



ACLU-KY Volunteer Newsletter - September 2026

Happy September! Throughout August the ACLU of Kentucky welcomed visitors from our neighbor affiliate, the ACLU of Tennessee, prepared for upcoming events including Give for Good Louisville on September 10th, our Commonwealth Voter Campaign that kicks off this month, and the return of the Bill of Rights Dinner on November 5th. Our team has also continued our work on issues affecting Kentucky communities.

You can learn more about the work the ACLU of Kentucky does at our website, which is linked below!

[ACLU-KY WEBSITE](#)

VOTE LIKE YOUR RIGHTS DEPEND ON IT



This election season, the ACLU of Kentucky is pressing a simple message: Vote like your rights depend on it.

Because elections do more than determine who holds office. They shape the laws that govern our lives, the leaders who enforce them, and the decisions that affect our freedoms long after Election Day is over. Voting is one of the most direct ways each of us can help shape what comes next.

Our new [Commonwealth Voter Campaign](#) webpage will serve as a hub for the information Kentuckians need to participate, including voter registration deadlines, absentee and mail-in ballot information, key election dates, voting resources, and Know Your Rights materials.

We'll also be looking for volunteers to help us take this message directly into communities through canvassing. If you believe voting matters and want to help

more Kentuckians make their voices heard, this is an opportunity to do your part to get people to the polls.

SIGN UP TO CANVASS

TAKE ACTION: BRING ARMELLE HOME

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On August 12, 2026, Armelle Bondonga voluntarily appeared for a scheduled United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) interview related to a marriage-based petition filed by her U.S.-citizen husband and her effort to obtain lawful permanent residence. What the family hopes would be an important step forward instead became a devastating moment: Armelle was taken into ICE custody and detained at the Clark County Jail in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Armelle was separated from her husband, their 18-month old U.S.-citizen child, and the community she has called home for years. Armelle's absence is being felt throughout her family and community -- but so is the love, strength, and determination of those working to bring her home.

[Take a few minutes to read through Armelle's story and how you can help to bring Armelle home to her family and loved ones.](#)

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LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX 2026



A group of Breaking Barriers Council members attended SisterSong's Let's Talk About Sex Conference in Chicago in August. Two ACLU-KY volunteers, Merideth Booth and Katima McMillan, presented on "The Black Woman's Guide to Public Office," and Merideth reported back on her experience!

"Attending LTAS this year as a volunteer with the ACLU of Kentucky was such a wonderful experience! I was able to bond with so many people and learn about the many intersections of reproductive justice. It was such an honor to be chosen to present, 'It Was Never Out of Reach: A Black Woman's Guide to Public Office' alongside Katima McMillan. We were able to shed light on the importance of civic engagement and even empowered others to consider running for office across the country."

Thank you to all of our volunteers who attended LTAS and thank you to Merideth for recapping her experience! 🌟



GIVE FOR GOOD. FIGHT FOR RIGHTS.



Give for Good Louisville returns September 10, and while Louisville may be in the name, the work your gift supports reaches across Kentucky.

Give for Good is an important opportunity to invest in the ACLU of Kentucky's work defending civil liberties statewide, from the courtroom to the legislature to communities across the Commonwealth. Supporters everywhere can participate, and every gift helps strengthen our ability to respond when rights are threatened.

And, thanks to a generous donor, every contribution will be matched up to \$10,000, doubling your gift and its impact!

This year's giving window stretches across several days:

-Early Giving Opens: September 7 at 12:00 a.m.

-Main Giving Day: September 10, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

-Late Giving Ends: September 11 at 12:00 p.m.

[As September begins, we'll also be sharing easy-to-use social media language supporters can copy, personalize, and share.](#) Giving matters, but helping us reach the next person matters too.

DONATE OR FUNDRAISE

JOIN US AT THE BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER



Our [Bill of Rights Dinner](#) returns this November, and we're entering the final stretch of our sponsorship campaign.

Coming just after the November election, the dinner will give us a chance to gather, take stock of the moment, and look ahead together. We'll also hear from keynote speaker [Deborah Archer](#), whose message about protecting and rebuilding the systems that safeguard our rights could hardly arrive at a more important time.

Our sponsorship goal is \$350,000, supporting the ACLU of Kentucky's legal advocacy and public education work across the Commonwealth.

Now is the time to reserve your sponsorship or encourage an organizations, business, or community partner to join us. Individual tickets will go on sale on September 16th!

Learn more and become a sponsor at: <https://www.aclu-ky.org/bill-of-rights/>.

We are looking for a few more helping hands to make our Bill of Rights Dinner an impactful night -- [if you'd like to volunteer at our Bill of Rights Dinner you can fill out this form.](#) We will provide each volunteer with a seat and meal at the dinner.

Please email Chloe@aclu-ky.org with any questions.



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