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Dear Jason,

Be Inspired by Activist Bree Newsome

Please join us for two exciting evenings this weekend celebrating the amazing activist Bree Newsome! On **Friday evening, September 29** in the Ferguson Auditorium at [AB Technical College](#), Victoria Road, there will be a free event open to the public, "A Conversation with Bree Newsome, Social Activist." Beginning at 5pm, refreshments and exhibits will be available in the lobby outside the auditorium. The exhibits along with their staff/volunteers represent local organizations (including Asheville SURJ) who provide a valuable service to our community. The evening with [Bree](#), who is now famous for taking down the confederate flag at the SC State Capital two years ago, will take place from 5:30-7pm.

On Saturday afternoon, **September 30 from 4:30-6:30** at the [YMI Cultural Center](#) downtown, there will also be a ticketed event celebrating the portrait unveiling of North Carolina's own civil rights activist, Bree Newsome, as she is inducted into the ["Americans Who Tell The Truth" collection](#), joined by the artist Robert Shetterly. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and the opportunity to view the newly acquired, community-owned exhibit. Tickets are available [here](#).

MARCH FOR BLACK WOMEN

This Saturday, the March for Black Women will take the struggle for justice for Black women directly to the Dept of Justice. If you're in/around DC this weekend, we highly encourage you to turn out in support of the March for Black Women and the powerful list of demands compiled on their [website](#). If you're not in/around DC this weekend but want to support the March's demands in your community, check out [the list of Sister Marches and Townhalls](#) happening across the country. (Note: This March will converge with [the March for Racial Justice](#) taking place in DC on the same date.)

SUPPORT FOR DREAMERS

The deadline is fast approaching for folks with DACA to renew before October 5 in order to be eligible to extend their status despite Trump's decision to end the program. There are 154,000 individuals who qualify to renew, but they have to come up with \$495 ASAP in order to process the paperwork. You can help support a DACA recipient to renew their paperwork and stay in the country despite Trump's decision. Just chip in [here](#) and [United We Dream](#) will make sure that every dollar raised will go directly to renewal fees for eligible DACA recipients.

MATTRESS MONEY FOR BAIL OUT

At our monthly **Accountability through Action** meeting we heard from the most awesome **Nicole Townsend** about work of [Southerners on New Ground \(SONG\)](#) and the local bail out project for women and queer folks of color in Asheville. We raised \$166 during our meeting and will continue to raise funds for "mattress money" (\$ to help with continuing needs of those bailed out in August here in Asheville) throughout the month. Stay tuned for a GoFund Me link for where you can contribute online. All meetings, events, and groups of ASURJ will "pass the hat" for continued grassroots reparations for this project now through mid October. Please give generously.

Ongoing opportunities for connection and education:

* Our weekly **Monday evening ASURJ meeting** (next session: Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30-8:30pm) will take place in 23 Edwin House parlor next week (instead of downstairs of main building at UU). Hope to see you there for continuing conversation about ways we can dismantle white supremacy within ourselves, our community, and our institutions. The following Monday, Oct. 9, we'll be back in downstairs UU building with our Calling In session. Please join us for some Courageous Conversations.

* Also please continue to join us for our weekly Tuesday morning Do!scussion (10-11am) and Do-sessions (11:30-1:30pm) at Firestorm. Hope to see you soon! There is much work to do.

In solidarity,

ASURJ Core Team

"ASURJ's role is as a volunteer organizing force in Asheville, NC that exists to provide on-ramps for white people and people with privilege to center and follow people of color leadership to dismantle racism locally and in collective action across the nation. 100% of the money we raise goes to support people of color led organizing in Asheville."

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