



[Juneteenth/August Ball](#)

The planning is underway for the 2023 annual *La Crosse Juneteenth Celebration* (Sunday, June 18, Riverside Park) and its associated *August Ball* (Saturday, August 5th, UWL Student Union). **We invite you to partner with the events' hosts**, Hope Restores <https://hoperestoreswi.org/>, Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) <https://www.blacklax.org/>, Enduring Families Project [Enduring Families Project](#) and Black Student Leaders.

History

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This Holiday Commemorates June 19, 1865 when the last of enslaved people heard they were free. It is a US Federal Holiday.

The August Ball commemorates the August 1, 1887 Emancipation Day celebrating the liberation of enslaved people, first in the Caribbean, and then eventually the end of slavery in this country. This Ball was also celebrated in 1887 by the La Crosse Community.

Partner Opportunities

Your partnership would help provide entertainment, food, speakers, historical education, community building, and family friendly and youth activities.

Your partnership can be (1) monetary, (2) an in-kind donation, (3) hosting a table at the event, and/or (4) recruiting volunteers for the event.

To partner with us, use this link [JUNETEENTH PARTNERING](#) or QR code.



Monetary Donations

Checks should be made payable to Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K) with “Juneteenth Celebration” in the memo line and mailed to Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge, P.O. Box 694, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54602.

To donate online, use this link [Juneteenth Monetary Donations](#) or QR code.



Thanking Partners: Because your donations benefit this region and beyond, we would like to say thank you:

- Donations \$50-\$499—receive free event tabling at the Juneteenth event
- Donations \$500 and more—receive free event tabling at the Juneteenth event and your organization’s name on the event t-shirt
- In-kind donations—recognized on social media

THANK YOU for your consideration and we look forward to your support of this important historic community event! Feel free to contact us with questions.

Sincerely,

Shamawyah Curtis, [Hope Restores](#)

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Denise Christy Moss, [Enduring Families Project](#)

Chaya Davis, Black Student Leaders

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Contributions are tax deductible. The IRS determination letter and W-9s are available upon request.