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The Black Child Legacy Campaign
for Transformative Justice
and Healthy Futures

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and Kindra F. Montgomery-Block**

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For our parents, our children, and our grandchildren who have yet to be born.

May the lineage of liberation guide your steps and carry you forward.

Always remember the land you walk upon
and honor those who, across time and space, nurture the pathway home.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

—John 1:14

“Sethe,” he says, “me and you, we got more yesterday than anybody.
We need some kind of tomorrow.”

—Toni Morrison, *Beloved*

For the porch that Grandmama built.

—Kiese Laymon, *Heavy*

The Sacramento area was, and still is, the Tribal land of the Nisenan people. Sacramento is a gathering place for many local Indigenous Nations, including the Southern Maidu people to the north, the Valley and Plains Me-Wuk peoples to the south of the American River, and the Patwin Wintun peoples to the west of the Sacramento River.

When we talk about land, land is part of who we are.

It's a mixture of our blood, our past, our current, and our future.

We carry our ancestors in us, and they're around us. As you all do.

—Great-grandmother Mary Lyons, *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*