# **BLACK DIAMOND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NOVEMBER 2025**



# NEWSLETTER



I started the Black Diamond Community
Foundation because I know what it feels like
to want more for our kids but not have the
resources to give it to them. I know because
that was me years ago, when I too couldn't
afford athletics or life changing activities
for my children! Too many children with big
dreams are sitting on the sidelines, simply
because of cost, access, or lack of support. I
wanted to change that!

# **Conway Happenings:**

November 27 -Turkey Trot 5K and Gobble Wobble Kids Mile November 29 -Baptist Health Illuminate -Christmas Tree Lighting

BDCF was created to give our youth a chance to explore who they are, discover their gifts, and see that they can achieve more. Every program, every event, every connection we make is about giving them hope, opportunity, and the belief that their future matters. As we move into 2026, we're returning to the heart of what made BDCF, our mission to make sure every youth who wants to participate in activities has the chance to do so. Thank you to everyone who has supported and believed in this vision. Together, we are creating a community where no dream is too big and no child is left behind. The best is yet to come, and we can't wait to see what 2026 has in store for our youth, our families, and our future.

Markika Johnson, Founder

## Our Mission Moving Forward

We want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support and dedication to the Black Diamond Community Foundation. Your time, energy, and belief in our mission have made everything we've done possible.

As we move forward, we have been reflecting deeply on why this foundation began, to help youth access opportunities through sports and activities that shape their future, Active Youth! To stay true to that purpose, we will be making a few adjustments to our focus and programs.

As we continue to grow, we're refocusing our efforts to stay true to that purpose.

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# October Recap!!









#### Check out Economics at Faulkner County Public Library (Conway, AR)

by Lisa Byrum







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- Our STEM partnership with the Faulkner County Library will continue as a key educational program.
- Scholarship/Financial Literacy resources will now be available directly on our website, giving families easy access to opportunities shared by community partners.
- We will still host Active Youth Days, now held quarterly and as funding allows.
- Our primary focus will be developing a Youth Activity Assistance Program, designed to help families cover the costs of sports, arts, and activities that can lead to scholarships and lifelong success.



Website



Volunteer

**Donate** 

### Items you can Donate:

Black

**Diamond CF** 

guest

presenter

- Gently used equipment (balls, gloves, etc.)
- Sporting goods gift cards
- Instruments

We will pick up!

## **2025 IMPACT**

418 Youth Served in 2025 204 youth participated in STEM Summer 2025

27 Youth
Registration Fee
Assisted