BLACK TRANS NATION
YEARY REPORT 2020-2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Black Trans Nation, LLC is a 501 3© non-profit charity organization, advocating on the behalf of Transgender/Non-binary populations of Black/African descent and persons of color – founded by current and former sex workers.

Black Trans Nation advocates and organizes to shape global policy to improve the lives of Black trans people who perform sexual labor by choice, circumstances or coercion, people profiled as such, and communities impacted by the criminalization of sex work and sexual exchange.

BlackTransNation has three core tenets:

1. Destigmatize – to remove the disgraceful or ignominious characterization from
2. Decriminalize – to remove or reduce the criminal classification or status of
3. Decarcerate – the process of removing people from prison, jailed due to societal/structural factors

The organization is poised for growth in the upcoming year. The proposed additional headcounts currently under review include new full-time staff and consultants that will utilize their expertise in various fields in order to exponentially scale up operations over the next 2-3 fiscal years. The areas that have been identified for investment include marketing/communication, legal, and program management, and technology.

In addition to the departments in which headcount growth opportunities have been identified; a need for technology upgrades and new capital investment have arisen. The coming year's ambitious expansion of a global footprint will inevitably lead to the importance in the selection of an overall operational lead. The countdown of a selecting COO/President will start day 1 in the new fiscal year, thus providing the organization with a viable succession plan, leadership, and a visionary global operations lead necessary for technology implementation, sustainable growth and donor confidence.

The Executive Director of Black Trans Nation is Ts. Candii who has exhibited exemplary leadership in transforming policy in decriminalization of sex work and the elevation of Trans rights to the forefront of local, state, and national news and politics. Her capacity to motivate and mobilize not only New Yorkers, but also those on a national stage will continue to attract additional change-agents, thought-leaders, avenues of funding, potential members/allies, and to better serve in improving the lives of our constituents.
ACTIVITIES:

A. Black Mutual Fund

The organization created a Black Mutual Aid Fund. The fund with over $400,000 was able to reach and impact all who identify as trans sex workers. The fund was distributed out, $100,000 to individuals that are Black sex-workers during the Covid 19 pandemic.


B. Sex workers Holiday Fund;

The organization has in the last two years created a sex worker holiday fund in which previously cashed out $19,500 to 130 current and former Black and POC New York based sex workers.

C. COVID19 funding in New York and Kenyan Chapter;

During the Covid19 pandemic worldwide, Black Trans Nation reached out in creating aid and giving donation to trans sex workers during the pandemic. Items like promoting health, safety, and wellness such as: condoms, lubricants and other needs were widely distributed in New York and Kenya.

In Kenya, Black Trans Nation funded the registration, helped fund emergency housing, food distribution and creation of a safe house for Trans sex workers who are refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya, registered as the Trans Youth Empowerment, Kenya Chapter. This safehouse has been an inspirational story in changing lives of Trans refugees in Kenya.

D. Press Conferences/ Webinar.

TS Candii, Executive Director Black Tans Nation has been hosted by different media houses and taken part in different webinars in which she has shared her lived reality story and her success story as a trans sex worker turned activist, how she has transformed lives of many sex workers, campaigned for policy change in New York.

E. Clean Up Days.

Black Trans Nation through her social cooperate responsibility, the members and employees of Black Trans Nation lead by TS Candii took part in the cleaning exercise of the neighborhood community through working closely with local government and donor organizations to support the cause.

F. Legal aid and Rehabilitation.

Legal aid support has been given to members especially black trans sex workers, persons of color, refugees in Kenya with bail and bond funds. Black Trans Nation has created a program to rehabilitate and educate ex-convicts on life after incarceration and how to survive with life after conviction.
G. Fundraising/Donations

Black Trans Nation has given out donations to support the vulnerable trans sex workers community in New York and Kenya. Donations include but not limited to food packages, household items, clothing, condoms, lubricants, money.

Black Trans Nation receives over 200 applications for aid and assistance from New York and all over the world.

H. Safe House

TS Candii, Executive Director Black Trans Nation provided safe housing for refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya. This came as a result of forceful evictions, discrimination and transphobia by landlords in Kenya, this called for emergency intervention of Black Trans Nation and meeting of trans refugee leadership which helped create a registered safe house with food and other basic needs provided. The safe house can accommodate 6-10 persons and with CCTV cameras for security.

The safe house has ongoing poultry project and garden which were funded by Black Trans Nation to support the Trans Refugees.

1. Campaigns/ Rallies

A. Walking While Trans.

Black Trans Nation in the growing movement campaign to repeal the 240.37 Loitering for the purpose of prostitution law in the state of New York. The director took part in the movement which was supported by the Democratic Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo. The Bill to repeal the law had been sponsored by Senator Brad Hoylman and Assembly Member Amy Paulin. The rally was carried out Infront of the Brooklyn Museum to demand rights for Black and trans persons of color.


B. Decriminalizing sex work

Black Trans Nation in 2021, kick started a new campaign against decriminalizing of sex work in New York. TS Candii, Executive Director of Black Trans Nation along with other activists and legislators started efforts to make it the first state to decriminalize sex work with a bill that was introduced in 2019, the bill would vacate sex trafficking related convictions from people's records, push for defund the NYPD’s vice unit and decriminalize sex work while cracking down on sex workers clients.

Activists like TS Candii believe that “walking while trans “statute repeal and sex work decriminalization legislation both stem from growing movement for sex workers rights across the United States.


C. Protection of sex workers

TS Candii, Executive Director Black Trans Nation is at the frontline to campaign for the protection of sex workers community in New York, this follows her passed traumatizing experience. She is pushing for safe working environment for sex workers, rehabilitation and legislative change in existing laws.


AWARDS.

TS. Candii, Executive Director of Black Trans Nation has exceptionally awarded with the following certificates and accolades for her activism and outstanding work;

a) Certificate- Citation of Merit, President of the Borough of The Bronx. March 10, 2022.
c) Certificate -Chosen to Challenge – International Women's Day Award, City Council Citation. (March 8, 2021)
d) Certificate - Citation of Honor, Office of the President, Borough of Queens, City of New York. (November 11, 2021)

Accolades:

i. Power of Diversity Women 100, City and State (November 2021).
ii. Manhattan Young Democrat, Young Gets It Done 2020, Policy Advocate of the Year.