t afford it” into “I get to participate.”



## Donate

Website:  
[BlackDiamondCF.org](https://BlackDiamondCF.org)



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