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Involve your workplace or community organization! Do you do gift exchanges at your job or community organization? Do you choose an organization to donate to for the holiday season? Choose the #FundAfroFuturism campaign! Propose foregoing the typical gift exchange this year and ask for 25% of your work place, department or community to become patrons or set a pledge goal! Compete between departments! Get your places of worship involved! We know that some places of worship ask for tithes. Would your congregation be willing donate a tithe/gift to Blackspace? Speak with the leaders of your religions/spiritual community to see if you could set up a table before and after service for the

#FundAfroFuturism campaign!

Become a patron yourself! No amount is too small! Becoming a sustainer at \$5 means skipping a coffee at Starbucks, once a month. The 'Ujamaa Shield' patreon, at \$10/month, is the price of one movie ticket. An 'Afronaut' patreon, at \$25/mo, means not eating out JUST once a month. We hope you can find something to give up in order to give the students of Blackspace the resource of our programming :)

IS THE DONATION TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes, but there's a caveat. If you pledge \$5/month for 12 months, your total donation over the year will be \$60. You will be able to write off the total amount you've donated at the time you file your taxes. This applies to patrons at the \$5, \$10 and \$25 level. For patrons that contribute at the \$100 level or above, you will receive a swag bag and/or service from Blackspace. The value of the items you receive must be deducted from your taxable donation. For example, if the patron pays \$1200 @ the \$100 level over the course of a year, the value of the swag bag you'd receive, say \$75, must be deducted to the total deductible amount, leaving you with \$1125 total amount that can be written off.

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Get your church involved! We know the church asks for 10% of your income.

We are willing to sit down with leaders of your church to see if the entire congregation would be willing donate one tithe/month to Blackspace! You can also speak with the leaders of your church to see if you may table before and after service for the #FundAfroFuturism campaign!

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We are asking for \$5 as a starting donation, Spaceship tier, but no amount is too small! Rewards are given once you've reached a tier. For example, if you decide to donate \$3/month, you will receive a thank you from us at Blackspace but you will not be eligible to enter the raffle to win a mini-swig bag that comes with a 'Spaceship' tier contribution. If you decide to donate \$20/month, you will qualify for the rewards for the 'Ujamaa Shield' tier but not the 'Afronaut' tier.

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