

# G{CODE}HOUSE

# BLACKSPACE

COMMUNITY VISIONING | DESIGN STRATEGY  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

G{CODE} IS A ROXBURY, BOSTON BASED PROGRAM DEDICATED TO COMBATING BOTH THE HOUSING CRISIS AND REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AND NON BINARY PEOPLE OF COLOR IN TECH.

DURING THE INITIAL CREATION OF THE SPACE, BLACKSPACE WAS INVITED BY THE G{CODE} COMMUNITY TO HELP DEVELOP A VISION FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE SPACE WHILE PROMOTING COMMUNITY BUILDING, EMPOWERMENT, AND RESILIENCE.

CO-DESIGN VALUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON STORIES, ARTIFACTS AND BLACKSPACE MANIFESTO PRINCIPLES:

## PLAY FAMILY

Bright and saturated colors with very textured surfaces (i.e. drapes, murals, wallpapers) create vibrancy for communal living spaces.

Space for women to ritualize creation and play experiences like a dedicated studio/craft space.

Flexible dining space for eating in a large or multiple small groups allows for a family feel in the home and for cross-cultural communal eating styles.



## CARE

Sacred bathroom spaces for the individual aimed to promote an experience of escape with a spa-like feel (i.e. space for "wash days", wood tones, warm colors, plant life, calming sounds).



## LIBERATION

Bedrooms with more flexibility in overall aesthetic, so that each individual holds agency to define and redefine her place of rest.

### THE PROCESS

#### LEARN, LISTEN, ACTIVATE

Beginning with a Manifesto-based design workshop, participants decided on five BlackSpace Manifesto principles to guide the design project: Cultivate Wealth; Center Lived Experience; Promote Excellence; Celebrate, Catalyze & Amplify Black Joy; Protect & Strengthen Culture; Manifest the Future.

#### REFLECT, CO-DEVELOP

In a following workshop, G{Code} House participants brought sentimental artifacts to develop a list of design features of an affirmative space.

#### CO-CREATE, LINK

BlackSpace shared tailored co-design recommendations with G{Code} House, Sasaki, and Arup team members from the chosen vision and values.

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