



*Photo Credit: New Bedford Creative*

**The Black Lives Matter mural represents a powerful expression of art, community, and social justice.**

**As this site changes, the messages and values of this artwork will continue to stand.**

**Thank you to all of the artists who made this important installation possible.**

In 2021, New Bedford Creative partnered with Tanisha Ferrer and a collective of other artists to create the “Black Lives Matter” mural, which was installed along the fencing of the vacant Keystone lot 193-197 Union St. in New Bedford.

In early 2026, One Circle Co. will purchase this lot from MassDevelopment as planned and begin construction of new mixed-use building featuring 45 apartments and ground-floor commercial space.

Prior to construction, the creative team will remove the mural and relocate it to the historic Star Store, a cornerstone of downtown New Bedford since 1844.



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Architecture & Community Design*

**This project received funding by New Bedford Creative, SuperflatNB, and in-kind support from YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts. The designers and painters of the letters include:**

**B** - designed by Liya Hoshi and painted by Ann E. Espindola

**L** - designed by art teacher Kate Vannata at Hayden McFadden Elementary School and painted by volunteers

**A** - designed by 8th grade scholar Margaret MacRamos and painted by art teacher Kate Frazer Rego of Alma Del Mar School Charter School

**C** - designed by art teacher Kate Vannata at Hayden McFadden Elementary School and painted by volunteers

**K** - designed by Vannyka Sim and painted by Nicole Pupillo

**L** - designed by Tanisha Ferrer and Material Creative and painted by Tanisha Ferrer

**I** - designed and painted by Ashley Stuart

**V** - designed by Tanisha Ferrer and Material Creative and painted by Imalay Lugo-Lopez

**E** - designed by Material Creative and painted by volunteers

**S** - designed by Melanie Perry and painted by volunteers

**M** - designed and painted by Nicole Bishop

**A** - designed by Nuno Alfama and painted by Ronald A. Saulnier

**T** - designed by Tanisha Ferrer and Material Creative and painted by Tanisha Ferrer

**T** - designed and painted by Duvall Skerritt

**E** - designed and painted by Mandy Fraser

**R** - designed and painted by Styles Vazquez

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*Tanisha Ferrer, Co-Organizer*

