

The legacy of Juneteenth



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Hi there,

160 years ago today, enslaved people in Texas *finally* gained their freedom, over two years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

Known as Juneteenth, this anniversary is now celebrated as a symbol of strength, resilience, and the power of community—values that inspire Black leaders in our network across the country.

We caught up with seven of these changemakers ahead of the holiday to learn more about their work and how they view the legacy of Juneteenth and the Obama presidency. [Read their powerful words here.](#)



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These leaders have all found ways to use their unique backgrounds and expertise to empower and uplift their communities.

Take Carri Twigg, who worked in the Obama Administration, and set out to bridge the gap between culture and politics. Now, her Black and Brown, woman-owned media company called The Culture House specializes in telling the stories of people of color.

Or Derick Dailey, an Obama Foundation Leader and lawyer. He led ARRIVE Together, a first-of-its-kind program that enlists mental health professionals instead of police to respond to people experiencing mental health crises. The program has resulted in a reduction in uses of force, arrests, and injuries throughout New Jersey.

[Discover their stories, and the stories of five other incredible changemakers, by reading the full profiles this Juneteenth.](#)

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