

FREEDOM, INC.

OUR COMMUNITY IS OUR CAMPAIGN

FALL 2016



In September, we held our 15th Annual Health Day and 5K Run. This year we included our first ever all-style dance battle, as well as a pop-up from Debra's Love Thrift Boutique, and a basketball tournament. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported Freedom, Inc.!



MISSION

We are Black, Hmong and Khmer women, queer folks, and young folks who are ending violence against us and our communities through providing services, advocacy, leadership and community organizing.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF

Nancy Vue

Nancy practiced law as a public defender in Madison for five years and then started an in-home dog boarding business. After serving as Freedom, Inc.'s Board Chair, she now produces grant reports and maintains program data.



Jessica Williams

Jessica is a domestic violence advocate with Freedom, Inc. and works with several local organizations in efforts to empower low income communities. Jessica is excited to do work focused on liberating Black women.





Black Women's Survivors Dinner

Freedom, Inc. held a banquet during October's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to honor 15 Black women in Madison who inspire us with their resiliency.

Recent Events & Celebrations

Viv Ncaus Dance Troupe placed 1st at Wausau Hmong New Year Traditional Dance Competition 2016-17. **Breakin' For Justice** placed 3rd in their first Modern Dance Competition.

Freedom, Inc. held three **Drop the Mic** events for queer, GNC, non-binary, and trans youth of color. This monthly open mic series provides a safe space for youth to express themselves in song, poetry, dance, instrument, and visual arts.

M. Adams presented a talk called **Queering Social Justice** at a benefit event with other queer organizations in Madison. M. discussed reactions to the Orlando nightclub massacre and how we can move forward together.

T. Banks spoke on a panel held by Sankofa Behavioral and Community Health focusing on **Black Mental Health and Spirituality** in October.

Freedom, Inc. celebrated moving into a new office space this fall with an **Open House** event featuring ribbon-cutting ceremony and **hu plig** for the Hmoob new year.



Freedom Inc. is proud to be a member of Community Shares Wisconsin (CSW) and looks forward to Big Share Campaign in 2017!

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Members of Freedom, Inc. have been continuing to organize for a number of important issues in our communities, including:

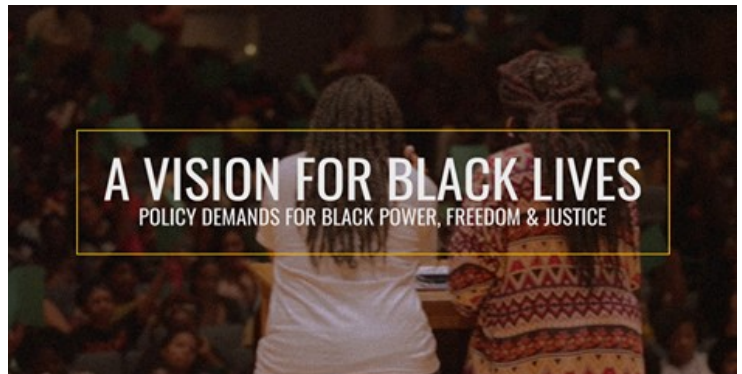
- Community control over the police
- Speaking up against police officers in Madison schools
- Fighting against city plans to build a new police station



Leaders in the Vision For Black Lives

Freedom, Inc. played a leadership role in the Movement for Black Lives, which represents over 50 organizations from across the country. They collectively developed a policy document called "A

Vision for Black Lives: Policy Demands for Black Power, Freedom, and Justice" that builds on the legacy of struggles in which Black people have engaged for decades, and calls for transformation.



Co-Host For First Global Hmong Women's Summit

Freedom, Inc. is a co-host for the first international summit in Thailand for ending gender-based violence and building safe, strong families. The idea for this event started in March 2015, when

30 advocates met up in Thailand to begin building global solidarity. The Global Hmong Women's Summit expands upon this work as a way of growing a movement to transform the harmful practices that negatively impact Hmong women and girls' lives across the globe.



National & International Connections

Our work extends far beyond our local Madison community. Check out some of our recent travels!

- Zon Muas spoke on the plenary panel at the Facing Race conference in Atlanta
- M. Adams attended the Black Feminist Forum in Brazil, organized by the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
- Kabzuaj Vaj and M. Adams studied land and housing issues, police and militarization, and LGBTQ and gender justice issues in Cuba

Join one of our groups!

Our anti-violence work includes culturally specific one-on-one support, case management, advocacy, and weekly support groups. Some of our culturally specific programs are:

Wisdom Project: Anti-violence program culturally specific for Hmong elders

Khmer: Anti-violence program culturally specific for Khmer elders

Debra's Love: Anti-violence program culturally specific for Black women

Nkauj Hmoob: Anti-violence art program culturally specific for Southeast Asian girls

Freemen: Anti-violence program culturally specific for Southeast Asian boys

Black Beauties: Anti-violence program culturally specific for Black girls

PLUS (People Like Us) and PLUS Youth: Anti-violence program culturally specific for queer Black and Hmong people and youth

Loud & Unchained: Anti-violence art program culturally specific for Black youth

Viv Ncaus: Anti-violence art and dance program culturally specific for Hmong girls

Breakin' 4 Justice: Anti-violence art program culturally specific for boys of color



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