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### Calling All Black Men!

Have you ever pondered why unity and mutual support are so fundamental within any community, particularly the Black Man? The lack of support and understanding can have dire consequences. Our Black Men were our economic backbone, provider, and protector.

Black Men have endured systemic injustices, disparities, and prejudices that have hindered their/our progress and potential. According to the American Psychological Association, Black Men are overrepresented in prisons, with one in three Black Men likely to be incarcerated at some point in their lifetime. This stems from systemic biases that disproportionately target Black Men, often leading to harsher sentences compared to their counterparts.

Despite these obstacles, Black Men continue to break barriers, shatter stereotypes, and make significant strides in various fields. They/we are the innovators, and the change-makers.

To my Black Brothers it is crucial now, more than ever, to amplify our voices, our stories, our struggles, and our triumphs. We are scientists, scholars, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, leaders, and most all under recognized as supportive fathers.

However, the fight for equality is far from over. While progress has been made, there is still much work to be done to close the gaps and dismantle the systems of oppression that hold Black Men back.

Have you ever pondered the profound strength that emanates from the Black Man although their ability to weather storms, withstand trials, and still stand tall even after being publicly knocked down by the masses. Yes, regardless of the negativity, generation after generation of black men, continue on their tenacious journey of fulfilling their manhood obligations with dignity and pride.

In the annals of history, Black Men stand as pillars of perseverance. We have consistently overcome the most daunting adversities, from the shackles of slavery to the harsh realities of segregation, and the ongoing *Continued on page 63*



**National Editor & Chief**  
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### The Marilyn Mosby Overwhelming Dilemma

During the last few days of January and the early days of February 2024, I, as well as other members from the community spent days in Greenbelt Md. We went to sit in on the court proceedings concerning our past State's Attorney Ms. Marilyn Mosby.

Whole heartedly, I want to personally thank all those who came to stand with this woman.

Of course, this was her second trial. Unfortunately, I hadn't made the first one. Regretfully, I am sorry I didn't because at this trial, I saw a lot, heard a lot, and learned a lot. This second trial, that I was present for, the jury handed a split verdict. I have no idea on earth as to how a split verdict was determined, other than to say, the jurors must have reached a compromise. I say compromise' while referencing to those who possibly were leaning towards finding her innocent, I believe, reluctantly agreed to have a split verdict. Again, which was stupid to yours truly and some others present.

Of course, this entire trial was about her purchasing a second home in Florida. Also, a gift letter, where her husband, at the time, Nick Mosby wired her \$5,000. Well, to my understanding, as it relates to the mortgage fraud on the house, where she had supposedly lied on the documents, she is innocent. Yet, she is guilty of using her own \$5,000 on closing on the property.

Since I was present during this entire episode, I am going to give my take and my view as to how erroneous this entire trial was. First, of all, the gift letter was something she was told she would have to have, according to the people she was working with, while acquiring this particular property. She was informed that she would need \$5,000 as a gift from someone other than herself to complete the deal.

Of course, sitting in the courtroom and listening to their lively hood, I had no idea regarding their struggles concerning managing finances. Nor was it common knowledge that Marilyn Mosby's name was never on the house that she and her husband shared for many years.

However, what the jurors found her guilty of is something that is totally stupid, from my perspective. Again, as I stated, I had no idea regarding the financial turmoil that was taking place inside the Mosby's home. Until my listening an witnessing documents being put on the screen concerning this couple during my second court presence.

Yes, from the outside looking in, I like many others probably thought this young couple was rich. She was the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, and her husband was and still is presently the President of City Council. Yes, so just in salary combined they were making *Continued on page 63*



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### The National Black Unity News

The National Black Unity News (TNBUN) is a national newspaper. Not only circulated in the United States of America and its Territories but in other countries and continents as well. For those of you who are not familiar with TNBUN, it is a quarterly published Solution-Oriented-Periodical. TNBUN publishes in print on high quality paper and is online. TNBUN produces news and information that does not put down or denigrate any race or group of people, but it will resonate the voice for The Black-Melanated-African American Community. There are numerous businesses, organizations, and individuals doing a lot of uplifting and speaking clearly about improving our quality of life. We (TNBUN) believe that it is in your best interest to help and support the efforts of these businesses, organizations, and individuals as we do and here's why.

In 2010, the minority publishers of original material comprise of less than two percent (<2%) of all public media that is dis-

tributed across all platforms in America. That equates to more than ninety-eight percent (>98%) of all of the information published in books, magazines, newspapers, or produced on television or the internet are generated by the majority. In 2024, National Public Radio (NPR) reported that there has been some improvement. According to NPR, it is now four percent (4%) which means that ninety-six percent (96%) of our information still comes from outside sources.

The three most valuable entities humans possess are time, information, and tools. When a person's *time* living on this earth is up...it is over. For that person time stops. What is ranked next...*information* (and we will discuss in some detail). Then there are our *tools*. Your cell phone, your car, your fork, are all tools, but the number tool on this planet is money. Because with money, you can purchase a cell phone, a car, and a fork. Let's expound on *information*, which is extremely valued, especially to those who have it. Why is education so highly praised? Why is it in war that the first thing in combat is to shut down all communication? Why does history show time after time governments (especially Dictatorships) attempt to control the press and every word printed? Why do people still say, "If you want to keep something from a Black Man...put it in a book!?" The answer to all these questions is that *information has great value*. That is why some people are willing to pay small fortunes for what they want to know. Information, regardless of whether it is the truth or a pack of lies, is simply something provided,

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National Editor  
Dr Barbara Watties  
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### Widows & Widowers Seven Stage Journey

Recently I was asked, by Minister Jewel Brown, WORTH Ministries, to chair a meeting for a group of widows and widowers. Reason being because I lost my husband 12 years ago, the participants felt I could possibly share some of the tools I used as I journeyed through the sudden loss of my very best friend of 40 years plus.

Let me begin by saying: now, as I reflect on my journey, I think the hardest part of losing someone isn't having to say goodbye but learning to live without them: always trying to fill that void. The emptiness and loneliness that's left inside your heart, when they go, leaves you without reasoning, rationalization, purpose and even questioning your, WHY FAITH, in God. But, as time progressed, I learned that... you must never give up on your Faith.

For some people the first few weeks may be emotionally soaked in shock, denial, and total disbelief. The why and if only, sometimes, even leads to overpowering frustration. The Why and If Only, sometimes leads to blame. For some, sometimes the emotional shock can be that overwhelming.

This article is for those of you who are going through days of staggered emotional traumas. Hopefully the article will help you navigate through your grief and loss without continuously being overwhelmed and feeling so broken and empty. Thereby disallowing your inner being to succumb to your river of negative flowing emotions.

Then slowly, prayfully, you will begin to accept reality with a much clearer head and sense of direction. This growth from within, will allow you to begin to "accept what God has allowed." This will enable you to ready yourself to begin to move forward as you open your self-made cocoon of grief.

Throughout these 12 years, while struggling with redefining who I was, I started researching information about challenges associated with grief, which introduced me to the Seven Steps of Grief. Digesting and practicing several of those seven steps, coupled with family support, I've learned that being able to control your mental state of bereavement is paramount to a productive future.

The following are seven brief stages of the grief process you might be going

through:

Stage 1. Shock & Denial: This stage may last for several weeks. Sometimes the disbelief, numbness, and even denial can be overwhelming: thereby succumbing to your negative emotions.

Stage 2. Pain & Guilt: This is when your shock is replaced with excruciating pain and or possibly blame. You begin to feel you didn't do all you could have; with and for your loved one. You may even try to hide, avoid, or even drown your pain with alcohol or drugs. But either is the worst you can do to yourself. Believe it or not, experiencing the pain is a release for your emotions.

Stage 3. Anger and frustration: When you unintentionally play the blame game, especially if you've had little support along the way. Those bottled-up emotions burst into anger. Without rational or reasoning you lay blame for your loss on others. This lack of control and accusation may result in extreme damage to the accused and possibly the loss of a long-time relationship or friendship.

Stage 4. Depression, Reflection, Loneliness: During this time, you may choose to withdraw from communicating with others. During this alone time, you tend to fill your spirit with memories of the many things you and your loved one use to do. As you continuously reflect on your loss these memories flood your entire being with overwhelming depression and sadness.

Stage 5. The Upward Turn: Now is the time when you begin to regroup a little. Adjusting to your loss is slowly reversing your inner spirit to a sense of controlled calmness. Your depression has found another path to flush and possibly

resolve your negative emotions.

Stage 6. Reconstruction & Working Through: This is where you begin to use your mind at a level that once again becomes more functional. Finding realistic solutions, to problems become natural, instead of emotionally and painfully out of control.

Stage 7. Acceptance & Hope: Due to the suffering you have endured moving forward, may not bring you all the happiness you desire. However, freedom of the mind and spirit will afford you the opportunity to seek solutions to your own emotional problems. This alone will allow you to think about your loved one with a smile and pleasant memories and no more painful drowning tears.

#### TEN THINGS GOD WANTS YOU TO REMEMBER AS YOU JOURNEY THROUGH YOUR WORLD OF GRIEF HE LOVES YOU

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He will pave the way for you  
He will open doors for you  
He will enlighten you  
He will embrace you  
He will comfort you  
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He is everything you could ever ask for  
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People who have an event planner such as politicians, business tycoons, entertainment moguls, company executives and celebrities are literally free from doing daily tasks and can fully concentrate on

their jobs and routine because there is somebody who takes care of everything they need.

But, aside from having somebody who can do all the errands, there is more to

having an event planner. This is having the peace of mind that everything that you need to do and everything that should be done is taken care of without you doing a single thing except giving out specific instructions.

#### What do you get from an Event Planner?

Depending on the description of their job, a personal assistant can be considered as the most reliable person around an employer or a boss. This is because he or she does everything in order to make the employer feel less stressed and can concentrate more on the task ahead. The personal assistant does this by ensuring that everything—from office works and other menial

tasks—are properly taken cared of.

An event planner is expected to maintain the business and the social calendar of his or her employer. The event planner is expected to do all the scheduling and all appointments for the individuals, whether in their business or personal life. He or she is also in-charge of making all travel arrangements in local and international destinations while handling all the events and functions of the employer. Since the event planner is one of the closest persons for the host, he or she takes charge in various social planning and meetings.

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Mr. Haynie has also served as a General Manager with Hilton and Intercontinental Hotels in Baltimore, Boston, and

Hartford, as well as a General Manager with independent and branded hotels in Charlotte, Hartford, Boston and Washington, DC.

In 2012, he founded the Maryland Center for Hospitality Training (MCHT), which prepares Marylanders with customer service, safety, soft and social skills, and technical training for successful transition into the workplace. In 2020, a COVID-19 protocol training and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion consultation and training was added to assist their clients to reopen and operate their business in a safe environment. The MCHT is one of the leading work force

and COVID-19 safety training providers in the region. For more information, visit [www.marylandcenterforhospitalitytraining.com](http://www.marylandcenterforhospitalitytraining.com)

Currently, Mr. Haynie serves as President of Global Training Center LLC, a Florida company devoted to training initiatives and workforce development serving all industries. Global has subsidiaries in Maryland, North Carolina, and Nairobi, Kenya. For more information visit: <https://globaltrainingcentersllc.com> Recently, two weeks ago, Mr. Haynie added another subsidiary to Global, called Staffing Solutions which allows resumes to get uploaded and accessible to various companies look for qualified employees.

Everyone goes on a journey, but few are trail blazers Michael E Haynie, Sr. is a trailblazer He traveled where very few Black people have ventured. also, he opened many doors of opportunity for a multitude of people

Michael wears many hats, but I want to focus on just a few. In my industry media, Michael ventured into broadcasting he hosts two podcast one is called **60 Minutes In Black America** and the other is **Wake Up Baltimore**

This is what make Michael so unique in our industry he truly cares about people and their situations he cares about uplifting people not just Black people but all people. He provides a format where people can share, what they are doing they can share about what is going down in town, around town and out of town.

It is rare these days when people like Michael Haynie, Sr. use their own resources to benefit others And expose people on both sides of the tracks about what is happening and what can be done to change situations. I personally have viewed many of his broadcasts and I can tell you they are uplifting, informative, insightful and most of all he and his guest are sincere.

Tune-in on Sundays at 6:00 pm to watch **60 Minutes In Black America** and Monday Mornings at 7:30 am to watch **Wake Up Baltimore**

If you don't know now you know Michael Haney is a servant a visionary and a man that loves people a man that wants to help people listen to his podcast and see for yourself thank you Michael for supporting The National Black Unity News, and helping people so that they can help themselves

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### We Welcome the Virginia Black Unity News

The time has come; several like-minded courageous Virginia's have joined together in solidarity to help promote the debut of the Virginia Black Unity News publication. April will be the launch of this prestigious event, a state-wide spin-off from its national counterpart. The National Black Unity News based in Baltimore; Maryland has now reached international circulation in the Diaspora. I am excited to be an integral part of the movement, interviewing and producing the content surrounding the promotional showcase video. Collaboration between yours truly, the Publisher, Producer, and Marketer, David Murphy, is always a

productive, educational, and social venture.

This is one of many projects we have collaborated on; however, this one is extra special! It centers and encompasses the talented people who want to see this inception come to fruition. Their zeal, compassion, and desire to take on an arduous task, of this magnitude, requires deep, committed insight. That's why I have joined them to make this a reality for the state of Virginia Commonwealth. Not often does there come a time in life to participate in such an historical event that could change people's lives. We

anticipate that this publication will do just that.

The publications articles are specifically for us, all the information is experienced and written by us, to enlighten and empower the Black business communities. Our goal is to create such an impact that more business leaders will want to get involved and share their experiences. The local directory will assist new businesses as well as established ones. It is a menu for the masses, creating employment opportunities in marketing, sales, and promotions. The list goes on and on, no telling how far it will go. One thing for sure is that it will be a success. With our country as divided as it is, there is no better time like now to launch this agenda.

This is another example of what like-minded people can and will accomplish when they see the vision. By rolling up their sleeves and uniting while engaging in the sharing of impactful, challenging work. It gives me immense pleasure to part-take in the heavy lifting of seeing this promised venture happen for the State of Virginia. After the launch of the new publication people can expect to see

a visual presence from the staff throughout the next quarter. Staff will be statistically targeting areas to continue the promotional phase well into the coming months. Since Virginia is a very populated state there will be much ground to cover: the undertaking may well last into the year.

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nature, and the natural order of life. "Enlightenment" is not a religious phenomenon. It does not come to you because you pray out of fear of the unknown, petition the god or the gods of the religion you have willingly given you will to be yourself too. It does not come from your supplication or divine service to a manmade manifestation he said will save you when you leave this earth. "**Zuxamah**" means (The Enlightened Spirit) and it is the spirit that is of God.

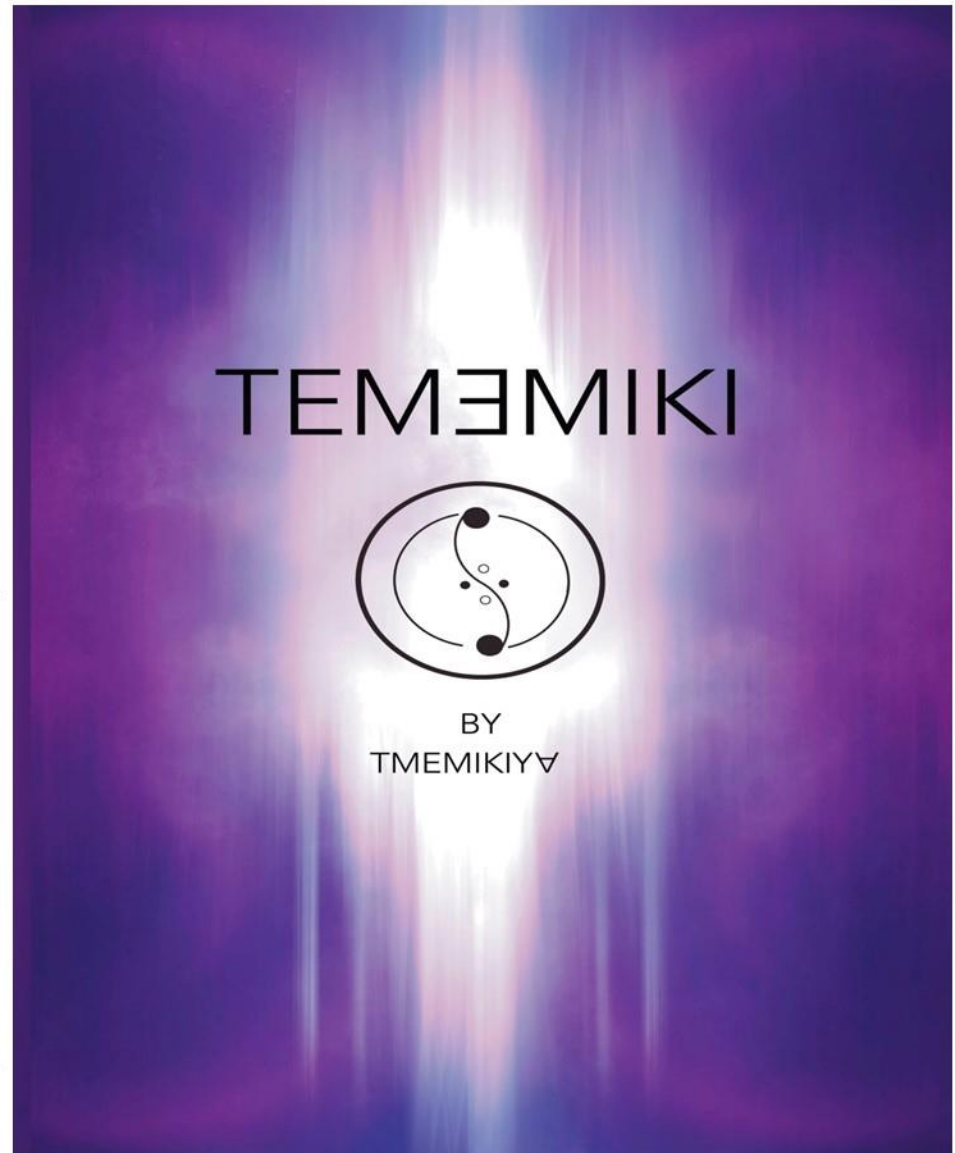
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For as long as human beings have been communicating with one another, they have been telling falsehoods about the existence and interactions of God. God, the creator of all things, as well as mankind, did so billions or even trillions of years before mankind. God is the spirit that created the spirit in which it came from and did not share this inceptional phenomenon verbally or grammatically with any human being. All that is sad to be the word or words of God is a lie and a lie, and a lie again and again and again. God, the spirit of spirits did not four thousand, eight thousand, or one hundred thousand years ago talk or communicate with any human. The words written in those books that say so are lies, abominations, and sanctimonious bovine waste material.

shrouded in the truth of an actualization, waiting for you to embody. You must hear and feel them, beyond the phonetic sensations made by the letters making up the words, as you allow your existence to absorb the true enlightenment of their meanings, in the speechless words being transmitted to your person.

You must learn to unlearn much of what you have been taught, if you want to

**Tmemikiya** is not a deity like Jesus was said to be, and he is not being looked upon like any of the many supposed deities, that were said to bless this world with their presence. Tmemikiya means "The Messenger" and he is a harbinger of good, a presageful creation created from an innate ability to look and see, listen, and hear, and understand the clarity in the things being holistically perceived, with the sensory preceptors of his psychosomatic existence, given to him by God. So, the words in this book "Tememiki," are not to be taken lightly or dismissed as the ramblings or utterances of a foolish individual, as **Tememiki** "means the message." Thus, you must look at them, the words, as they lie in silence on a page, beyond the perceptivity of your human manifest misguidedness, and not only see them with the kaleidoscopic shifting colors you have yet to comprehend, but you must also live them. You must spiritually observe them with your eyes and mind, as you step into an auditory phenomenon of acoustical, soundlessness of sounds you hear with your holistic self,



Here you must think of the religion you believe in and take a good look at it, and you will see, that it is just like all other religions that does nothing for an individual if you are not sitting on, near, or at the top of it power-higher echelon-hedonistic structure. We have been taught nonsense about spirituality and this nonsense has caused a lot of unnecessary pain in our lives. We as human creatures are Godly, and therefore, the sons and daughters of God. Our biggest iniquity on earth is our conscious journey away from God, towards our selfish, hedonistic, worldly, and materialistic existence; regretfully, our biggest crime is our unconscious ignorance of the grace of God. We are living in the age of unity. We, as human beings, must become one with God, nature, and the natural order of life. We have been frightened away from our just position as spiritually sensitive beings. This lack of spiritual sensitivity has caused a desensitization in too many of us. There is an imbalance in our lives, caused by the loss of feelings for spiritual and humanistic qualities. This atmosphere is making people senseless and inhibited and alienating them from the help they so badly need. This bizarre sensory deprivation has caused depression, anxiety, and deadness in countless amounts of people. Why is this happening is the big question. We are living in the age of unity. But our foolish materialistic attitude is making it seem as if we are living in a state of accumulative suspended animation. Get as much as you can seems to be the name of the game. So painful is this condition, is the fact, that religion is the backbone of our downfall and the bringer of damnation to our future.

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brella because you want a different color. How often have you spent time with people you don't really like because you refuse to let them think you aren't doing well... Question? How does them not thinking it, help to change your situation for the better? All these circumstances have been front and center in my life at one point or another. I suspect a few of you have wrestled with some of these issues as well. Finally, I just got sick and tired of being sick and tired. Every one of these circumstances were within my ability to change. That meant changing my thinking to reflect a choice I was actively making to be my own priority.

to the end are up to us! We can achieve and progress. We can learn and share what we learn. We can be blessed and use our blessings to be a blessing. The most effective method we have for protecting the quality of the lives we live is choice. I had to learn the absolute importance of making my own choices. But before I could really make good, sound choices, I had to get real and acknowledge some things about myself. Maybe I wasted all that time because it was easier to make excuses or to call it catching up instead of getting caught up. I wasted a lot of time over-thinking things instead of making my list and then prioritizing the items. Maybe I avoided the communication because I "thought" it would lead to the "hard" conversation that I "believed" would only "hurt" me. There's another word for all those excuses that we are all familiar with. FEAR.

Wasted Time

There are few things more valuable and precious than our time. We take it for granted that we have time to do things, or see things, or have things, or to be something that we have always dreamed of.

are a priority to them. So, what's to talk about? Instead of being productive and accomplishing tasks necessary to lift our quality of life, we busy ourselves with tasks that only take up our time. Like shopping for hours to find your twentieth pair of black leather dress shoes or to find your seventh automatic open um-

The time we have left is precious and irreplaceable. Once it is spent there are no refunds, and no change will be returned. Our lives and the memories we create as we journey from the beginning

Instead of filling out that application for the next best job or the college of our choice, we watch another meaningless episode of a television show or podcast that can wait. Instead of studying for the exam we know we must pass, we call a friend to gossip and/or complain about things/people we have zero control over. Instead of making our list of goals to keep us on track, we allow others to make their goals our priority. Then we work harder to help them achieve goals that have nothing to do with us; and whine about not being further along than we are. Instead of encouraging honest communication about what your future looks like with that special someone, we wait day in and day out for weeks, months and even years for the other person to bring it up. Except they don't have a version of the future where you



I have wasted enough time waiting, expecting, pretending and hoping for things that others have control over. There are only two places that my help will come from. Trust in God. Belief in myself. All the rest will be taken care of when I cast my cares on the Lord and wait only for Him! Be blessed and TRUST GOD'S PROCESS.

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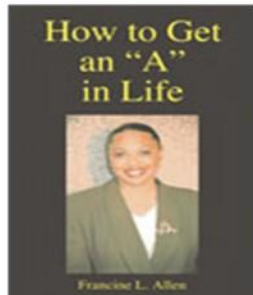
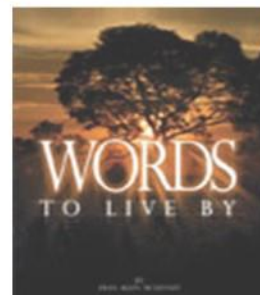
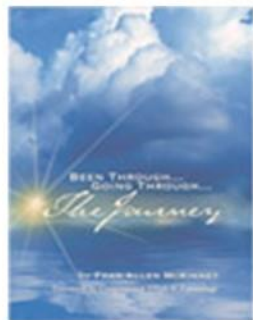
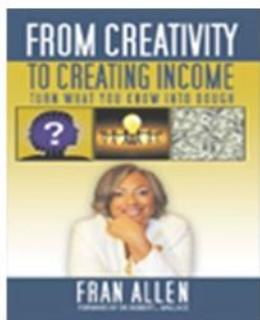
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Her health was not an important matter to her. Her unhappiness did not help the high blood pressure she suffered with. She would get depressed and drink until she was drunk to cover the pain and emptiness she was feeling. She was sober more than she was drunk, but the tears she cried while she was drunk made me want to help her find some happiness. I would do her hair and listen when she talked about getting a job and leaving my father. My mother did not get a job, but she did leave my father and us too. One day, my mother told us that she was having chest pains and we told her to go to the doctor and she said; "I'll be okay. I'll rest." Well, she is still resting. She had a massive heart attack a

couple of days later and died! Now I am a motherless child because my mother couldn't love herself half as much as she loved me. I don't want to see another woman give her life so needlessly while saving so many others. I loved my mother, but I never understood why she would love and nurture us and did nothing to obtain her own happiness. In the end, she died an unfulfilled woman.

### The Enemy In Me - Saving You And Killing Me

As women, we give until we can give no more. Then we are empty of strength, tired from lack of rest, feeling devalued and unappreciated from all the things we do. The price we pay for the love that we desire is greater than what we can afford. Yet, we keep giving until it takes our breath, our health or completely breaks our spirit. We feel alone and have nowhere to turn for support. Instead, we look for love in all the wrong places from all the wrong people. I watch women everyday taking care of other people while hurting themselves. They all say the same thing; "I have to do what I have to do." I am so tired of seeing women value everything and everybody and completely devalue themselves. Every time I hear a woman say those words my heart breaks all over again. You see, my mother was a housewife for 35 years and she lived for her kids, my father, and her grandchildren. She never did anything

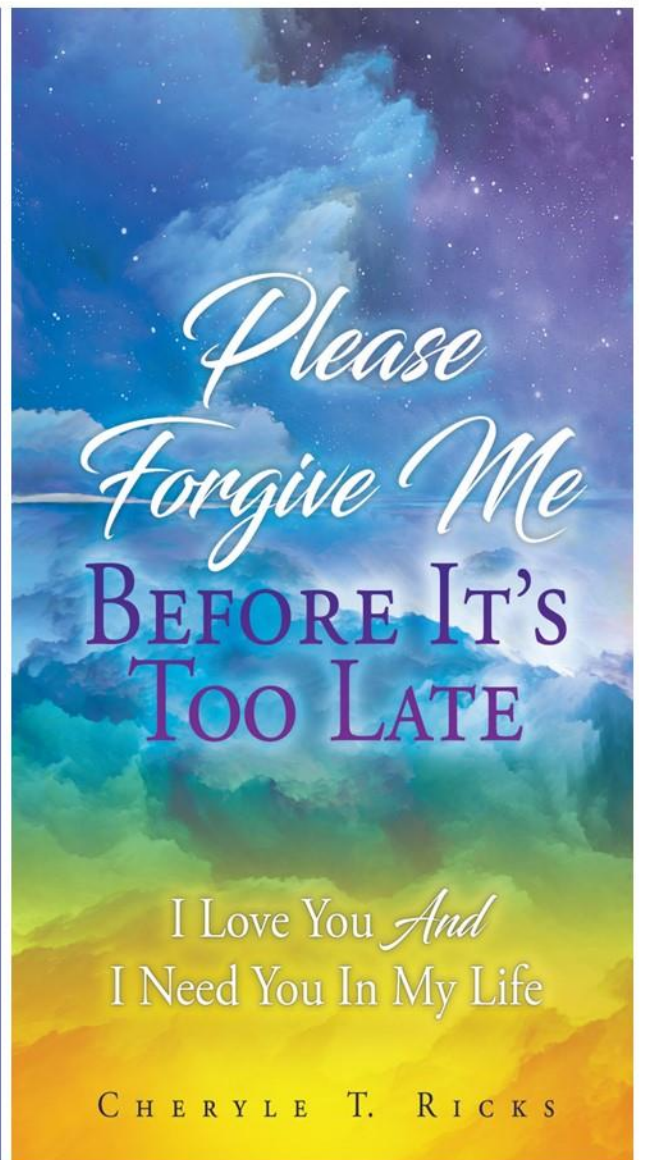
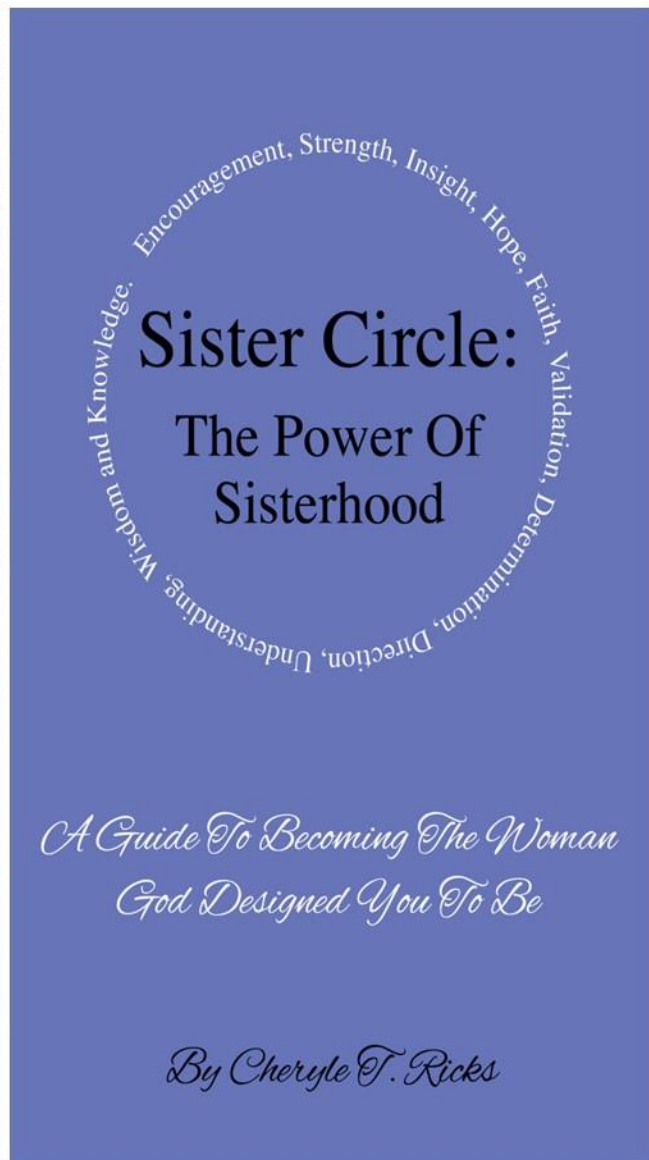
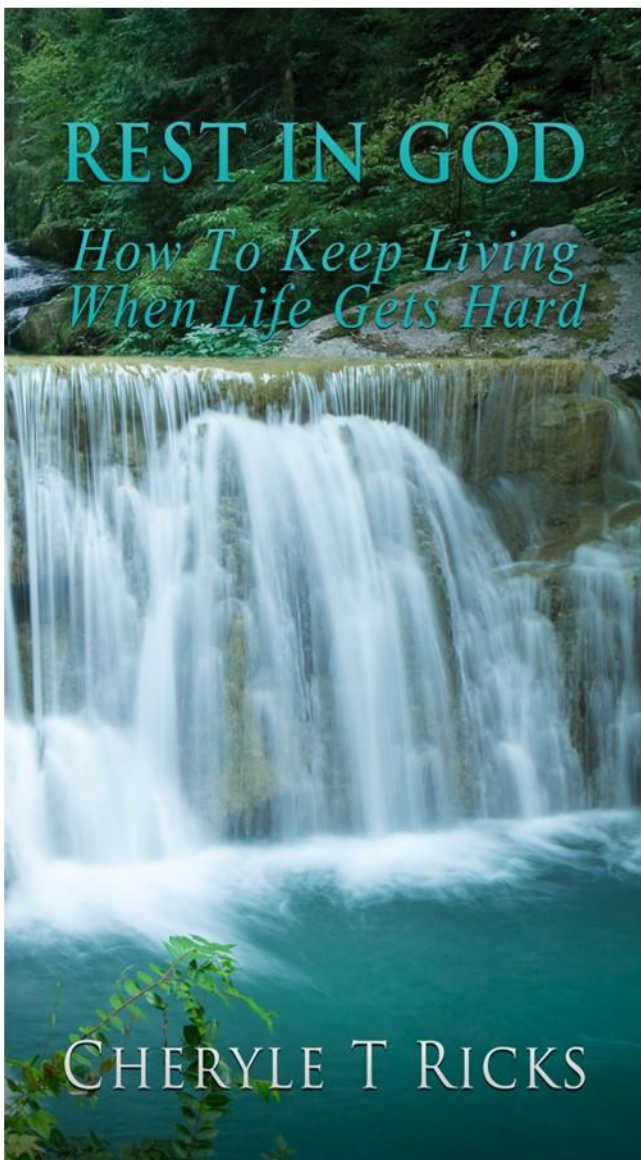
for herself. She never fulfilled any of her dreams. She devoted her life to others.



If helping me hurts you, please don't help me! If you want me to help you and you know that it will hurt me, I can't help you because the relationship is all about you and you don't really care about me. Therefore, I no longer want your relationship. As women, we allow people to bring us their problems to fix, but who can we bring all of our problems to and expect them to solve them, except God Himself? So why do we feel compelled to make other people's problems ours? Women would have a more fulfilled life with a lot less stress if we didn't help others based solely on our emotions and trying to be the hero. Let us allow God to guide us in how and when to help. This way we direct people to God and they will be able to get the best help possible.

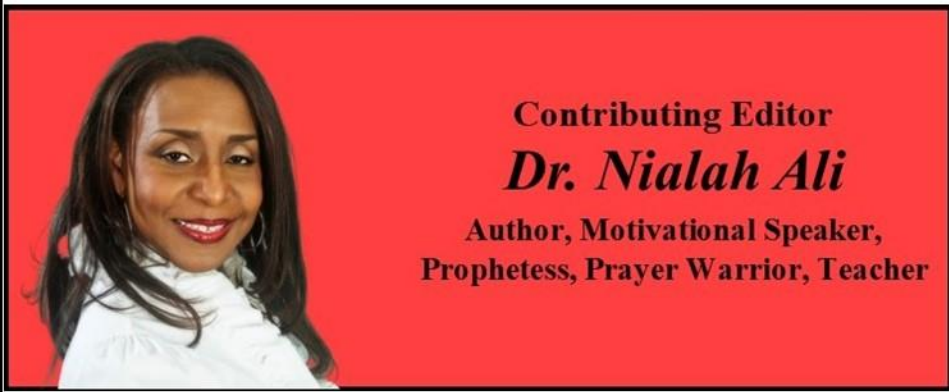
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### What's Love Got to Do with It?

Today, sadly, as I observe, meet and greet, and listen, I realize that we live in a world that is null and void of love. Without love we don't have anything. Love is the glue that holds this world together!! Where is the love?

Love is the key that opens doors, creates life, keeps each other strong, and gives life to the receiver. However, as I move day to day through life in this world, it is very hard to find love or see love or even feel love in the air. We as people must wake up and realize the world is crumbling right before our very eyes. Hate, strife, racism, sexism, greed, and politics, have replaced love with ill feelings. Until we get rid of the selfishness in our society the future will continue to look bleak to our next generation.

Instant gratification, the lack of human connection has become an increasingly common issue in society. Despite living in a highly connected world, many people find themselves feeling disconnected and alone. This trend is impacting our physical and mental health, causing anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

I am a true believer of this particular scripture in (Matthew 25:42 King James Version Heritage Edition) "For I was

hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in



prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it

not to me."

People are so insensitive to the needs of their family, friends and neighbors. We are a broken people, and most have allowed fear to grip them to the core. I remember we used to visit the sick, go to the prisons, go to the hospitals and pray for the sick and shut in. The elders can't even get communion brought to their homes.

We must begin to stand back up for what's right, caring for one another, trusting that as we do so, we shall be protected.

Negativity is all around us. We as a people must stand up and fight, for our rights in society. You, meaning the system, can't continue to keep us in fear that we might die. It used to be said "for God I live, for God I die." Not in this lifetime. It is unheard of.

ciety, replaced by fear and greed.

Our children are suffering with the fear of war, death, separation or divorce of their parents, getting shot in School and so many more situations that have caused anxiety to elevate to its highest degree in children.

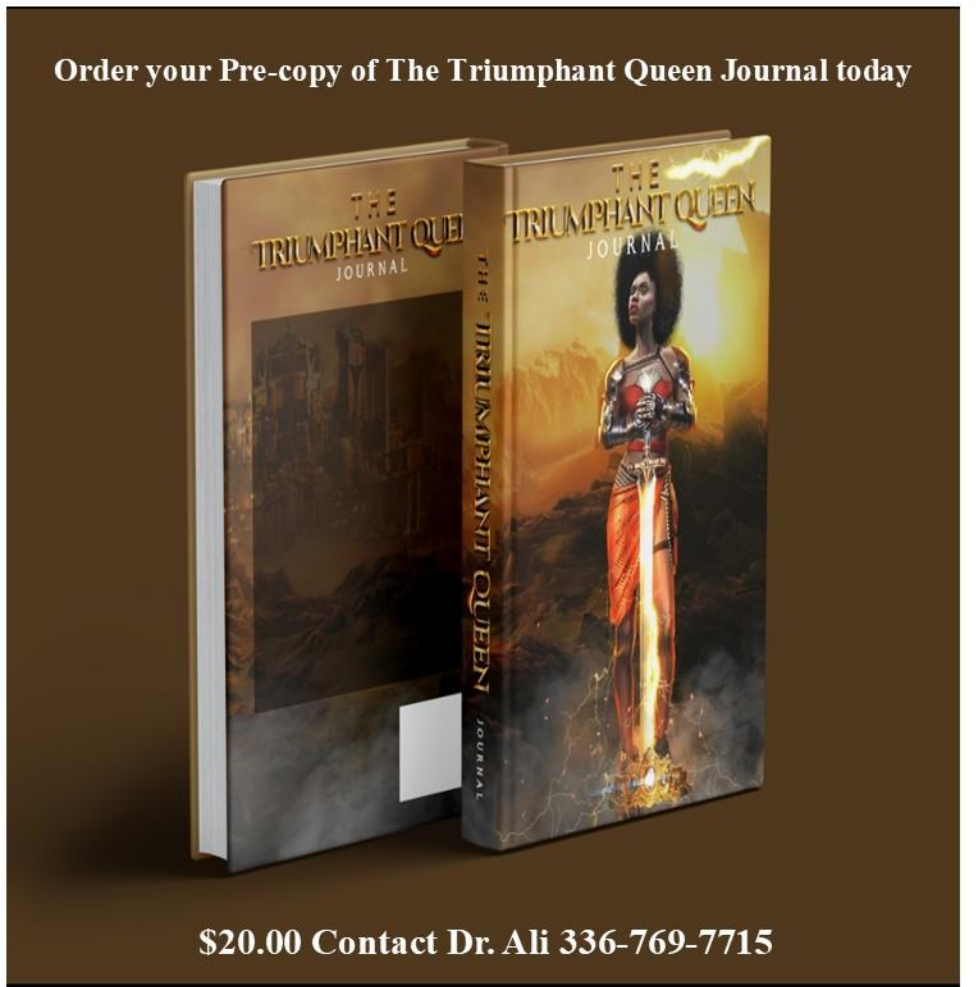
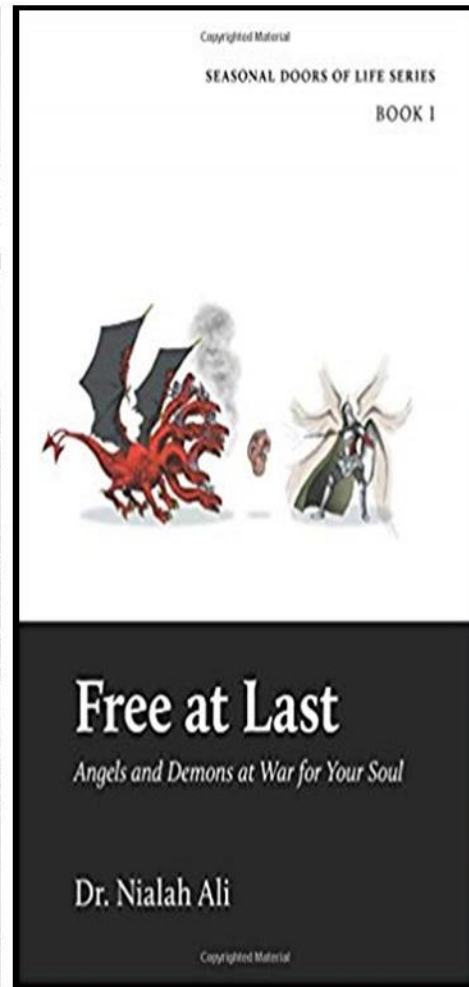
Our seniors are devastated because life has changed so much around them. Politics has created havoc in their world. Many are unable to afford much needed medication added into their basic daily living expenses. They are also afraid of being victimized, and being left alone because their children don't care for them anymore. Many feel their children, selfishly, only think about themselves.

All these changes, in our society, stem from the fact that love is gone. We as a people must reach back and ask what happened? We must go back and become believers in our creator again. This scripture is so profound: (Psalm 86:15 King James Version) But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

If we are made in His image and likeness, why aren't we as people exemplifying these traits? (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:8 King James Version) Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love. Question is this: do we now live in a Godless world?

I'm going to say yes, the majority of people truly do not live by these principles: (1 John 4:7-8 King James Version) Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

*That settles it!*



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**THE DEADLIEST VIRUS IN THE WORLD, YET THERE IS STILL A CURE**

*Matthews 28:18-20*

Much has been said about viruses lately. Much has been said about viruses that have killed millions of people in the past. Now a new and deadly virus has come upon us that is wreaking havoc all over the world. It is called the CORONAVIRUS. This virus has many afraid to go places. Many are saying there is no cure, but if there was a cure I would take it. WOULD YOU? **GOD HAS THE CURE FOR THIS, TOO.** "The deadliest virus in the world" **TRUST AND OBEY GOD! TAKE THE CURE!!!** **FOUR (4) YEARS LATER....** *The coronavirus has been somewhat contained.* The oldest and the deadliest virus in the world is still running rampant because, many are still refusing to take the cure. **ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE? ARE YOU?** There is no question as to whether or not you have been infected. Listen, Listen, Listen.

been running wild all over the world with little notice. This virus has a cure, but few people are willing to take it. This virus started thousands of years ago in a beautiful garden called EDEN. A man was given this beautiful place by God, to live and tend this garden, but he was not content to follow simple instructions. He disobeyed God and brought a terrible virus upon mankind. The deadliest virus of all is a virus called SIN. ALL HAVE BEEN INFECTED. Romans 3:23.

Through many generations, mankind continued to visit and bring this virus upon us, causing death and destruction to befall the world. The God of Heaven saw that man needed a cure because man could not cure himself. So, God sent the best that He had into the world in the form of Baby Jesus, who was born in the city of Bethlehem. He grew up and was treated dastardly by mankind who need-

ed a cure. Man spat on Him, whipped Him, and accused Him unfairly. They took Him before an unjust court and judge where He was convicted and condemned to die. They marched Him up Calvary's Hill where they nailed Him to an Old Rugged Cross. They put a crown of thorns on His head, pierced him in the side with a spear causing blood and water to gush out. THE CURE FOR THE DEADLIEST VIRUS IN THE WORLD is being prepared. Jesus was ridiculed while on the cross. He became thirsty and needed water, but they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall. While on the cross Jesus said, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?", "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DOETH", and "IT IS FINISHED". "Jesus, what are You doing?", you might ask. He was preparing the CURE FOR THE DEADLIEST VIRUS IN THE WORLD. Jesus died, was buried in a borrowed tomb, and was resurrected on Sunday morning, THEREBY: **COMPLETING THE CURE:** *Jesus said, "ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH. GO YE THEREFORE, TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST: TEACHING THEM TO OBTAIN ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU: AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD".* *Matthew 28:18-20.*

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**SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SINS, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND".** *II CHRONICALS 7:14.* *Jesus is coming back for those who have taken advantage of the cure.*

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 OR, JUST TELLING YOU TO CHILL**

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 HOW TO RUN THIS CHRISTIAN RACE**

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 YOU TEACH ME HOW TO LIVE  
 YOU TEACH ME HOW TO SERVE MY GOD  
 BOW TO HIS HOLY WILL**

**MOTHER, YOU BRING ME TO BIBLE SCHOOL  
 YOU TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY  
 I THANK MY GOD SO MUCH FOR YOU  
 TEACHING ME THE NARROW WAY**

**YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BY MY SIDE  
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 YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME ALL OF YOUR SKILLS  
 AND HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY HOME**

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**THE VALUE OF A FATHER**

*"This poem is dedicated to ALL FATHERS, YOU ARE APPRECIATED"*

**THE VALUE OF A FATHER  
 BOWED HEAD AND LIFTED HANDS  
 ALWAYS PRAYING TO ALMIGHTY GOD  
 LORD, HELP ME TO BE, ALL THAT I CAN**

**THE VALUE OF A FATHER  
 WHEN HE BECOMES, ALL THAT HE CAN  
 WILL RAISE HIS DAUGHTERS AND HIS SONS  
 TO BE A GODLY WOMAN AND MAN**

**THE VALUE OF A FATHER  
 KNOWING, OF HIS FAMILY, HE IS THE HEAD  
 WILL NOT EVER, REST AT NIGHT  
 UNTIL HIS FAMILY, IS SAFELY IN BED**

**OH! THE VALUE OF A FATHER  
 WHO WILL WORK HARD, DAY AND NIGHT  
 MAKING SURE HIS FAMILY, HAVE ALL THEY NEED  
 SO THAT THEIR FUTURE, WILL BE BRIGHT**

**YES! THE VALUE OF A FATHER  
 BEFORE HE EVER, STARTS HIS DAY  
 WILL BOW DOWN, AND KNEEL TO GOD  
 ON BENDED KNEES, HE'LL BEGIN TO PRAY**

**THE VALUE OF A FATHER  
 WHO TAKES HIS FAMILY, TO BIBLE SCHOOL  
 BY EXAMPLE, TEACH THEM TO OBEY GOD  
 AND TRULY FOLLOW, THE GOLDEN RULE**

**THE TRUE VALUE OF A FATHER  
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# God's Giving Hands

## Showing God Appreciation By Giving Back

**BY THE GRACE OF GOD THERE GO I**  
*I hope you or your love ones will never have to use service like this!*

Giving is a powerful and priceless concept. The power of giving has healing properties and can add days to your life. Giving can be contagious. It is also written that when you give it will be given to you. I am writing this article because I met a gentleman by the name of Rico Crawley. He and I talked about the concept of giving. He also shared with me about a charitable organization called God's Giving Hands.

Rico told me about the wonderful works this organization did and is doing. He and others are working diligently to feed those who are having some challenges in life, and they also provide them many other services. As we continued to talk, he explained some of the difficulties the organizations are dealing with.

The needs are great but the workers are few as well as the supplies. It takes money, time and people to undertake this

high calling of service, as Mr. Crawley



explained. I personally think giving is a gift to man-

kind and an expression of God's love. I also believe that certain people have a calling or a gift of giving on their lives.

As I listened to Rico Crawley share his gift of giving and his commitment to God's Giving Hands, I really understood

this phrase, "The true Art in Giving is to give from the heart without any expectation of a return".

Rico sent me some pictures and videos of the work that they do. I was moved by compassion. I mentioned that giving can be contagious. Yes, they need money, supplies, and people to help those who need help! Because of this Brother's compassion, I was moved to give. I asked if the organization has a website? Mr. Crawley replied that they did not. So I offered my services to build a website for them as a contribution or donation.

The bottom line is that giving is the gift that keeps on giving! To Rico Crawley and God's Giving Hands, I salute you for the great gift of giving. I encourage you to support this organization. Help them so that they can continue to help others and help them because you may be helping yourself or the someone you care about!

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### TAX CUTS PROS & CONS

The Tax Cuts Act, passed in December of 2017, was the biggest overhaul to the tax system in three decades. It has fundamentally changed the tax game for small business owners and self-employed people. Savvy entrepreneurs understand that change creates opportunity.

Overall, the changes will be fantastic for self-employed people and small businesses. However, not all the savings will be automatic. If you don't know what has changed, then you won't get the savings you deserve.

Why? Whenever you have politicians working on a bill, you have to assume there is give and take. There is a back room negotiating. Secret meetings! Shell games! As such, the law took away some deductions you were familiar with and created some new ones.

In this article, I will show you some of the biggest opportunities for small businesses that I have seen in 30 years. But pay attention. Because you may need to change the way you run your business to get what you deserve.

Before we get into the changes to the tax laws, I want to go over how the tax structure has changed. Because it is very significant!

#### How The Tax Structure Has Changed

This will help you see how the new tax law will benefit you. First, there is Congress. They are the ones who make the rules on how income and taxes work between the other players. The other players are you, your business, and the IRS.

Now I want to address something that has been talked about a lot in the media. Because, it has caused a lot of confusion for small businesses and self-employed people.

Most of you are probably set up as an LLC, an S-Corporation, or a sole proprietorship. These are all considered pass-through tax entities because your business doesn't pay the IRS directly. Your business reports its income to you and then you report income to the IRS. Then, you are responsible to pay taxes on your personal tax return.

Let's illustrate how your tax will be calculated with an example. Let's assume your business makes \$50,000 in profit after all of your expenses and deductions. At tax time, you would report that income on your personal tax return. But, before you pay the IRS, we have to add in any personal income. It is highly likely you do have some other personal income. Perhaps you have another job. Or maybe your spouse has a job. In addition, maybe you sold some property. All

of that is money you need to pay taxes on.

So here is how it works. First you take your business income and you add in any personal income. This total is called your adjusted gross income or AGI. Then you get to subtract your personal deductions. This includes either the standard deduction (which has almost doubled under the new tax law), or you can itemize things like mortgage interest and your donations. After you subtract your personal deductions, you arrive at your total taxable income.

And now it's a simple math problem. You multiply the income by the new lower personal tax rates! And voila! You have the tax you owe. Now that you have this framework, I can explain a new and exciting bonus deduction for small businesses and self-employed people. Since you didn't have a corporate tax rate to reduce; congress created a special deduction for your business. Remember, in our example we imagine you made \$50,000 from your business. The new law lets you take your profit and multiply it by 20%. In this case that would be \$10,000. Now the new law allows you to take that 20% and turn it into another deduction on your personal tax return! Thereby lowering your taxable income! So, you win twice! You lowered your taxable income. Plus, you get lower tax rates. Do you see that?

Overall, the new structure is fantastic for small business. However, I want to caution you. Because there are still a lot of non-profitable changes in this new tax law. Yes, the game has changed. In some cases, it has changed dramatically. That is what we will hopefully shed some light on in the rest of this article. Before we go any further though, I need to strongly address things about owning your own business. I firmly believe that everyone needs a side business!

Times have changed and having a good job doesn't cut it these days if you want to retire and still live comfortably. Smart people almost always invest their time and money in building something that can grow into something bigger. Hopefully, by the time you make it through this article you will realize that, even if you have a day job, you can invest some taxes that are withheld from your paycheck to grow you a business. Especially under the new tax laws.

There are two tax systems in this country: one for business owners and entrepreneurs, and one for people with regular jobs. Owning your own business, even if you operate it part-time, can be the single best financial decision you can make. So why does the government give you these tax breaks for running your own business? Simple, America is the land of opportunity and small businesses are responsible for 70% of the growth of our economy. It also drives innovation. Do you qualify for the money? Questions you need to ask yourself!

1. Did you start your business because you wanted to really make money?
2. Are you willing to work on your business 45 minutes each day at least 4 days a week?
3. Are you willing to keep a journal or log of the things you are doing to try to grow your business?

If you answer yes to the above questions then you definitely qualify for these amazing tax breaks, even if you work part-time from home. Millions of smart people in the US are taking advantage of the incredible tax benefits of being self-employed. If you want more information or how we can help you go to [www.thetaxhelper.weebly.com](http://www.thetaxhelper.weebly.com) and fill out the contact form or call (252) 458-3712

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### APPRECIATION CHANGES THINGS

Appreciation is a simple yet powerful act that can make a significant difference in our lives. It involves recognizing and valuing the good qualities, actions, or efforts of others or oneself. Whether it's a kind gesture, a job well done, or simply acknowledging someone's presence, appreciation plays a crucial role in build-

ing strong relationships and fostering positivity.

One of the key benefits of appreciation is its ability to boost morale and motivation. When we feel appreciated, whether at school, home, or work, we are more likely to be motivated to continue put-

ting in our best effort. For instance, a teacher who acknowledges a student's hard work on a project can inspire that student to strive for excellence in future assignments.

Moreover, appreciation creates a ripple effect of positivity. When we express gratitude and appreciation towards others, they are more inclined to do the same, creating a cycle of kindness and encouragement. This positive atmosphere not only improves individual well-being but also strengthens the bonds within families, classrooms, and communities.

Appreciation also plays a vital role in self-esteem and mental well-being. When we learn to appreciate our own strengths, achievements, and progress, we develop a healthy sense of self-worth. This self-appreciation can boost

confidence, reduce stress, and enhance overall happiness.

Furthermore, appreciation fosters empathy and understanding. By recognizing and acknowledging the efforts and perspectives of others, we cultivate a deeper connection and respect for their experiences and contributions. This leads to more harmonious relationships and effective communication.

In conclusion, appreciation is a simple yet profound practice that enriches our lives in numerous ways. Whether it's expressing gratitude towards others or embracing self-appreciation, the act of valuing and acknowledging goodness cultivates a culture of positivity, motivation, and empathy. Let's make appreciation a part of our daily lives and witness the transformative power it holds.



### BLACK NEWSPAERS

by Georgene R Thweatt

Black newspapers have played a pivotal role in the African American community, serving as a voice for the voiceless and a platform for social justice, cultural expression, and empowerment. From the earliest days of the abolitionist movement to the present, these publications have been a powerful force in shaping the narrative and driving change.

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, publications like The Chicago Defender, The Baltimore Afro-American, and The Amsterdam News were instrumental in chronicling the struggles, triumphs, and sacrifices of the movement. They amplified the voices of leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X, and brought national attention to the injustices faced by African Americans.

Today, black newspapers continue to thrive, adapting to the digital age while maintaining their commitment to truth, justice, and community empowerment. Publications like The Root, The Griot, and BlackPressUSA provide a platform for diverse voices, highlighting issues that impact the African American community and celebrating its rich culture and achievements.

These newspapers have been more than just vessels for news and information; they have been catalysts for change, beacons of hope, and repositories of history. Their legacy is woven into the fabric of the African American experience, and their continued existence remains crucial in amplifying marginalized voices and fostering a more just and equitable society.

One of the earliest and most influential black newspapers was Freedom's Journal, founded in 1827 by Rev. Samuel Comish and John B. Russwurm. This publication was a beacon of hope for the African American community, advocating for equal rights and challenging the prevailing racist ideologies of the time. Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, newspapers such as The North Star (founded by Frederick Douglass), The Chicago Defender, and The Pittsburgh Courier played a crucial role in the fight against slavery, segregation, and discrimination. They provided a space for black writers, intellectuals, and activists to share their stories, perspectives, and calls for action.



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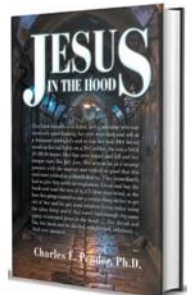
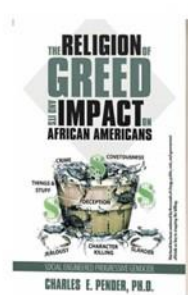
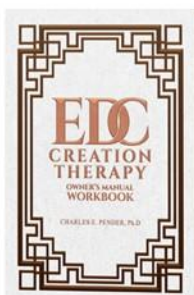
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### Honoring the Great Legacies of our Ancestors

Moving on Up and Honoring the Great Legacies of our Ancestors. As we enter into Spring, There is much for us to be proud of. Spring signifies that everything is starting off anew. In time comes new opportunities and the shedding of old habits, people and operations. After half of Century of living it is my desire to not only leave a Legacy behind for people to remember me by but living documents, pictures, videos, and content that people can find. Not only have I been able to write a Book with Les Brown and Dr. George Fraser, We've also been in Films, spoke at similar events and I've even interviewed Les Brown's Children on a Podcast. This is building relationships towards the Fu-

ture. One of the biggest highlights is being in a Film with Dr. Runoko Rashidi. On April 20th 2024 at 4 PM. Everyone's Place Bookstore, UNIA Baltimore Barca-Clarke Chapter and Teaching Artist institutes President Haki Ammi will host a Film screening. The Film Global Assignment shares stories of Dr. Runoko Rashidi. The film was envisioned by Bob Lott and Anthony Browder. This film features Browder, Paul Coates, Carl Nelson, Senghor Baye, Haki Ammi and many more. The Film will show at the Pikesville Cinema, Black Owned Movie theater in Pikesville. Dr. Rashidi has travelled to over 120 Countries in his life. He attributes much of his success to J.A. Rodg-

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tion in August this year. We are looking forward to this amazing Journey to the Eastern Shore.

In other news many Baltimore Leaders went to the National Action Network Conference in New York. Several busloads left from Baltimore. The Baltimore Community Chapter of NAN had the largest Delegation from Baltimore. We left Coppin State where the Baltimore Community Chapter plans to have monthly meetings. States Attorney Marilyn Mosby came during the week of the Conference. Ben Crump praised Marilyn from the Stage and offered support for her case. Many of those that came to New York had their #WeBeMaryland Shirts and Maryland Tough, Baltimore Strong T Shirts after Governor Wes Moore famously wore the shirt after the Francis Scott Key Bridge was hit by a Cargo Tanker. Haki Ammi has more T Shirts for sale.

Marilyn Mosby will be Honored on May 19th, Malcolm X Birthday. The Teaching Artist Institute has temporarily put on hold its resurrection of the Malcolm X Bus trip to New York to be at this event in Clarksville to support Marilyn.

The Teaching Artist Institute is also encouraging youth to visit the African American History Museum with the Roots of Scouting Incorporated for \$15.00 we are able to take youth to DC's African American History Museum. Dates are January 18th and 19th. Trip includes food.

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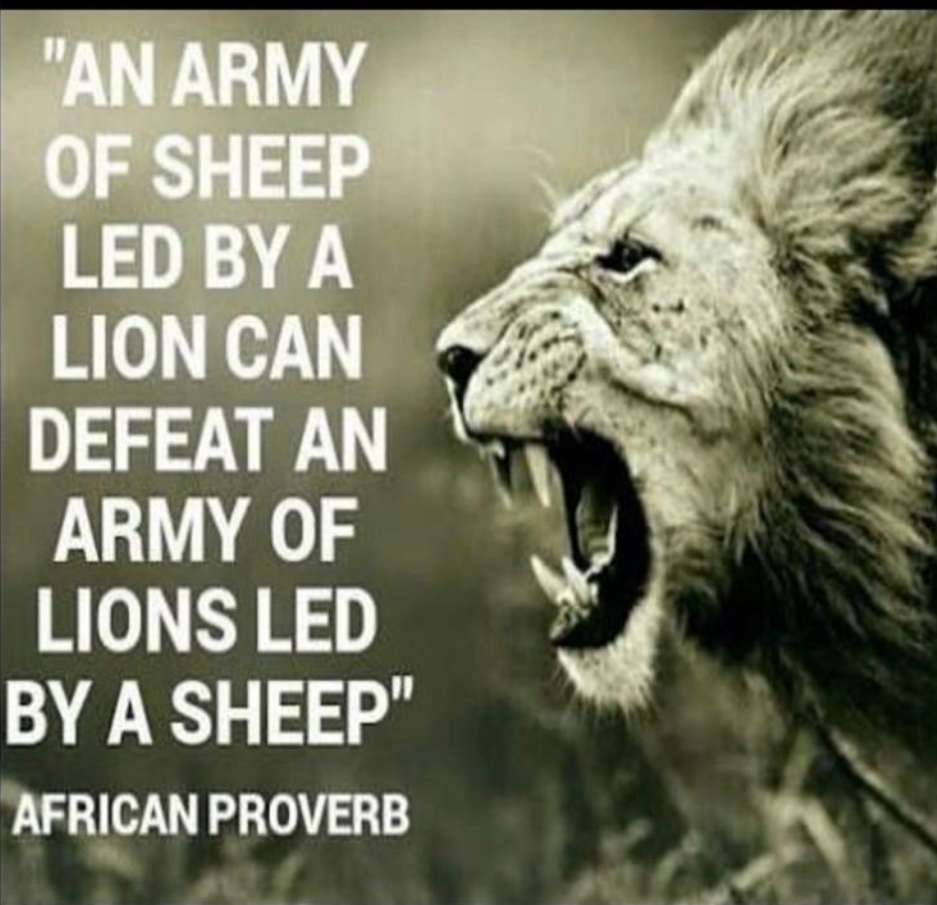
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### Have You Ever Been Inspired?

Have you been inspired by a teacher, librarian, coach, or counselor? One day, you may be the one who will inspire the next generation. Just in the field of education, the opportunities are huge where you can impact someone's aspirations, visions, and dreams. In our last publication, we embraced Black History Month and Women History Month where women all over the world are making an impact. From sports to art, women are contributing to global topics. Pat Summitt was a coach for the University of Tennessee's basketball team where she paved the way for female athletics. The basketball court was renamed after her. Pat won a silver medal in the 1976 Olympics and was the coach for the Olympic gold medal team in 1984. Title IX was not in effect for Pat. Title IX bans gender discrimination for education and sport opportunities.

Alma Thomas devoted her life to children. She was an art teacher at a junior high school in the District of Columbia. Alma produced art galleries and organized field trips to enhance the awareness of art for the children.

Lonnie G. Bunch III, an African American, is the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Did you know that The Smithsonian has 21 museums, 3 cultural centers, 21 libraries and archives, 6 research centers, 6 education centers, and a national zoo. Areas include art, culture, history, and science.

What inspiration Luma Mufleh is making? The Fugees Academy was founded by Luma Mufleh, an immigrant from Jordan, who came to the United States to attend college. Most cities and towns in the United States have colleges. Some of

us cannot or will not go across town to attend a community college, or even take one course to build a skill. Luma is the founder and coach of a very competitive soccer team composed of child refugees from all over the globe. All the way from Jordan to pursue an education. Jordan is an Arab nation on the east bank of the Jordan River. The capital is Amman. The Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea which is the lowest point on earth



and is about 400 meters below sea level. About 94% Jordanians are Arabs, and 6% other to include Americans. Jordan joined NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) in 1995. There is a United States AirForce Base in Jordan. Ally means that someone is on your side. There are 32 NATO members which safeguard the ally's freedom and security by political and military means. These members range from Iceland which is one of the twelve original members to Finland which joined in 2023 to Sweden

which joined in 2024. NATO is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. I represented the United States Army in planning for a training exercise when I was stationed in Germany. I attended meetings in Brussels, Belgium. What a fascinating city! Luma saw a void in the refugees adjusting to daily life in the United States. The Fugees Family is designed to address the distinct needs of Americas refugee and immigrant youth. Refugee children are 5 times more likely to be out of school. Barriers include language, culture, and even bullying. The United States educational system does not have specific policies for the education of English language learners. The Refugee Family helps refugee and immigrant youth to function and have educational justice in the United States education system.

The Fugees are from over 24 war-torn countries such as Eritrea, The Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Somalia, Cuba,

of Eritrea. Eritrea was an Italian colony from 1880 until 1941 (World War II). Eritrea became a British protectorate until 1951. A protectorate is a country that is controlled and protected by a more powerful country. The United Nations General Assembly met to discuss the fate of Eritrea. The delegates voted for the federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia in 1952. A federation is a group of states with a central government but independence in internal affairs. The federation was to last for ten years with Eritrea having sovereign decisions, but still under the Ethiopian Crown. In 1961, Eritrea fought for independence. In 1993, Eritrea obtained independence and Ethiopia lost its Red Sea port.

Though The United States has educational challenges, youth in the United States have a much greater opportunity to learn and be educated. Take your pursuit of education seriously and do not take our educational system for granted. Education is key. Here are a few questions for you to think about. What is or was your favorite subject in school? What is your favorite book? What extracurricular activities do you participate in? Who has been your favorite teacher, librarian, coach, or counselor? What was a project or assignment that you'll never forget? I thought of three projects that I completed (Sickle Cell, petroleum products, and apartheid.

What you do now will determine your outcome. If you want a comfortable life (housing, transportation, food, medical benefits, independent living, and relaxation such as travel and fun time), you must prepare now for your future. Study and learn all you can each day. Have no regrets because you cannot retrieve your time. The opportunities in the United States are awesome. Please take advantage of these opportunities and excel into the individual you want to be. You may be the next Ambassador to the United States like Linda Thomas-Greenfield who was born in 1952, right before Brown v. board of Education where the U.S. Supreme Court decided to outlaw the ongoing segregation in schools. As the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Ms. Thomas-Greenfield prepared herself daily for this day.

### Earth Day

Remember Earth Day this year, which is celebrated on April 22, 2023. Earth Day was first recognized on April 22, 1970, to appreciate the environmental movement and to bring consciousness and acknowledgment to protecting our world. Celebrations take place all over the world annually. This year's theme is "Invest in our Planet. It gives us an opportunity to leave a better and safer plan-

et to the next generation. Everyone should take responsibility to include businesses, our government, and all citizens. We must protect the earth's natural resources.

You are probably thinking, "What can I do about Earth Day. Well, there are many opportunities that you can use to make a difference. Start by volunteering to clean up litter. Be creative and use your skills to display art which will help depict the trauma that exists on our plan-

et. Become more familiar with the challenge of changing the environment. Bring awareness to the world by marching, hosting events, and using your voice to speak about the condition of our planet. Planting a tree is a lasting act of awareness.

You are individually responsible for your carbon footprint. Greenhouse gases that are produced by you are called a carbon footprint. These gases lock heat in the Earth's atmosphere which allows

the planet to become warmer. Carbon dioxide is the most common greenhouse gas which is produced by driving a car or turning on the air conditioner or lights in your home.

Therefore, remember to reduce your carbon footprint and ask yourself, how much food do I throw away? Conserve water by turning off the water while you brush your teeth and recycle paper and save electricity.



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**Featured Story:** The name of the game for IBA Inc. is Rebuild, Repair, & Repair. Our company had to go a little “off grid,” in order to enhance the services that we bring to you! We have heard some solid feedback from you all, and will return with: Automatic Shipping Ser-

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a Non-Profit fundraising model, allowing YOUR organization to resell our products. We are excited to grow with you all, please stay connected to our Social Media pages for upcoming information!

**What's New:** Our Homeschool initiative Different Kinda Smart, is taking a deeper step into household needs. We have partnered with some GREAT after-care programs, added to our program schedule, and have created a membership model for your family to participate with us, whether your child is home-schooled or not! Please contact us if you are interested in any form of alternative learning and want to learn more.

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**Letting Go!**

Let go the people who are not prepared to love you. This is the hardest thing you will have to do in your life and it will also be the most important thing. Stop having hard conversations with people who don't want change. Stop showing up for people who have no interest in your presence. I know your instinct is to do everything to earn the appreciation of those around you, but it's a boost that steals your time, energy, mental and physical health. When you begin to fight for a life with joy, interest and commitment, not everyone will be ready to follow you in this place. This doesn't mean you need to change what you are; it means you should let go of the people who aren't ready to accompany you. If you are excluded, insulted, forgotten or ignored by the people you give your

time to, you don't do yourself a favor by continuing to offer your energy and your life. The truth is that you are not for everyone and not everyone is for you. That's what makes it so special when you meet people who reciprocate love. You will know how precious you are. The more time you spend trying to make yourself loved by someone who is unable to, the more time you waste depriving yourself of the possibility of this connection to someone else. There are billions of people on this planet and many of them will meet with you at your level of interest and commitment. The more you stay involved with people who use you as a pillow, a background option or a therapist for emotional healing, the longer you stay away from the community you want.

Maybe if you stop showing up, you won't be wanted. Maybe if you stop trying, the relationship will end. Maybe if you stop texting your phone will stay dark for weeks. That doesn't mean you ruined the relationship; it means the only thing holding it back was the energy that only you gave to keep it. This is not love, it's attachment. It's wanting to give a chance to those who don't deserve it. You deserve so much, there are people who should not be in your life. The most valuable thing you have in your life is your time and energy, and both are limited. When you give your time and energy, it will define your existence. When you realize this, you begin to understand why you are so anxious when you spend time with people, in activities, places or situations that don't suit you and shouldn't be around you, your energy is stolen. You will begin to realize that the most important thing you can do for yourself and for everyone around you is to protect your energy more fiercely than anything else. Make your life a safe haven, in which only "compatible" people are allowed. You are not responsible for saving anyone. You are not responsible for convincing them to improve. It's not your work to exist for people and give your life to them! If you

feel bad, if you feel compelled, you will be the root of all your problems, fearing that they will not return the favours you have granted. It's your only obligation to realize that you are the love of your destiny and accept the love you deserve. Decide that you deserve true friendship, commitment, true and complete love with healthy and prosperous people. Then wait and see how much everything begins to change. Don't waste time with people who are not worth it. Change will give you the love, the esteem, happiness and the protection you deserve."



**I Am Shannon Butler-Lacoot**

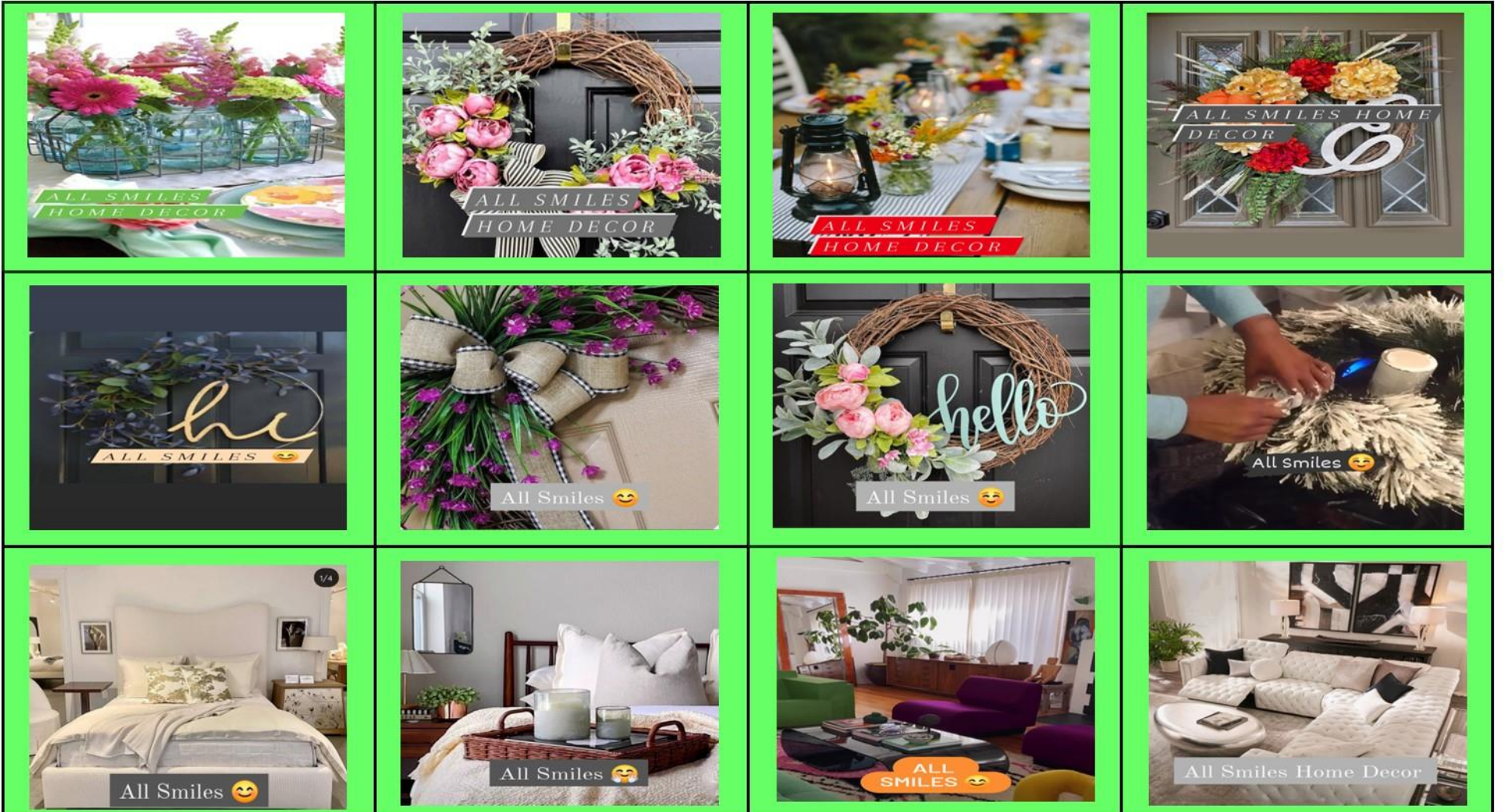
Greetings I am Shannon Butler-Lacoot I am a successful entrepreneur a loving mother grandmother and wife my unwavering commitment to helping those undervalued voiceless and alienated by society has viewed my passion for finding innovative solutions to problems as a teacher and youth ate advisor I have empowered and motivated others by fostering a sense of community and collaboration I've built strong relationships and made a positive impact on people's lives I'm a Creator cre-

ativity builds on the connection to my faith and my community I am the proud owner of all smiles home decor a business that I created to channel my love for designing beautiful environments for home and office as well as repurposing old items into new!!... I also do one-of-a-kind Wreaths as well as Professional gift wrapping for any and all Occasions. despite facing personal challenges such as grief..... Depression, Alopecia and a full knee replacement I am determined to make my business All Smiles Home Decor sore and to achieve my ultimate vision.

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### "The Quiet Revolution: Reclaiming Our Nights for Radiant Days"

In the whirlwind of our daily lives, sleep often falls to the bottom of our priority list, overshadowed by endless tasks and relentless ambitions. Yet, the secret to unlocking our ultimate health and potential lies in the very act we often overlook sleep. It's not merely a pause in our busy schedules but the foundation upon which

our well-being is built. Imagine sleep as the silent healer, working meticulously through the night to repair, rejuvenate, and refresh our body and mind. Each hour of rest is a step toward a stronger immune system, a sharper brain, and a happier heart. By being intentional and mindful about our sleep, we do more than just rest; we actively engage in self-care that amplifies every aspect of our health.

Making sleep a priority is comparable to planting a seed of well-being that grows into a tree of vitality. It requires nurturing, patience, and consistency. Setting a sleep schedule, creating a restful environment, and embracing rituals that signal to your body it's time to unwind, are all acts of mindfulness that prepare you for a night of deep, healing sleep.

Consider this: when we are well-rested, we are more focused, more creative, and more resilient in the face of life's challenges. Sleep empowers us to tackle our days with energy and enthusiasm. It's the unsung hero in our quest for health and happiness, a true testament to the phrase, "sleep on it," revealing its wisdom with every sunrise.

In embracing sleep as a fundamental pillar of health, we unlock the door to our fullest potential. Let us prioritize rest, not as a luxury, but as a necessity. For in the quiet of the night, we find the strength of our days. Sleep is not just the foundation of our health; it is the bedrock of our very essence, nurturing the seeds of tomorrow's dreams.

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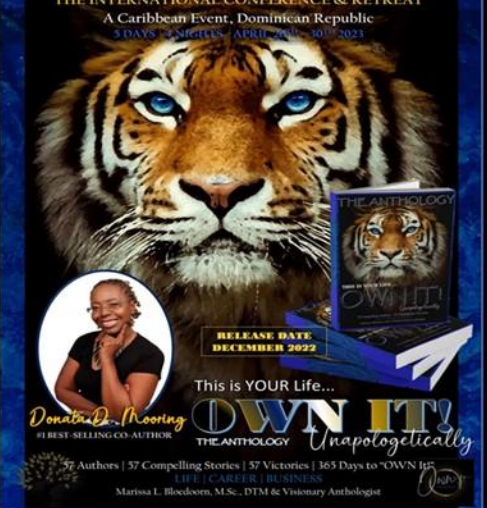
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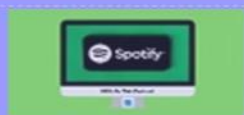

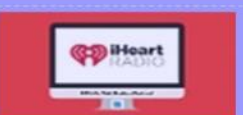

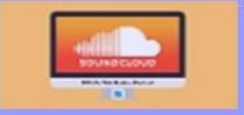
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Ms. Kim Poole is a Soul-Fusion Teaching Artist and Founding Fellow of the Teaching Artist Institute (TAI), providing an opportunity for artists and artisans to learn techniques for social transformation while fostering outlets for socially engaged art. Through TAI, Kim and her team of Teaching Artists are originating the Art for Social Transformation, Teaching Artistry in Action curriculum & workbook for change agents and universities interested in exploring the "Art of Possibility" around the world. She has a passion for encouraging the "Rhythm People" as she refers to them, to reclaim their global cultural economy and a knack for celebrating the beauty and resilience of women with SUPERLASHES through her music and the Sheroes Sisterhood. At 37 years old, Ms. Kim Poole has over ten years experience in International Art Cultural Diplomacy and the world has only begun to learn how this Soul-Fusion Teaching Artist will redefine our understanding of artistic expression in social transformation.

## Harnessing Heritage and Craft: The New Creative Carvers and Carpenters Apprenticeship Program *by Kim Poole*

Baltimore, April 14th, 2024 - We're carving character. A unique opportunity is shaping up for Black and Brown youth in our community this summer with the launch of the Creative Carvers and Carpenters Apprenticeship Program. Set to begin on July 8th, this pioneering initiative aims to equip young individuals with not just skills in carpentry but an enriched understanding of their cultural heritage through woodworking. Using youth as resources to the community, the Teaching Artist Institute Artist in Residence (TAI Air) has nurtured this program as a structural pillar of their expansion into three more properties adjacent to the current 2520 Oswego Avenue location.

The program, organized by the Teaching Artist Institute (TAI Air), is designed to address multiple facets of community development, educational enrichment, and cultural preservation. Over a five-week course, participants will delve into the historical and cultural significance of woodworking, learning how this age-old art form has influenced and been shaped by African and Indigenous cultures.

By empowering Youth with an introduction to trade skills and African-centered knowledge, the innovative "curatorial carpentry" field is emerging before our

eyes. The apprenticeship focuses on teaching practical skills in wood carving and carpentry, intertwined with lessons on the significant histories of redlining and blockbusting in the communities where these young carpenters will work. By doing so, the program not only prepares them to enter the workforce with a valuable skill set but also with a deep awareness of the socio-economic factors impacting their communities, explaining the many abandoned buildings and blight in Realtime.

"Woodworking is more than a trade; it's a way of conveying history and culture," says Master Carver, Carpenter and Plumber Baba Shongo of Gallery in the Hood Columbus Ohio. In the introductory zoom meetup, Baba David Kayode, Master Carver and Youth Developer of Yoruba origin stated "Through this apprenticeship, participants will gain the ability to craft pieces that are both functional and meaningful, rooting their new skills in the rich soils of their heritage.

The community housing development sector needs to begin to emphasize its cultural relevance. A significant component of the apprenticeship is the design of community housing blueprints and exploring the definition of placemaking. Participants

will use their new skills to contribute to solving the community housing crisis, designing sustainable and culturally resonant housing solutions. This hands-on project will not only serve as a practical application of their training but also as a testament to the role of art and craftsmanship in societal development.

Funded in part by the Youth Works program, Youth will be paid to learn. Recognizing the importance of economic incentives in education, the apprentices will be compensated for their time and effort. The Creative Carvers and Carpenters Apprenticeship is open to youth interested in arts, history, and community service. It represents a substantial opportunity to gain job-ready skills while paying homage to the profound cultural narratives that shape our community landscapes.

As the program prepares to welcome its first cohort, it stands as a beacon of hope and progress, promising not only to build structures but to forge stronger community bonds through the timeless art of woodworking.

*For more information or to apply to the Creative Carvers and Carpenters Apprenticeship email TAI-tours.org@gmail.com*

### *Creative Carvers & Carpenters "What Does Carving a Mask Have to do with Building a House?"*

Throughout much of history, woodworking was seen as mostly a utilitarian trade, a means to create useful tools for daily life. While creating useful pieces, woodworkers often employed their talents and creativity to create items that were as beautiful as they were functional. Not only were these items created to serve a purpose, but they were also a chance for the skilled woodworker to embody their history, culture, and identity into each unique piece of functional art.

### *Experience a Cross-Cultural Carpentry Apprenticeship in an Expeditionary Learning Environment*

The Teaching Artist Institute is partnering with master carvers and carpenters and curators to guide youth in exploring the historical and cultural significance of woodworking in a way that will allow them to experience these art forms through multiple cultural lenses. Traditional artists representing African and Turtle Island Indigenous craftsmanship will share their knowledge and help this cohort of young people understand how art can be utilized to create a sustainable lifestyle. In this setting, young people will be reconnected with the legacy of

woodworking passed down from their ancestors and explore modern day techniques to do everything from carving a mask or canoe, to even building the framework for a structure such as a house.

### *Get paid to learn, travel, and apprentice under Master Carpenters and Art Historians*



Youth ages 14 through 25 who have an interest in Art History, Carpentry, and Travel are encouraged to apply for this amazing opportunity to expand their horizons. The first part of the appren-

ticeship will be spent in the tutelage of master carver and carpenter, in Baltimore, Maryland at the Sankofa Children's Museum and Columbus, Ohio William H. Thomas Art Gallery Baba Shango. will share traditional African carving techniques, demonstrating how to carve African ceremonial masks, as well as contemporary carpentry techniques. From there, the apprentices will visit the Lummi Nation in Northeast Washington State to experience traditional carving of the Pacific Northwest. Master Canoe Carver Jewell Praying Wolf James will demonstrate the carving techniques that have been passed down for generations. The culmination of the apprenticeship will be the carving of a canoe representative of the lessons learned and cultural influences received in this journey.

### *Do you want to be a part of the solution to the housing crisis in your community?*

All of the carpentry techniques learned in this apprenticeship through Teaching Artist Institute will allow youth to pursue a career in carpentry, art history and beyond. Receiving a certification in carpentry apprenticeship is type of career-launching opportunity that TAI is hoping to create for many communities in need of economic opportunities. Come experience the power of the Art for Social Transformation today!

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**“2024”**

**“SOMEWHERE, SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IS WAITING TO BE KNOWN” —Carl Sagan**

Amazing, just like a flash of lightning it has happened again! Yes, don't know about you, I remember when a day, week, month & year seemed to last forever and ever. Well, here we go again, the page has turned, and we must keep it progressing with an indestructible strive forward. Will say for us Blessed to see us awaken in this year of Our Lord, Twenty-Two Four, hopefully your plan for this newness is in place and ready to be activated.

The last ten years or so have witness the time zoom as if shot out of a cannon quicker than the naked eye can see! Know we have all heard another or maybe ourselves have spoken these exact words and I quote, “don't remember what I was doing yesterday, let alone a second ago!” *Keep it ten thousand please!* For us living in the

60 years, time and blur is seeming to be the new norm. Don't read this wrong or negative, this is a simple application to demonstrate how the warp of time is swiftly disappearing.

**Say goodbye to the past year of “2023!”**

All that was procrastinated and mislaid is in the bend of never to be lived out or completed. This is said because we are NOT in control of the call from Our Lord JESUS CHRIST! Trust we all know someone who has missed their *Stride* and just gave up on their mission, idea, hope or dream. *Abacadabra, wham bam boom moments and minutes “Lost!”*

Allow the question to be asked, did you conquer all set out to do from January 2023 to December

2023? If so enormously yaaahoo to you, very proud of you and the accomplishments achieved.

Well, here we are once again, the page has turned, and we must keep it moving with an indestructible strive forward!

**“HAPPY NEW YEAR'S 2024”**

Okay here we are in a new space of time called January 2024. All the ambitions, dreams, opportunities, jobs, children, grands, fulfillments are all lined up at the front door of our being, ready to be conquered. Present self as ready, esteemed, motivated, inspired to each day of this year to stand erect to attain the resolution written in your mind, heart and soul. Make this an unforgettable time in your existence. When the year has expired, don't be the one to say, “oh this year of 2024 was a terrible year, roadblocks everywhere, hated everything about the year. NO, NO, NO!!! Remember we are in control of our days and only we can prevent the forest fires we perpetrate upon ourselves. Yes, I am well aware there are circumstances that come about that is totally out of our control. The antidote to that is to know you will come through the whatever.

As The Great Motivator Les Brown states, when we fall, fall on our back so we can bounce back up swiftly. I of all people know about when life comes to visit, for it came in 2023 and really set me back!! Upon during those days, it was important to grip hold of GOD, grip hold of my circle of optimistic family and friends, view videos, sermons that

were uplifting and full of grace with empowerment to sustain.

Don't allow you to be deleted in 2024, make this year the year of your glorification to pillar the aspiration of sincere stratagem. Though 2023 is vastly in the past, read about x numbers of individuals who boost about how much 2023 treated them so well and the attainments they triumph.

Now it's your turn to focus on making 2024 truly your year of salvation, success, ability, aptitude and proficiency. The key to this 2024 of happiness is to “BELIEVE IN Y-O-U!” When you strongly believe and image you'll be amazed at how much and how far you have succeeded in the new 3-6-5 days of this year!

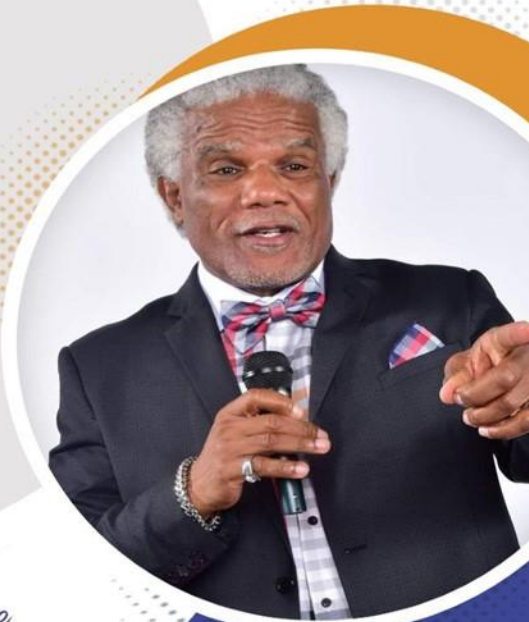
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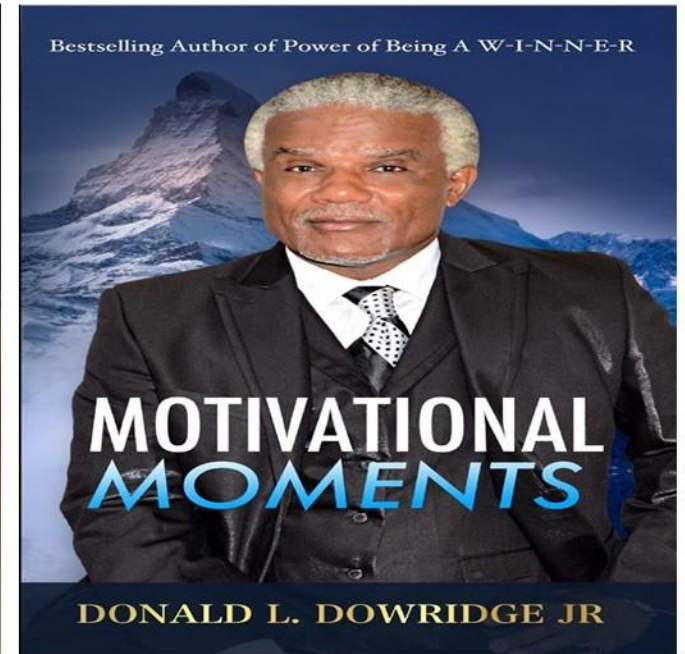
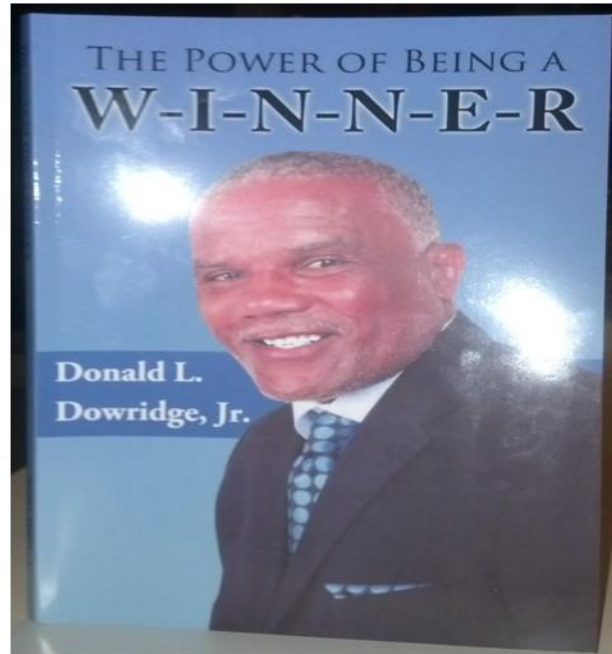
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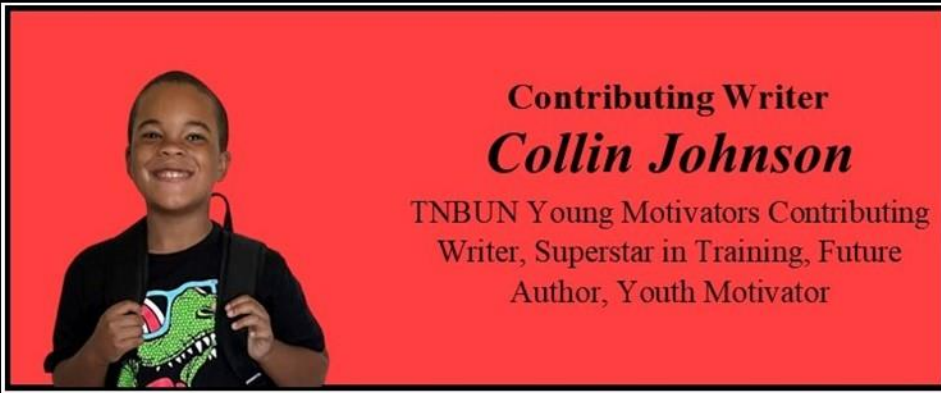


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**Professions That I Think Are Cool!**

Hi, today my article will be about three jobs I think would be cool and I want to do. Right now, the main job I want to do is play pro football. The three jobs I want to do would be an author, shoe designer, and a chef. I am going to list some facts and cool things I researched for each job.

The first thing I want to do is be an author. Why an author you ask? Well, I'm technically an author now. However, I want to write books as my backup plan for football. Here are some of the rea-

sons I want to be an author. The first reason is because I want to create my own cover and make it nice how I want it to be. The second reason is that I think



The last job that I think is cool and want

to do is be a chef! I really think being a

wrote in a bookstore or see someone reading it in public or in a library. The third reason is that I want to see my friends and family reading my books. Another job I would like to do is be a shoe designer. A shoe designer is my plan C if being an author doesn't work. Here are some reasons I want to be a shoe designer. Shoe designers can express art and feeling through the fashion of a shoe. They can also have different skills doing this because they get to pick out the materials for the shoe, color them if I want to, and design the art on the shoe. If the Lord allows me to make it to the NFL, then I could get the possibility of making my own shoes.



chef would be cool and quite fun. I think being a chef is a skilled job that could also be relaxing. Some reasons why I think being a chef could be a cool job is because you can make different food combinations that can be yummy. I might even open my very own restaurant and create and make my own food. Now with so much advanced technology you could make new dishes and healthier food for everyone.

Those jobs I listed were some cool jobs that I think are some things I could have as my backup job if football doesn't work or when I retire from it. I listed some facts and reasons why I want to do the job. If anyone reading this has any advice about any of these jobs, please feel free to share. Thank you for reading and please keep reading my articles. Thank you!

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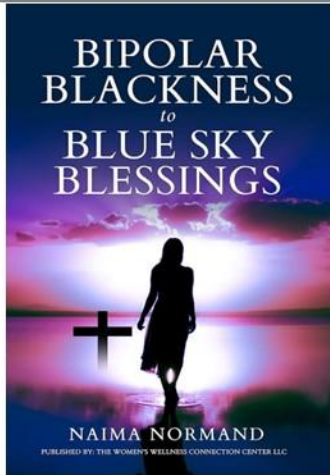




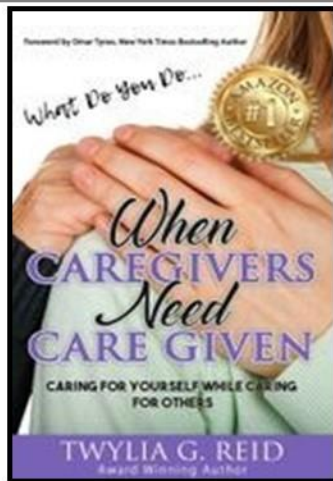
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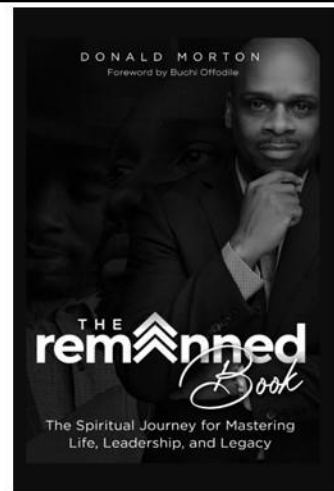
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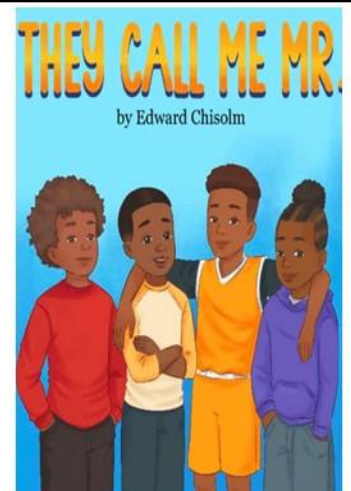
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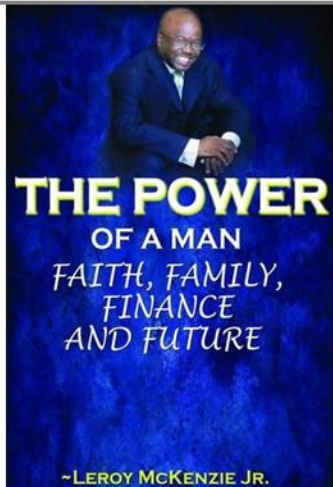
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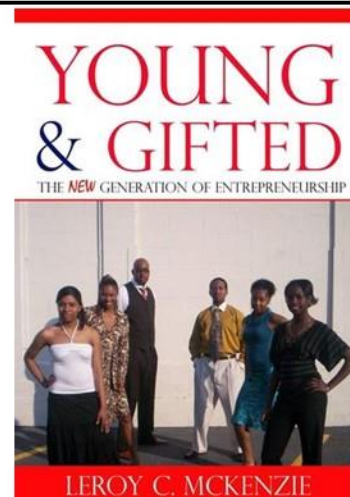
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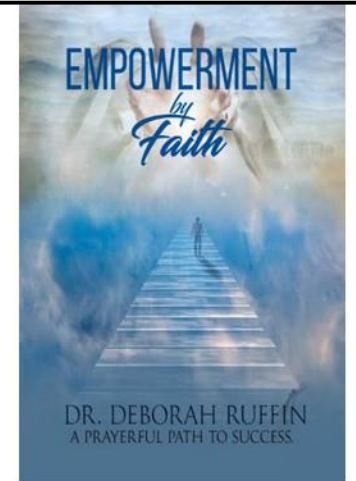
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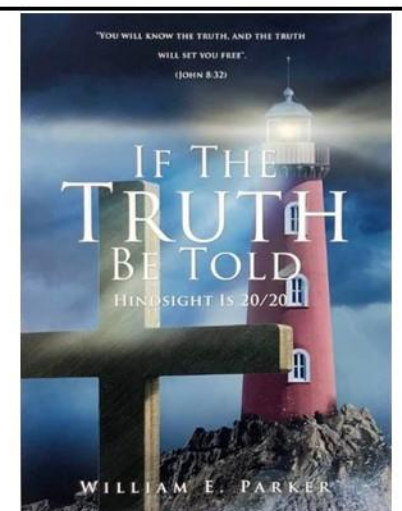
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**Joy in Reading**

My family moved to Ossining, New York from Upstate New York in 1966. The home we were able to rent happened to be across the street from Sing Sing Prison. I could hear the men in the prison yard whenever they were allowed to come outside. The prison encompasses a huge area, which when upon waking up each morning from my bedroom window was not easily overlooked. So, you always felt the presence of this place. But as a child I never gave much thought about the events that caused them to land in prison. Today I am a teacher who has worked with Pre-trial teens in the Baltimore City Detention Center. The school was eventually given the name The Eager Street Academy. I worked there for 7 years; many of my students came without having the ability to read. Teaching

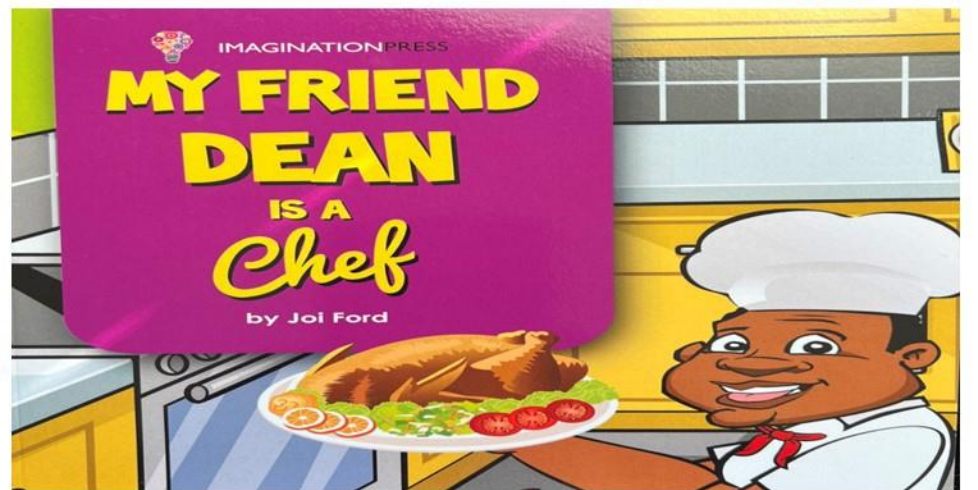
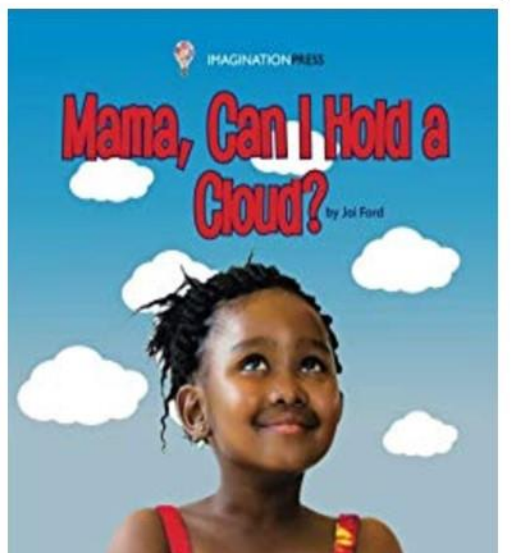
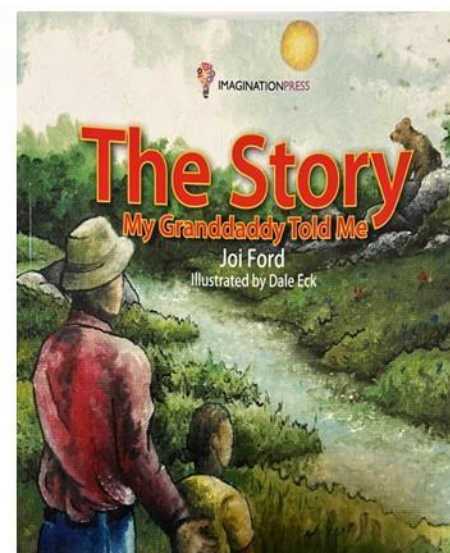
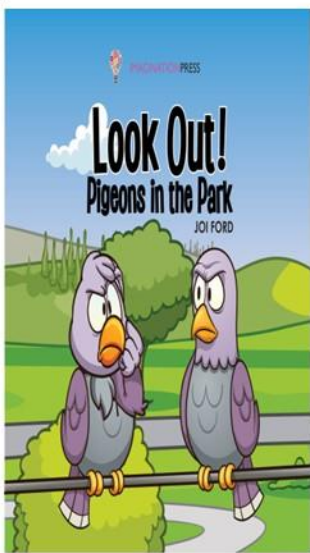
them how to read was my biggest goal no matter what subject I taught. I knew for many of them this was one of the reasons they had the misfortune of finding themselves in this detention center. Children with reading difficulties often struggle with comprehension, spelling, and writing, impacting their overall academic performance. I believe it was my job to help them succeed by being able to teach them how to read.

I often read stories to my students they enjoyed to the point of clapping for me when it was over. I knew they too wanted to be able read books in this manner. I created ways to engage them in reading words by using the type of words they often used in their own vocabulary each day. Then, adding the words they needed

to know to help facilitate completing their class assignments. I allowed my students to read out loud and help each other when they didn't know how to pronounce the words. I told them we all have to share our abilities to teach in my classroom. We aren't here to hold anyone down: we are here to build and lift each other up. When children have reading difficulties, it can lead to low-confidence and low self-esteem, as children may feel inadequate to their peers. I was always glad that I was born with the type of personality that others receive my message when I speak my truth on a subject. The students respected my instructions. Therefore, we never had problems with teasing or bullying anyone for not knowing how to read. They seemed glad for the opportunity to hear their own voices as they read aloud each day. I know behavioral issues can arise if children feel frustrated with reading tasks or begin to feel alienated by the classroom. It was wonderful when the school also decided to use a part of the school day where it was mandatory for everyone to drop everything and read (DEAR) quietly to themselves, allowing more time to focus on reading skills.

When children are taught to feel confident, they can surmount many of their fears. Students who are left to struggle with reading are at higher risk of dropping out of school, which can have long

-term consequences for their future opportunities. Parents and teachers can teach our children that reading can be fun. This will help them to learn about new people, places, and things. The concept of building prisons based on third grade reading scores, sometime referred to as the "school to prison pipeline," suggests a correlation between low literacy levels and future involvement in the criminal justice system. This approach underscores the need for early intervention and support for children who struggle with reading to prevent future issues. We should address reading difficulties early while implementing targeted interventions. School can help children build essential literacy skills and overcome challenges, setting them on a path toward academic success and positive outcome. It is our responsibility to create opportunities for our children to learn how to read in a fun and engaging learning environment. Our children deserve to have the best education possible. I am certain that with parents, teachers providing a supportive environment and books of high interest our children will thrive and become better readers. By working together, we are able to be the village our children need. I will continue to write stories for our children and share them with classrooms and libraries.



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### Baltimore Trauma Response Team

Dr. Humphrey is the Chief of the BTRT with over 30 years of experience working with youth, incarcerated adults, caregivers, and clergy. Over the years he has dedicated his resources to community members concerning trauma. Diligently throughout these years, Dr. Humphrey has trained and counseled professionals and community members while supporting victims and families at crime scenes for the trauma they experience. Dr. Humphrey has a broad reach with his work and has partnered with the Baltimore Police Department in efforts to lend support to the citizens of Baltimore to recognize trauma and especially childhood trauma.

Sabrina Martin is the Founder of Determine Your Destiny, Inc. (DYD), a community-based organization that focuses

on Family Wholeness, Wellness, and Healing. She is the Assistant to the Chief of the Baltimore Trauma Re-

sponse Team (BTRT). Mrs. Martin's background is in Addiction Counseling and Mental Health, and she has over 20 years of experience in these fields. Mrs. Martin's passion comes from her personal journey as a mom of two specific needs children and the care provider of her mother. She has first-hand knowledge of the obstacles, stigma, and red tape policies that can cause stress or be a deterrent while trying to be a support for loved ones which has fueled her mission to serve. Mrs. Martin has helped numerous families to get their critical services and supports in Baltimore city and surrounding counties.

BTRT and DYD have formed a unique partnership in Baltimore city that focuses on Hope and Healing. We are meeting people where they are and are helping to eliminate the barriers big and small that have been preventing these caregivers and families from moving forward with reaching their individual and family goals. Our partnership is unique because we combine their trauma and healing with a wraparound approach providing not just resources but peer support. Helping caregivers and family members connect the pieces and navigate the systems to better benefit and support their loved ones is our mission. Providing the assistance and support of a peer is an invaluable link that has been missing for these individuals. We will continue to train and support individuals to empower and equip them to better serve their families and communities with the partnership and utilization of other committed organizations. BTRT is currently looking for volunteers that are passionate about Baltimore city and its residents; to learn more about the work or volunteer opportunities please contact Dr. Humphrey at 443-418-8898 or Sabrina Martin at 443-850-8218. BTRT also offers a 4-hour trauma training to individuals for \$125 which includes training information, completion certificate, lunch, and a discounted rate for groups or organizations.

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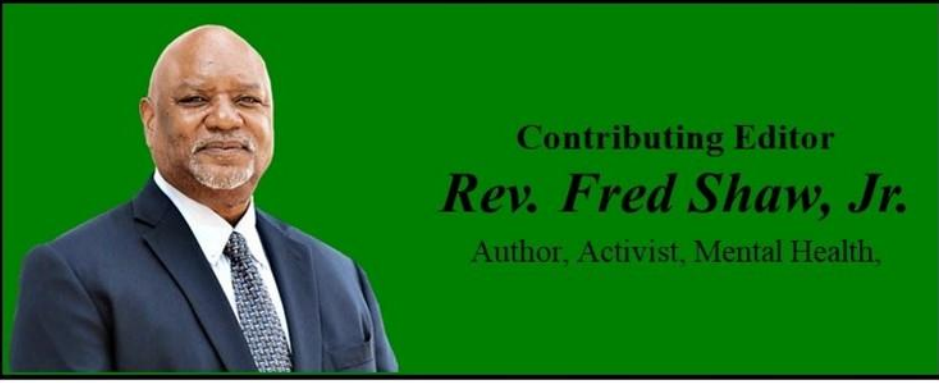
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**Rev. Fred Shaw, Jr.**  
Author, Activist, Mental Health

### Introducing Rev. Frederick Shaw, Jr.

Rev. Frederick Shaw, Jr (Fred Shaw Jr) is a native of Compton, CA and has worked in Compton for most of his life as a fierce advocate for issues including safe community centers, youth and family activities, the importance of education, and the reduction of poverty and drug addiction.

After attending Pepperdine University, Rev. Shaw worked as a sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Angeles County from 1980 – 1993.

In 1992, Rev Shaw became the President and Co-founder of the World Literacy Crusade, an international organization with the purpose of eradicating poverty and hopelessness in the inner cities and around the world.

Rev Shaw is a past-President of the Compton Branch of the NAACP, and the first President from Compton to be appointed to a California State Chair overseeing "The Children's Taskforce". As the President of the NAACP, he lobbied the US Congress alongside the Citizens Commission on Human Rights to get passed into law the Child Medication Safety Act, which gives parents the right to refuse psychiatric drugs for their children as a provision for attending school.

In 2005, The State of the African American Male and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation honored Rev Shaw as one of their 2005 recipients of the MEN WHO CARE AWARD, along with actor Jaime Fox. Fred received this award for his demonstrated NAACP leadership skills and dedicated persis-

tence to eliminating the drugging of children.

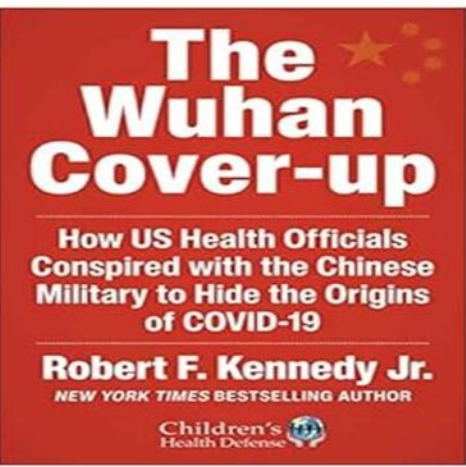
Rev Shaw co-founded the Basic Life Institute, an organization contracted with the State of California and County of Los Angeles serving at-risk youth from ages 12 – 18 years old. He was awarded by the LA County Board of Supervisors for his work with foster care children and youth on probation. Rev Shaw was also the Executive Director of the television program, "All Nations with United Hands" that promotes racial harmony and religious tolerance.

Over the last 25 years the Rev. Shaw has



been an international spokesman for CCHR, traveling throughout South Afri-

ca and the US delivering seminars, speeches and radio shows to a variety of community, church, and civic groups, reaching over 1 million people. Rev Shaw lends his powerful voice in defense of children around the world and continues to lead CCHR psych marches against the American Psychiatric Association, (including the recent march against the APA's convention in 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia – which drew international attention to the Electroshocking of Children). He continues his work as a passionate advocate against the psychiat-



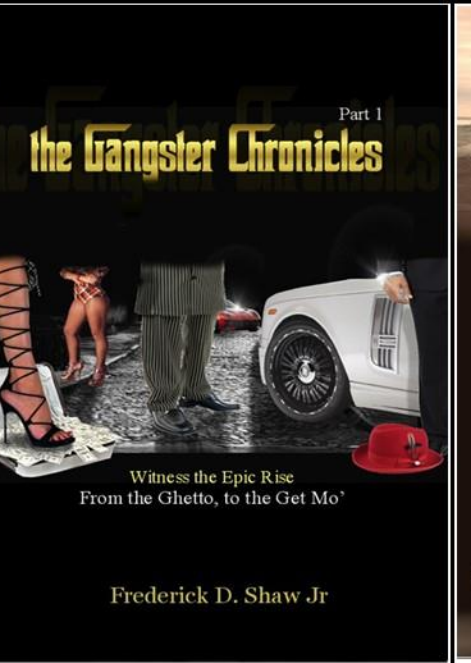
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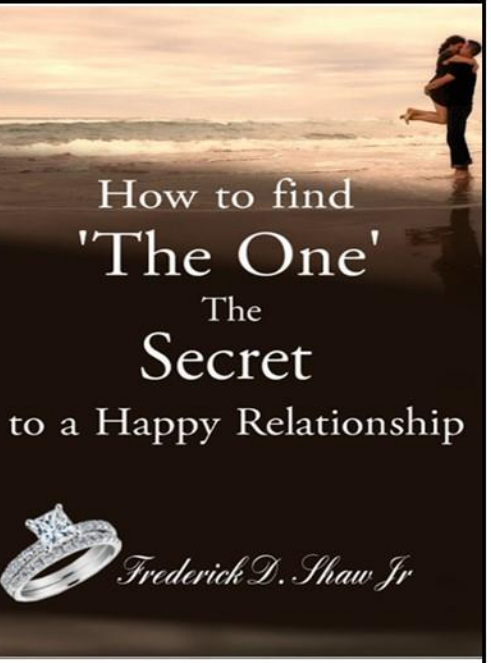
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# HISTORY, OF THE ARCH SOCIAL CLUB

The Arch Social Club is now an uptown club that is located at the corner of North and Pennsylvania Avenue which is the gateway entrance into the Pennsylvania Black Arts & Entertainment District. It is the only building on the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue that is designed as a Historic Baltimore Landmark. The Club has been a resident in the community at this location for more than 50 years; having eight presidents with seven of which were military veterans. The Arch Social Club is not a secret organization. It is not a night club, a political club, nor a protest organization. The Arch Social Club is a private club. It is a social civic organization of Black men who came together in brotherhood; some forty years after slavery to socialize, to build relationships, and to discuss the urgent issues of their day. These men were the descendants whose fathers and grandfathers were both runaway African slaves and so-called "free" Africans who had answered the call to volunteer and joined the United States Army to fight for the liberation and the freedom of their people during the Civil War. They were the descendants of the 209,145 African men who fought and the 40,000 that died in an armed struggle to end slavery; and whose heroic contributions and sacrifices saved the Northern Union Army from Southern Confederate defeat. In the spirit of our ancestors the Arch Social Club was founded in 1905, which was during the 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration commemorating June 19, 1865 (Juneteenth), the date of freedom for the last surviving enslaved Africans held in Galveston, Texas. Standing on the shoulders of our ancestors the Club's founding fathers created an organization that had evolved from an independent movement of churchmen, musicians, poets, artists, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, street vendors, military veterans, community organizers, union and labor organizer and longshoremen during the era of Jim Crow and Segregation to what it is today. The Arch Social Club's mission towards promoting a spirit of unity brotherly love and having an inclusive membership policy made it unique when comparing it to other social clubs. We believed that our agreed upon common goals promoting unity, charity, brotherhood, and community service is the "blueprint" and has been the key to why Arch Social Club has survived while others have died.

Baltimore, Maryland in 1905 was a racially segregated city with little personal interaction between the races where Jim Crow, white supremacy, and racial segregation, state right doctrines were the Constitutional laws of the land. As a result, of those mandatory racial segregated restricted laws the African Americans upper class, middle class and the lower class was economically and socially confined to live in certain areas of the city, which resulted in a more unified community working and surviving together without regard to skin tone or any class distinctions. African Americans men and women begin to engage in activities, to create, to unite and build their own social, economic and culture institutions in their communities that would enable them to fashion a new future for their people. They created their own

schools, churches, private clubs, fraternal groups, businesses, and used the services of African American physicians, lawyers, and funeral directors.

Arch Social Club was started by a group of young Black men who gathered at the



corner of Arch and Josephine Street located near Stokes Restaurant. After being harass and threatened by the police, they begin meeting inside the Restaurant. They were chased away by the law, and according to oral history, they begin holding meetings at a member's house on Saratoga Court. The Club was called Cosmopolitan; but around 1911 President Raymond Coates, had a meeting to discuss making re-organizational changes. Some members came with a vision, but without a plan while others had a short-term plan with no vision. They decided the first phase would be establishing a headquarters, changing the organization name, defining their common interest, their principles, plan of action and who they were and who they would be in the future. They rented a two-story row house on a one-lane street at 233 Arch Street for \$1.50 a week. The organization was to be called the Arch Social Club named after the street of its new residence. With this deep-seated feeling of love, harmony, community service, respect for our people and common purpose in

mind, the founders Raymond Coates, Jeremiah S. Hill, and Sam L Barney officially incorporated the Arch Social Club on March 15, 1912. It was about the same year that the N.A.A.C.P. was getting started. The Club was founded "for the social, moral, and intellectual uplift of its members and in order that charity

may be practiced in a Christian-like spirit, true friendship and brotherly love be promoted and maintained."

In 1916, the membership moved the clubhouse into a building at 655 Jose-

phine Street. They paid rent, bought coal, wood, and kept the clubhouse clean. In 1922, when Koester's Bakery purchased all the buildings on Josephine Street, the Arch Social Club received an eviction notice of Koester's Bakery intent to expand their business. Forced to move, the 122-membership organization obtained a building at 676 W. Saratoga Street, which was purchase for \$500.00 with an annual ground rent of \$5.00. On September 6, 1934, the Arch Social Club became the first private club in the State of Maryland to receive its liquor license after Prohibition, also becoming the first African American Private club in the United States to obtain a liquor license after Prohibition. On Wednesday, December 29, 1948, a fire at the 676 W. Saratoga Street Clubhouse destroys all previous history of club member records and photographers. Around 1969, the club received a condemnation ordinance notice from the city ordering the Club to move to another location to make way for urban renewal which is a code word for Black removal. This city ordinance resulted in the displacement of over eleven hundred Black families, demolition of 971 homes, sixty-two businesses, and a school to make way for the East-West Expressway or what became known among Black city residents as the Highway to No-Where. In 1971, the Arch Social Club purchased the former Wilson's Restaurant building for \$55,000. In 1972, then President; How-

ard Mason relocated the clubhouse and its 300-membership organization to its new home at 2426 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Arch Social Club is the oldest known existing and continuously operating African American men civic social private club in the United States. For over one hundred years, the Arch Social Club has worked quietly and been consistent in its mission of family unity, community building and networking with Black men, and Black organizations in supporting Baltimore's Black civil society. Our strength came from having a kindred spirit, a diverse membership, with common interests and goals which has allowed the Arch Social Club to operate as a community organization and as a cultural center. The Club has long history as being a safe gathering place where political, civil rights and community leaders could come together to host their private or public events. Historically the Club has been the venture for promoting community meetings, educational programs, cultural art, live entertainment, and night life. It is in our tradition, to support all organizations that are committed to the social transformation, economic advancement and the safety of our children, our people, and our communities. The Club continues to provide space and a platform for Black businesses, politicians, musicians, activist, artists, academics, thinkers, and organizations to come together to host their public events, to build relationships and to share their vision for the future.

Bridging the gap between yesterday and today; the men of the Historical Arch Social Club continue to adhere to the principles of unity, brotherhood, love, charity, service, and community engagement. We are a diverse group of men that have more things in common that unites us; than would divide us. Therefore, we refuse to discriminate by narrowing down our membership base on class, religious beliefs, and political views. To become a member, you can be a teacher, preacher, democrat, republican, independent, socialist, capitalist, nationalist, communist, Christian, a Muslim, or an atheist. You can join and become a member of the Arch Social Club, no matter your political persuasion, your religious belief, or who you may love.

We are looking for mature, strong, dependable, trustworthy men who love and respect our women, love our children, and who want to play a role in the continuous development of our community and our people. We look forward to many more years of community service, charity, preservation of our institutions, and our culture; and always promoting friendship, unity, and brotherly love. We encourage you to become a member of the club or become a friendship supporting membership organization. With your support and your donations, we can preserve our rich history, our culture, our traditions, our goals, and our vision; so that the future work of the Arch Social Club, and our ancestors work can continue to be passed down from one generation to another.

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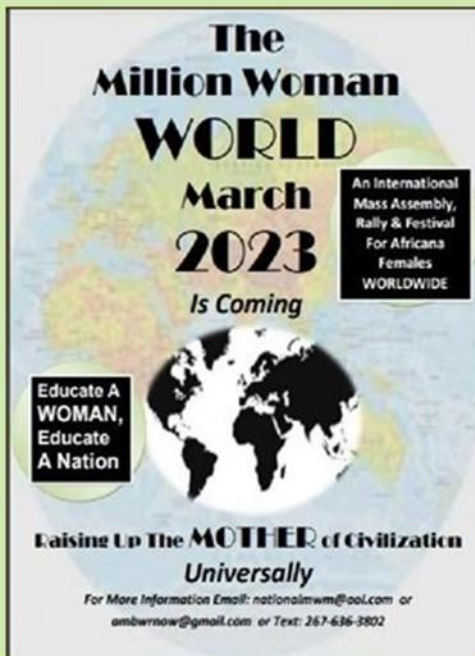


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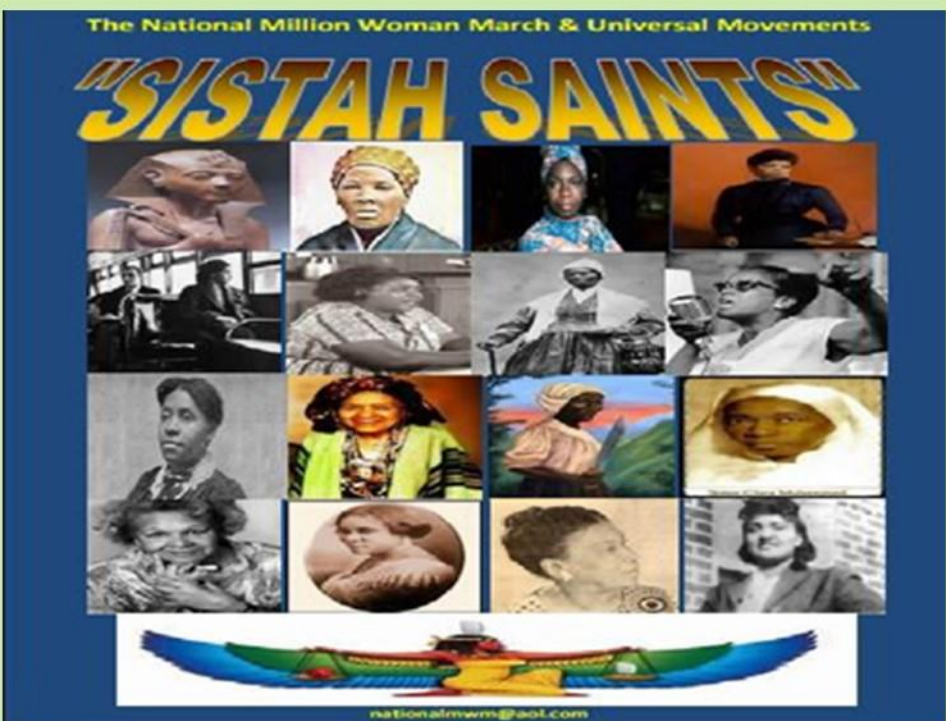


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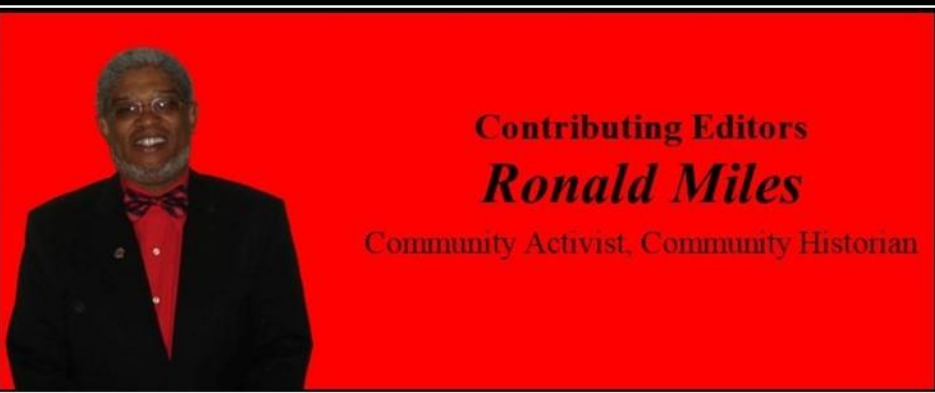
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Community Activist, Community Historian

**CEO/President Message**

On behalf of the RJY Chick Webb Council, Inc., I am pleased of the celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of the historic Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center (November 2022-October 2023). This has been a fantastic year of celebration to ensure the improvement and expansion of the center. Baltimore City has awakened and is contributing to the center's history. Our local communities are preparing to enjoy the projected expansion and improvement as we also

look forward to maximizing the use in enjoying health and wellness (recreation), education and cultural activities; also, in drawing national attention to an iconic African American accomplishment.

For too long, the Center has been in the shadow of African American history. The Council is elevating the Center's presence in Baltimore City, the State of Maryland, and the Nation. The Council

sees fit to tell the story and dedicated to continuing promotion and oversight of the center, as well as a dedication to Dr. Baltimore Black community, Dr. Young Ralph Jonathan Young and William Henry "Chick" Webb. The Council endeavors to have wax figures of these two Baltimore legends in the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Let us all make this happen.

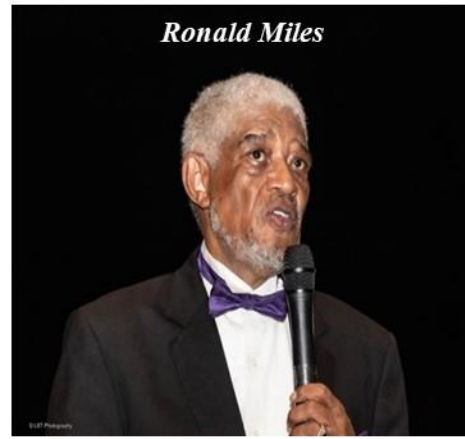
struction of the center built with the help of national Black entertainers and the Baltimore Black community, Dr. Young stated, "We want to prove to Chick Webb that we mean to do something for the development of Negro youth in Baltimore. We want to show him (Chick Webb) that we are united to help ourselves. The days of begging are over". (Afro American Newspaper, 1945).

We must do this ourselves (the Black community). As with the initial con-

We will show Chick Webb, the days of begging are over". I implore you, contribute. The Council has a dedicated fund. Send check or money order to:

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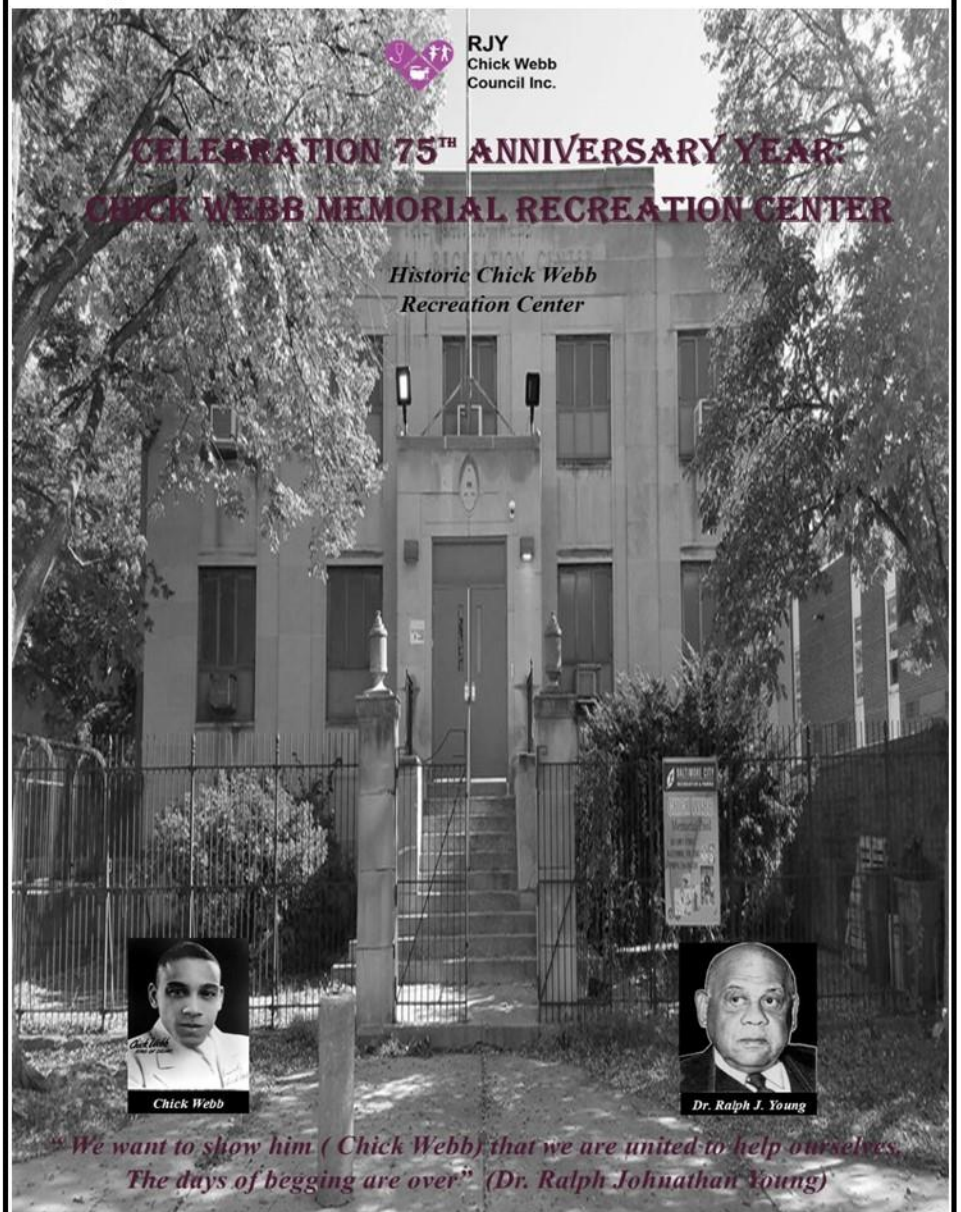


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*Here are some highlights of the activities inside our Booklet!*



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# The National Black Council of Elders

## Introducing The National Black Council of Elders!

The National Black Council of Elders will officially launch in December 2022 as part of the annual Kwanzaa celebration. Conceptualized initially by the Congress for African People and charged to the Friends of the African Union's Chief of Staff, Mwalimu Wesley Kabaila, to plan and structure the organization, the NBCOE is intended to engage, aid, and assist in the building of a National Movement and Network, through the establishment of a National Council of Elders (NBCOE). The NBCOE's role and function will be to provide an intergenerational collaborative working space for communities working on social justice. That work will be grounded in Africentric principles, spiritual guidance, technical assistance in the formulation of policy, and the development of programs, services, and various projects which will contribute to the growth, self-governance, and economic empowerment of the African American communities nationwide.

The purpose of the NBCOE is to build Councils of Elders in localities wherever blacks are in this country, around foundational Principles of Unity and Principles of Cooperation. These principles will provide an over-arching and unifying ideology for the collective mission of building a National Community and unifying our Global Family in Africa and her Diaspora.

### RATIONALE

Forming a National Black Council of Elders is necessary and will serve as the hub of a National Rites of Passage structure and institution, from birth to ancestorhood. The question of leadership in the National Black Community continues to present challenges around the di-

thus shaping public opinion. The NBCOE is a policymaking, program-formulating, and project-initiating institution which bases its mandate on a core set of negotiated and agreed-upon African values, principles, views, vision, and aspirations.

The NBCOE seeks to form alliances and communication networks with other Council of Elders, national and globally, to promote policy agendas in favor of the interests of African descendants in

African Communications Systems and Networks.

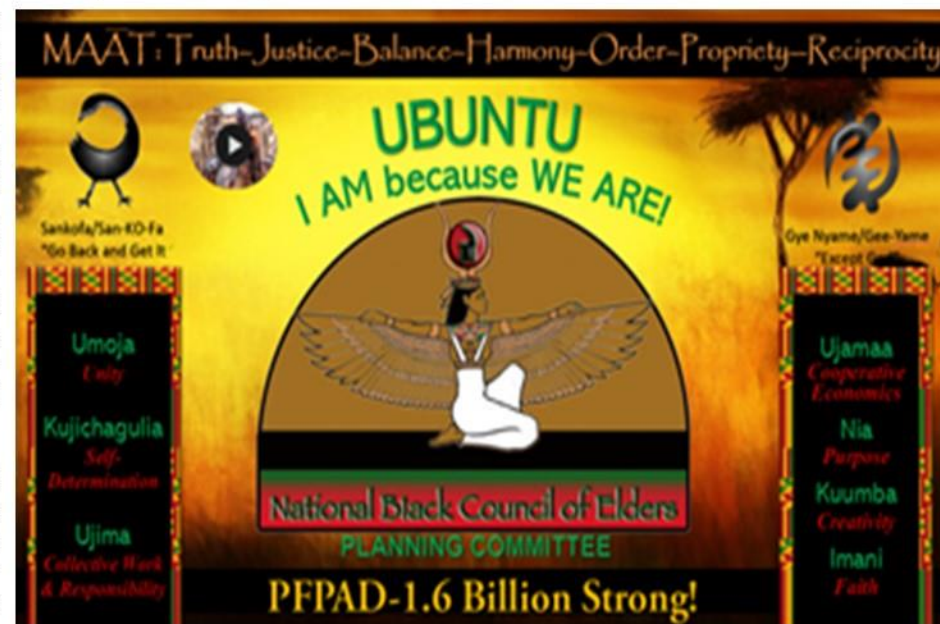
In the African American context, our social reality dictates that our approach to forming a National Council of Elders takes on the character of a United Front Structure to have each sector of our National Community represented in all of its diversity. NBCOE promotes Institution Building as a key to community and nation building. Key among these is the establishment and formation of a standardized Rites of Passage Program for our youth to give positive focus and direction as agents of their liberation, spiritual growth and development, training as first responders, linguists of the 3000 African languages, creative producers in the Arts and Sciences, and as agriculturalists of non-GMO foods.

The National Black Council of Elders will be open to black people from all over the diaspora who are committed to working intergenerationally and collaboratively to improve the lives of black people both nationally and internationally.

*If you are interested in becoming a part of the National Black Council of Elders, please visit our website*

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*We look forward to working together to build a better future for all black people.*



versity of interests within its midst. Frequently, the dominant society has usually selected and created our "leaders" by controlling and manipulating the media,

such areas as Naturalistic Health Care, African Centered Education, Sustainable Employment, Industry Building, Technological Advancement and Global Pan

## CALLING THE ELDERERS!

With Baby Boomers coming of retirement age yet retaining good health and physical prowess to accompany acquired wisdom, many are searching for things to do and places to go in this next phase of their lives. Some call this stage Elderhood, and traditional African societies embrace it, respect it and try to garner as much from the Elders as possible.

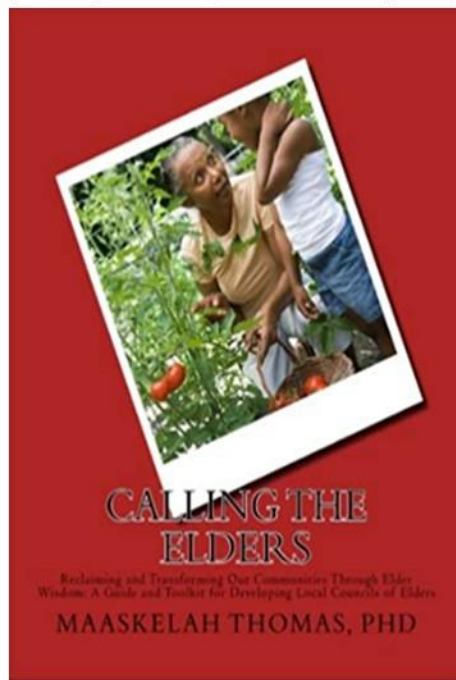
It was with this in mind that Dr. Maaskelah K. Thomas created an easy-to-read guide and toolkit: *Calling the Elders - Reclaiming and Transforming Our Communities through Elder Wisdom: A Guide and Toolkit for Developing Local Councils of Elders* (available through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)), designed for those interested in developing an essential avenue for capturing and enlisting the resources of African-American seniors for ongoing community strengthening and development. Envisioned as a rite of passage process, the Guide provides both rationale and method for implementing Councils of Elders in communities

throughout the country and beyond. Based on a successful model currently operating in the Wichita community and modeled in part from the earlier established Maryland Council of Elders, it includes an overview of the historical importance of Councils of Elders, as well as the building blocks of this functional model for institution building. Most importantly, it provides practical steps and processes for ways to engage the entire community in reconnecting the links that have historically strengthened African American communities.

In addition, the evidence-based tools throughout the book can be adapted and used for various other organizational and community development projects. Dr. Thomas, a warrior scholar-practitioner, consultant, and 35-year veteran of community and organizational development and social justice advocacy, brings together "tools of the trade" and valuable guidance for community engagement, organizational develop-

ment, and institution building.

Councils of Elders have their roots in indigenous African communities, which viewed the Elders as repositories of knowledge and wisdom, and, more importantly, as the guardians and purvey-



ors of a community's values, traditions, norms, and interests.

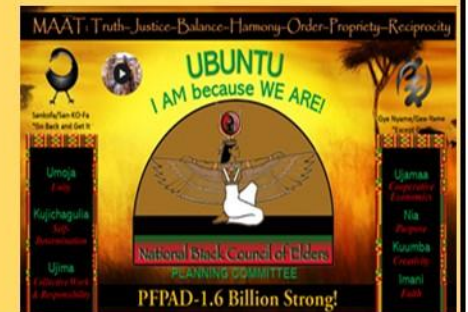
Elderhood represents a critical stage along the rites of passage continuum from birth through the senior years and on through the transition into esteemed ancestorhood. The Council of Elders has traditionally been the organizing institution that honors, embodies, and unleashes an indispensable group's ongoing wisdom and potential. The goal is that communities will be able to utilize this institution to help rebuild and reconnect communities - locally, nationally, and internationally - based on common ground, as exemplified through the wisdom of our Elders.

*"For communities interested in starting their own local Council of Elders, a limited number of Council Starter Kits are available at no cost to community planning committees via support from the 400 Years of African American History Commission, the Wichita Council of Elders, and the NBCOE. For more information, contact [aaelders.wichita@gmail.com](mailto:aaelders.wichita@gmail.com) or [nbcoulders@gmail.com](mailto:nbcoulders@gmail.com)."*

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# The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum

*A TOUCHING AND EMOTIONAL TEMPORARY EXHIBIT INSTALLATION CONTINUES THE NATIONAL GREAT BLACKS IN WAX MUSEUM'S 40 YEAR TRADITION OF UNAPOLEGETICALLY COMPELLING AND THOUGHT- PROVOKING DISPLAYS.*



**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, OCTOBER 2, 2023** - Having earned a reputation over forty years for its well-crafted life size wax figures, its moving and compelling depiction of the dark belly of a 19<sup>th</sup> century slave ship hold, and its powerful expose on the raw reality of lynching, The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum will continue the legacy with *Cash Crop*, an installation by renowned artist and creator Stephen Hayes.

Featuring fifteen life-size sculptures of human figures cast in concrete and bound in chains and metal of the Atlantic slave trade, *Cash Crop* strives to create a connection between human rights violations of the past and present. The 15 life-sized casts of the artist's friends and family represent the 15 million African people forcefully brought to the Americas between 1540 and 1850.

An Invitation – Only opening reception and artist gallery talk will be held on Friday, November 10, 2023. The exhibit will open to the public on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The Museum hours are Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Sundays 12 noon 5 pm. *Cash Crop* will remain on view through April 30, 2024.

### About Stephen Hayes

Hayes earned his MFA from Savannah College of Art and Design in 2010 with this tour de force exhibition. *Cash Crop* launched Hayes onto the international stage and laid the foundation for his fu-

ture works. *Cash Crop* has toured for over a decade at prestigious museums including the African American Museum of Philadelphia and the Harvey B. Gantt Center. Other works in this exhibition have been exhibited in museums including the Nasher Museum of Art, North Carolina Museum of Art, Cameron Art Museum, Rosa Parks Museum, African American Museum of Philadelphia, Harvey B. Gantt Center, and National Cathedral. Some of these works are gut-wrenching, such as *To Break A*



*Stephen Hayes Exhibits Human Cargo with Cash Crop*

horse. Flying W, and Fancy Legs, which refer to the white slaveowner concept of "breaking" a slave in the same manner one would "break" or dominate.

eted Black Rock Senegal Residency founded by Kehinde Wiley, and has created monumental public artworks memorializing the lives of ancestors lost to slavery in the American South. Another project incorporates earth from various mass graves containing remains of enslaved human beings in Charleston, South Carolina.

### About The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum

The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum was founded in 1983 by two Baltimore educators, Drs. Elmer and Joanne Martin. In 1988 their philosophy that "community development and cultural development go hand in hand" prompted them to relocate the Museum from their downtown storefront to the fragile, low income Oliver community in East Baltimore. The aim was to spur cultural tourism as a catalyst for community revitalization.

Since its opening in 1983, the Museum has become a prominent, nationally recognized institution. It has also evolved into a powerful compendium of wax figures. The Museum houses about 150 figures of people from the past- like Dr Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks and from the present-like President Barack Obama.

A slave ship replica stands first and foremost in the Museum. Within it, a life-size re-creation of the dark belly of a 19th century slave ship shows figures in the dank ship's hold, their bodies crushed, but not their spirits.

**Dr. Joanne M. Martin, President**

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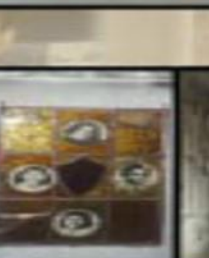
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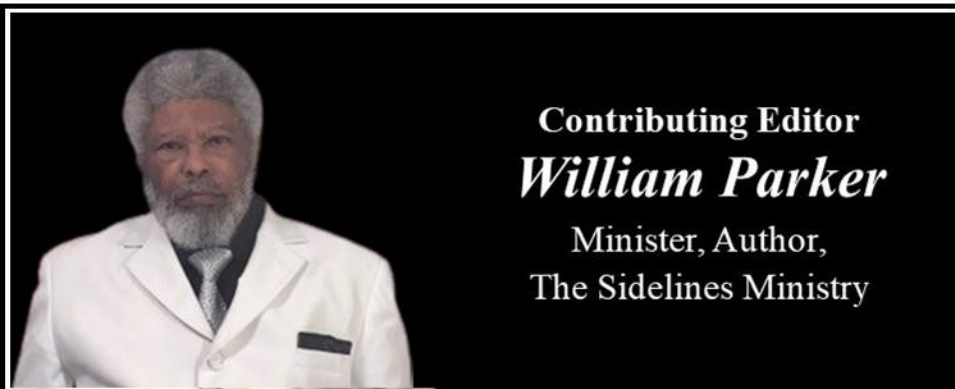
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The Kingdom Within

This time of year, our attention is consumed with the dealt, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. For forty years I gave Easter my upmost attention in celebrating Jesus's resurrection even though I did not believe Jesus was raised on a Sunday, but I did believe he was raised from the dead.

However, since waking up from a coma in February 2018 and leaving the Hospital in March 2018 I have been slowly walking away from Christianity. Today six years later I am on a crusade for truth.

Truth seems to be in the eye of the beholder. I know nothing. But I do have an observation I would like to share. From Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament to Gabriel appearing to Zechariah in the book of Luke is said to be four hundred years of silent from God.

The Jews went about their everyday lives worshipping and praising God. I am sure some thought God had forsaken them. And some kept the faith. Some just went through the motions of worship.

This was the case with Zechariah. When God did show up, Zechariah a priest was faithless. Mary on the other hand was able to believe and receive according to the scriptures. Zechariah did receive but not without consequence. Unbelief can hinder your faith, but it will not stop God from accomplishing His goal.

Think about this for a moment. Four hundred years of silence from God. They still had the writings of Moses and the prophets, but for four hundred years they did not hear from God.

Are you still thinking? They had the same manuscripts we have in our Old Testament which we call the Word of God and other manuscripts that we ignore as the Word of God. But still it was said God was silent. If Scripture is His written Word, how could He be silent?

They had their religious ceremonies and still they did not hear from God for four hundred years. Explain that if you can.

The latest book written in our New Testament is said to be written some one hundred years after Jesus' death. Like Moses and the prophets, the apostles and disciples wrote about Jesus but is God speaking to us through their writings. If He was not speaking to the Jews through Moses and the prophets' writings, what make you think He is speaking to you through the apostles and disciples' writings especially since we are under a better covenant.

My brothers and sisters, if you are a true believer the Word of God is in you. Let us look at John 1:1 again. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. The Word was God.

Do that remind you of anything? Well, it takes me back to the beginning. In the Beginning God. (Genesis 1:1) In the Book of Genesis, the Bible tells us that God spoke, and it was.

But when He came to man, God followed a different formula. He forms man from the dust of the earth and breathe into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.

This is my observation. I could be wrong but from my point of view and the spirit that indwells me say I am right. You see God is a Spirit being. He created a physical universe. Therefore, He needed to create man in His image and His likeness with the ability to procreate to put in charge of His creation. The only way to do that was to put Himself into man.

Remember Jesus was the Last Adam, not the first. The first Adam was created to rule the earth. The Second or Last Adam was created to reconnect us to our Spiritual Authority, the Godhead. But what if man was never separated from the Godhead only led to believe he was.

Man, supposedly gave up his authority when he gains knowledge of good and evil. And as long as we think we know more than God; we find ourselves on the losing end.

Power and money corrupt good morals. It is clear to me that the Jewish people stop listening to God during the time of Malachi, so God let them go their own way. But during that same time the pagan gods were alive and well according to pagan religions.

It was during this time period that Ptolemy created the mythical god Serapis. Which I have mentioned in previous podcasts. The Bible gives us the story of the world through Jewish eyes. It also gives us the story of the Jewish people as God dealt with them.

But there was much more going on in the world that affected the Jewish people than what is recorded in the Bible. Throughout the Bible you find one thing that is consistence. Everywhere the Hebrews went they enter mingled with people that worship a god or gods different from their own.

Abraham met Melchizedek. Jacob's wife stole her father gods. Joseph married the daughter of a priest in Egypt. Moses married the daughter of a priest in Midian. The Israelites worshiped a golden calf after leaving Egypt. And the list goes on.

The point is that everyone has a measure of faith because everyone has the DNA of the true God. The God of creation. You were created in the image and likeness of God. But you were given a measure of faith.

Now we can walk in the fullness of faith if we put our total faith in the God of creation. But we cannot do that because of the cares of this world. As long as we are concerned about tomorrow, we will overlook today.

Matthew 6:34 Jesus tells us "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

How can I best explain this? Jesus just told us in Matthew 6:34 to take no thought. Adam was created a grown man. But Adam was a baby in thought. Adam only knew what God told him. So, when the serpent came along telling him something else, Adam made the mistake of listening and following.

We are born in this world with God's

DNA. But like Adam our thoughts are developed from what we hear around us. Our thoughts develop our faith. Our faith drives us to be what we have become. In other words, your faith will suppress your God given talents or make you a light on a hill or somewhere in between.

Remember the parable of the pound. (Luke 19:12-26) A certain nobleman called his ten servants gave them each a pound and said occupy till I come.

This is a parable of God creating Adam and putting him in charge of the world. Or as we are told a parable of Jesus leaving and returning as King of kings, and Lord of lords. The pound represents intellectual gifts and spiritual endowments He gives to us all.

But as we see in the parable, we do not all use the gifts the same. None of us start out with more or less. It is who we choose to listen to and to follow depending on how we end up. Adam and Eve had the gifts by measure but chose to listen to the serpent. We know how that ended.

Jesus' disciples had the gifts by measure, and they started out doing what Jesus did. Doing the time of the disciples the church was growing, but somewhere along the way the light stops shining bright.

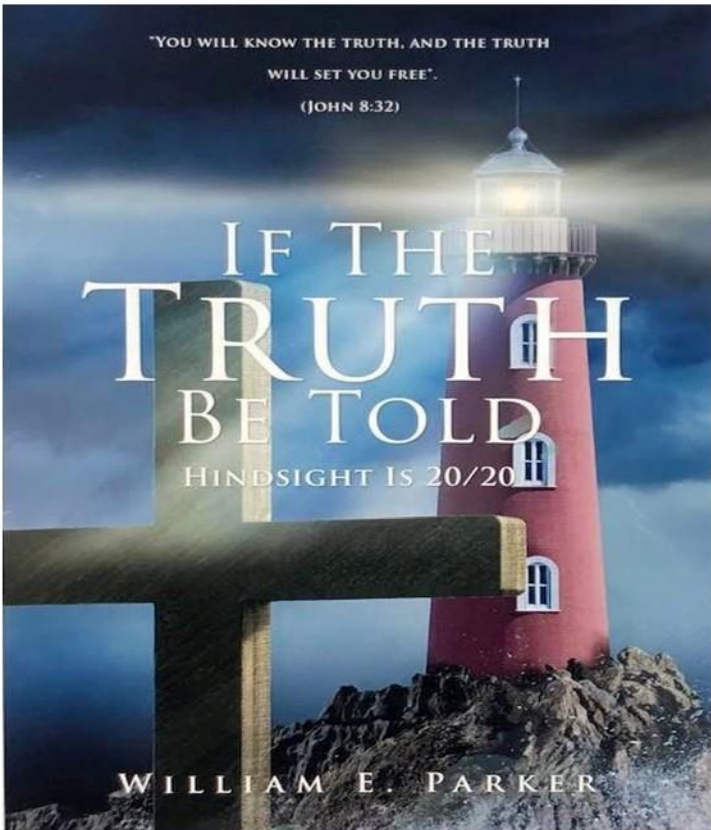
I have been told I talk like I have no hope. I have hope in God and I have hope in my faith in God. My God is just not your God.

One more thing. This is a fact. Do not take my word for it. That your body was created to heal itself. God gave your body the innate ability to heal itself. Our disobedient nature corrupted our life flow from the Creator. Jesus' miracles showed us that it is possible to regain that life flow. But people have lost faith in God since they have found they can gain similar results by taking a pill or getting an operation.

Then there are some who seek results with positive thinking, meditation, visualization, repetition, and the written word. There have been many great men of God throughout history of the Christian religion, but there have also been many great men of other religions.

Choose you this day whom you will serve. As far me I will serve the God of creation as He reveals Himself to me.

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Entrepreneur, Community activist  
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### Neal Spencer Have a Dream & A Vision

Neal Spencer a native of Texas believe that one day the Black/African American businesses will come together form a union support one another and make available great services to the state of Texas.

of the state of Texas. He is not in competition with those groups but he wants to support and bring more exposure to those various groups so the other groups can recognize each other.

He named this vision the Ebony Business Network the vision is to have a directory where people can find one another from business to business to consumer to business also the vision includes podcasting where he will invite businesses from all over the state of Texas to come to the podcast to share their information about who they are what they do and why they do it. Also, to provide live events networking events business Expos think tanks and much more.

If you are in the state of Texas and you own and operate a Black/African American business or service, or you may know a business or service that can benefit from this vision contact Mr. Neal Spencer

There are several reasons why there is a need for an organization like this he believes that we must equal the playing field when it comes to economic empowerment this is a way that could build Black/African American businesses also this vision can build our communities and most importantly our families.

When I met Neal Spencer, he was very passionate about that vision my observation is that the passion he has is because he is a visionary I recognize that vision because I too is a visionary and my passion it's very similar

I personally want to thank Neal Spencer because he inspires me to continue to do what I do and that is to support recognize uplift black businesses and services also for such a time as this I personally believe that God always raises up individuals that would take a stand for justice for all and economic freedom for all. Thank you, Sir, for your vision!

*David Murphy, Publisher*

Mr. Neal Spencer not only did he dream about it he did something about it he is organizing Black/African American businesses and services to unite and recognize one another also he knows that there are small groups of businesses that has formed and operate in small patches



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#### Coming Soon!

I have started my book called "Me and Cheese". It is dedicated to my deceased son. For seven years we worked a detail business together. It is in his honor that I continue with vision. Although it is difficult I press on. For years I wanted us to work together. He was a gifted salesman.

And I had all the ideas. Of course, every business wants to be prosperous. But the journey with your son was precious. Worth more than gold. We were always on the edge of financial breakthroughs. We would often express it to each other. Never give up on your hopes and dreams. Faith will always test your tenacity.



## The Texas Black Unity News

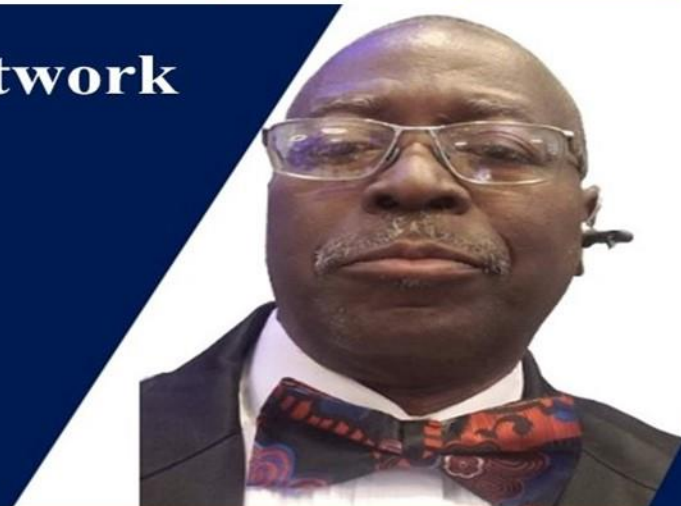
*Promoting Unity In Our Communities, We Are Keeping The Dream Alive!*

**If Not Us, Then Who? If Not Now, Then When?**

### The Ebony Small Business Network



**Organizing Black Businesses**  
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*Sara & Murphy*

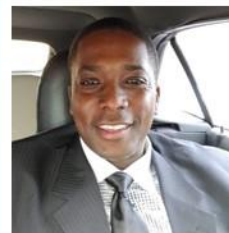


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In other words, you can call me a protector. I have been protecting people for more than forty years and I will continue to be a protector either as a private citizen or as your mayor.

Baltimore City has the blues in fact it reminds me of a Marvin Gaye song, In The City Blues!

Baltimore City population is sixty five percent Black, and the people are asking What's going on with our children's education, jobs, homicides, and crime.

What's going on with our government as the Mayor of Baltimore City, I know what's going on.

*I am here to fix Baltimore!*

*What is a Community?*

A community is a unified body of individuals with a particular common characteristic, such as interests, beliefs, or needs that affect the community as a whole.

Communities are identified by those who live and own businesses there. Our community, as black Baltimoreans, is different. We live in buildings and shop in stores owned by outside communities.

We even vote for people who do not share our own interests and needs. **It is time we created our own leaders who will help rebuild our community and businesses.**

*We The People Are Coming*

As the president of the non-profit WTPAC, my goal is to create new business for our community.

Our purpose is to unite the black community and let it be known that simply surviving is not our only option.

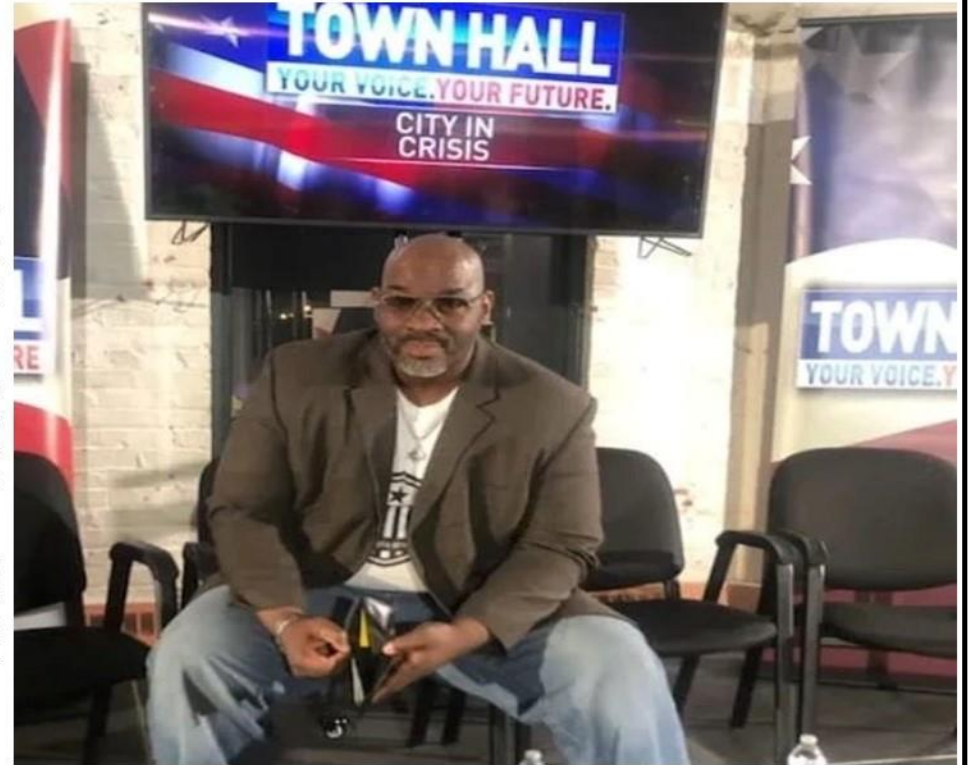
I want my people to be able to invest in the progress of our neighborhoods and become economically independent.

*Power of Connection*

The time has come for us to create a world where we, Black Americans, control our own economics and politics. A place where the control of education, businesses, banks and the community are in our hands.

Growth cannot start without your support. Contact us to volunteer, donate and be a part of the change.

*Growth is possible*



**Keith B Scott**



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**What if homelessness and poverty in Baltimore City were no longer an issue?**

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# The Men and Families Center Inc.



### Mission Statement

The Men and Families Center, Inc. improves the quality of relationships between fathers and their children, thus enhancing the preservation of families. The Center is a coordinating place for East Baltimore and their families that increases the accessibility of services and community awareness. We address their specific needs through a holistic array of services that are designed to meet men, women, seniors and families where they are and move them towards self-empowerment and sufficiency.

### Background

In 1995, the Family League of Baltimore City and the Historic East Baltimore Action Coalition initiated an extensive community needs assessment. This process revealed significant gaps in service to Historic East Baltimore families and children. The absence of comprehensive services for men/fathers was determined to be one of several major concerns. As a result, a plan was developed to establish a program.

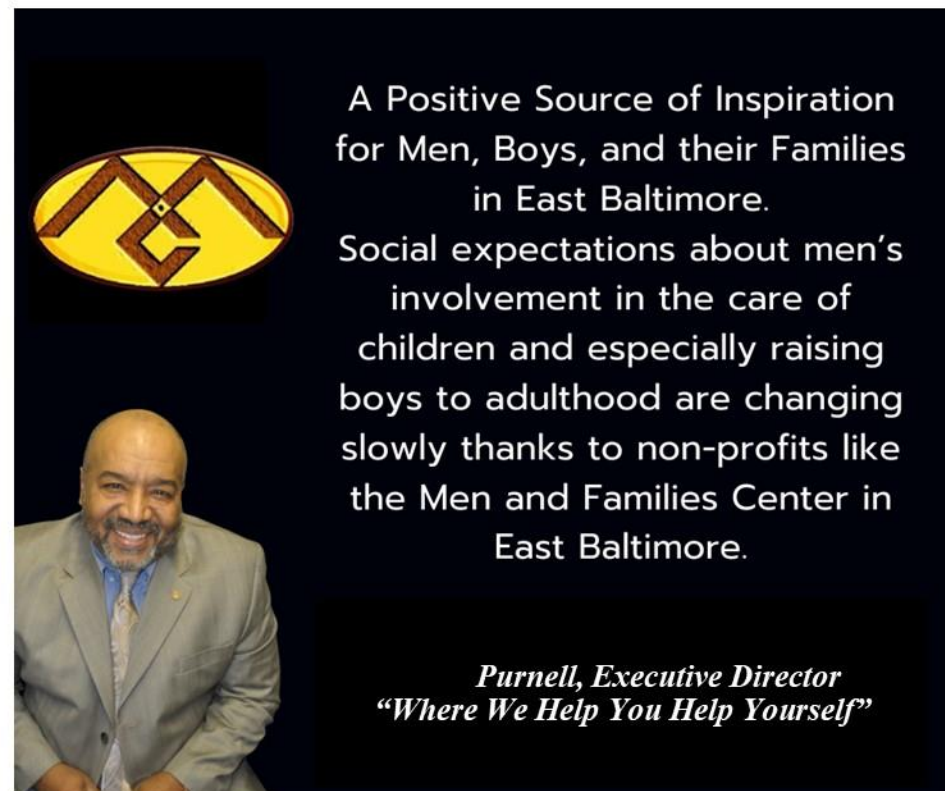
### Pandemic

During the Covid pandemic we concentrated more on the following Food and help with protecting our seniors and kids. We did this by providing pop ups throughout the City. We provided food boxes and bags to over 26,000 families over this three-year span. We provided Mask, hand sanitizer and wipes, Covid test kits to the community at large, three schools and a number of community organizations. We intentionally targeted the hard-to-reach populations because we saw that as a resistance to kids and

our seniors.

### MFC Capital Campaign.

We are trying to get our three buildings renovated. We feel that our clients deserve to have a descent building to come



A Positive Source of Inspiration for Men, Boys, and their Families in East Baltimore.

Social expectations about men's involvement in the care of children and especially raising boys to adulthood are changing slowly thanks to non-profits like the Men and Families Center in East Baltimore.

**Purnell, Executive Director**  
*"Where We Help You Help Yourself"*

to for the many problems they might have. This would allow us to serve more people in a state-of-the-art facility. If you ask your family members it would be hard to find a family that has not benefitted from our hard work in and around Baltimore. We need you to talk to the politicians, friends and family to help with this worthwhile project. All donations are tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated.

Donation can be made out to the Men and Families Center Inc. 2222 E. Jefferson St. Baltimore Md, 21205. Please keep your eye open for the new Rites of Passage Program, it will be the Urban Rites of Passage for kids 12 to 19 years

social determinants that often keep them from even thinking about their health or anything else. Like past due rent, employment, housing, child support, BG&E bills and criminal records / expungements etc. We have been providing services to these populations throughout the city and surrounding counties.

### Re-Entry

We provide holistic services that focus strongly on life skills and connecting this population to resources and opportunities to prevent recidivism. We also refer to and work with them to secure housing, and employment, while also connecting them to healthcare services.

### Rites Of Passage

This program was established to help youth be more respectful of elders, women, their communities and themselves. The Rites of Passage program draws in strength from an Afrocentric value system that brings young men through a series of prescribed developmental stages towards manhood. It is offered to males ages 8-18 as an 8-week long program. To date, over 100 young men have completed this program.

The major discussion topics covered in this program are:

**Mind and Manhood, Drug Abuse Prevention, Abstinence, School Retention, A Clean Record: No Arrests**

Young men are encouraged and mentored to focus and create realistic goals that will assist them into becoming strong, accountable, responsible, and productive individuals, in their families, schools, and communities.



## Programs & Services

- Life Skills**
- Presentation
- Budgeting
- Being prepared for work
- Managing
- Pre-Employment**
- How to create a resume
- How to complete an application online
- How to search for jobs online
- How to prepare for an interview
- Proper dress for the interview
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- Connections directly to jobs
- Training Opportunities
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James Brady Is An Urban Agtech Veteran Farmer

James Brady is an Urban Agtech Veteran Farmer and founder of (Con10u2farm.com) that specializes in Hydroponics, Aeroponics, Aquaponics. We simply grow foods without soil, not using pesticides, or herbicides while using 21st Century growing methods. His idol is Dr. George Washington Carver, who was once chauffeured by his mother's brother-in-law at Tuskegee University. Dr. Carver once said illness can be cured through proper use of plants and the products extracted from them, hence we now promote and use the tree of life, Moringa for a healthy world.

Friends tease James Brady, about his devotion to urban farming, calling him a veggelante and a veggie preacher, but that doesn't stop his proselytizing. Brady and his business partner created microscale systems that allow school children and others to grow produce in small non-traditional spaces. The adaptive growing modules consist of raised storage bins, hooked to a recirculating water reservoir, a single pump and timer to keep the plants growing vigorously. You can harvest every 3 to 4 weeks depending on your selection.

My current Urban food projects are in the United Kingdom, African Oasis CIC at Shelthorpe Community Aquaponic Garden) and (OmniGro.net) on the Garden Island of Hawaii. I have also designed and Urban Ag Academy Institute to teach the next generation of beginning farmers in the UK and Nigeria over a 12-week course my methods and techniques.

I was born and raised on a farm in Alabama, and my grandparents owned a 200-acre farm and a 1-acre garden that was used to feed our family and others in the community. My grandmother grew collards, okra, white and red potatoes, cabbages, kale, tomatoes, watermelons, sweet potatoes, squash, grapes, turnips, bell peppers, hot peppers, muscadine's, corn, and a series of fruits such as plums, apples, pears, black berries, strawberries, sugar cane, figs, peaches, for the family and she canned all that wasn't eaten during growing season. By the way this was all grown without pesticides, so why are we not looking back to learn how people did things in the past. Everything changed in the 70's with mass farming getting bigger with crop dusting and spray's while killing off the natural microbes in the soil.

The 21st Century has ushered in several new policy changes when it comes to superfoods and growing locally through Urban Agricultural Ordinances that many Urban farmers can now benefit from, such as growing food in vacant building, or growing traditional and non-traditional ways in back yards, parking lots, and rooftops. It starts with Urban Ag ordinances that allow one to grow locally with a permit. It can also contain language that allows for Aquaculture, farm to table and incentives for property owner to lease land or vacant buildings

to beginning farmers in exchange for Tax credits from the cities.

Last April 2023, I returned home to the birthplace of my mother (Henry County



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in the city of Abbeville Ala.) and planted 200 Moringa trees in honor of all my family members and community heroes. What you see here is a picture of a poster, that was created by my friend Dr. Carrie Waterman a native of Alabama who is a (UC DAVIS Professor) for the community to learn everything residents and family need to know about Moringa trees while maintaining a healthy lifestyle in the era of GMO's and fast foods joints such as McDeath, AKA' McDonalds!

Moringa Oleifera is globally recognized for its nutritional and pharmacological properties, correlated to the high flavonoids content in its leaves. However, the bioactive compounds found in plants may vary according to cultivation, origins, and seasons along with extraction processes used, making it difficult to extract raw materials, but recent breakthroughs discovered, Bio stimulants for plant growth, used as Biodiesel, and enzymes found in seeds that boost your energy along with carbon sequestration that is 20x more than any tree on the planet.

We must now make the transition back to growing all our vegetables. The ability to grow your own foods is tantamount to better health in our senior years. If you have a backyard, patio, or deck consider growing a moringa tree first, along with other vegetables to boost your nutrition levels while also growing your own pharmacy (Moringa Tree) and enjoying the benefits of excellent health, then eradicating prescription drugs.

Fast forward to 2024' In the era of GMO processed foods and corporate greed, not to mention our tap water, we are in a serious health crisis across America, in

particular the Black Community. What the average American's are consuming today at 36 Yrs. Of age with average weight average around 190 Lbs. is the following, Flour, and cereal products (192.3 lbs.) Caloric Sweetener's, (141.6 Lbs.) Vegetables (415.4 Lbs.) Coffee, Cocoa & Nuts (24 lbs.) Fruits (273 Lbs.) Fats and Oils (85 lbs.) Red meats (110 Lbs.) Poultry (74 Lbs.) Fish and shellfish (17 lbs.) Eggs (33 Lbs.) Cheese (31 Lbs.) Dairy non-cheese (600 Lbs.) No need to Weight any longer to get started.

My grandparents had only a fifth-grade education but, were able to become astute farmers after acquiring 200 acres, then grew cotton, corn, peanuts, while raising about 50 head of cattle and over 100 pigs along with chickens. I was able

to learn firsthand how to grow foods at an early age but, hated all the labor involved on the farm as a young man. Thirty +years later, I've learned aquaponics, aeroponics, hydroponics. In 2012, I took a Veteran 16-week intensive class learning how to grow great tasting vegetables without soil, indoors and outdoors. This current generation has transitioned to plant-based diets and protein-based diets that have created opportunities for economic security well into the future for all beginning urban farmers inside cities.

The beauty of AI and App's which connects farmer and customers in real time from any cell phone, that manifest instant sales of organic foods and cellular food over the network to customers through the APP while keeping their balance sheets healthy as well. My goal here is to bring you good news about how to combat food insecurity in your city or urban farms while staying vertical. I have transitioned to growing food without soil in the 21st Century and you can too. First, Urban Agriculture needs to be part of any city general plans! It will support beginning Black farmers, create farmers markets, jobs, enhances food security, while impacting diabetes and obesity within all black communities that is so rampant around the country where we reside.

In October 2023' we received an innovative grant from USDA to revolutionize growing food in small spaces, that also can be a mobile garden, simply follow instructions. You can learn more at (OmniGrow.net) My goal is to educate the world that growing organic food is a tremendous economic opportunity to combat climate change, food security, and economic security while maintaining a healthy lifestyle of your very own.

Currently, Our team is two weeks away from constructing a new greenhouse on the Garden Island of Kauai, where food security is a serious matter. They currently have only a 10-day food supply in the Pacific Ocean on all Islands. We have partnered with a local food bank and the city to grow an abundance of organic fresh foods for all the residents annually. Our new innovative off-grid systems will grow well over 90 varieties of produce along with herbs and spices year-round or more than 20 thousand pounds.

We will use 88% less water and the indoor farm will be using solar energy which takes the entire operation off grid. This is known as CEA or controlled environmental agriculture! Many people did not know that 'Whales are the gardeners of the sea' dining on Krill to sustain life in our oceans. OmniGro is a non-profit with an innovative model that will reduce nutrient usage, decrease overwatering, while growing great tasting vegetables year-round without a carbon footprint.

I am very encouraged that our new system will change Urban Agriculture globally forever, while creating a new pathway to sustainable urban farming, for the benefit of those living inside cities around the world.

No need to get a degree to earn a good living growing nutritious foods in the 21st Century.

Right now, over 40 million Americans are living off food stamps. Enough to create a 25-thousand-mile food lines that could surround the equator, and 20 million of them are children. What will people do about this food pandemic when our children look at us and say mother, father, I'm hungry?

We all know what it was like during the Covid lockdown with no toilet paper, or available varieties of fresh vegetables locally. Our food system will freeze again soon if we are not prepared, hence, growing your own food eliminates this crisis and protects your family from these corporate thugs who will raid your debit cards as prices surge from month to month depending on the next Scandemic!

For those of you who reside in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed! USDA just awarded a 1.2-million-dollar grant to connect small and urban farms, which aims to protect natural resources and increase weather resiliency for urban farmers and the communities they serve in the Baltimore and DC Urban corridor. Lastly, don't tell secrets in your gardens, your Corn has Ears, the Beanstalk, and the Potatoes have Eyes, however, you can Turnip the Beets and Artichoke the kale outta your growing space, Its not Chard and you never run outta Tyme!



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**Calling All Black Men**

I became the MAN that God purposed and ordained me to be, sitting in a jail cell, 27 years ago. My name is Marvin Underwood and prior to this glorious day of spiritual awakening, I was not the MAN God had ordained me to be.

I had led a very self-centered life of self-destruction that was fueled by sex addiction, substance abuse, alcoholism, and periods of minor drug dealing. I can say without a shadow of doubt that I was not the MAN that was purposed by God. Looking back, it was revealed to me by

God that everything I went through, was purposeful and working out for my good, even prison.

In prison I began to earnestly read the Bible. Attending bible study with the men and joining the prison church, as an usher, it was during a bible study that the leader of the study was being released in a week, and he recommended I be his replacement. Please be advised that I was confused because I was still a babe in Christ. After the other brothers asked me to lead the study, I informed them

that only after prayer with God, will I give my answer.

About a week later, I discerned from God to lead the men's bible study. It was the revelation from god that He will prepare me to assist my brothers to become better MEN, holistically, in spirit, mind and body. All the while, assuring myself that the journey of His calling to become a MAN after His own hearth, was the beginning of my entry into MANHOOD, in order to take my rightful place in my family, neighborhood, city, and country; more importantly, in His Kingdom.

Therefore, I have been continuing to assist and empower MEN to become the MAN God has purposed and ordained to be, the Priest, Protector and Providers of His people. While being Kings in the world, I have been called to offer a minor role in the development of MEN to answer God's mandate of being a MAN. I will conclude with the encounter that God had with Adam and Eve in the garden, after their transgression of eating the forbidden fruit, and their eyes were opened to the knowledge they were na-

ked. Hearing God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, they hid themselves supposedly where God could not find them, amongst the trees of the garden. But the Lord called to the MAN, "Where are you?" Not only did Adam (noun: Man) lose his physical place in the garden by not being where God placed him, he also lost his spiritual place because of disobedience, God is asking the question today to many of our brothers, where are you?

I thank my brother, neighbor and life-long friend, David Murphy, for his vision to collectively unite our people with empowerment, and the opportunity to be a contributing editor to the National Black Unity News. There will be more to come in the future by way of a podcast, book and speaking engagements.

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### Introducing Our International Editor: **Bobby Wright (Ras Bukie)**

**Honorary President of Good Music Pro®Rastafari  
Cultural Embassy of Reggae Music of Panama**



The National Black Unity News is expanding its territory, we are proud to introduce to our readers our new international editor, Mr. Ras Bukie. He and his queen Empress Yesury Nurse lives in Panama. Ras Bukie will be bringing us information from the diaspora.

We are looking forward to a long and lasting relationship both of our goals are to unite our people uplift our people and bring information they can enlighten our people!

He is very passionate about an variety of issues that concerns our people! He is a musician and activists and a dedicated brother for the cause! Support him because he supports us!

welcome soldier to our publication, Together we will make a more powerful impact on our mission to serve our people.

Here is a little more about Ras Bukie and some of his activities! The Honorable Bobby Wright Ras Bukie | Rastafarian Cultural Ambassador for Jamaican Reggae Music. President of Rastafari



*Ras Bukie & Empress Yesury Nurse*

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Leader of Generational Change of the Afro-Panamanian Social Movement. Executive Secretary of the Rastafari Alliance of Panama. Founder of Good Music Pro® Rastafari Cultural Embassy of Reggae Music of Panama.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights called on all active actors from civil society, NGOs, and official representatives of United Nations member states to participate in the first session of the permanent forum for Afro-descendants to be held at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland from December 5-8, 2022.

This event presented to the registered participants the option of a Scholarship for Participants of the first session of the permanent forum of Afro-descendants (financial support) to cover the expenses of the plane, lodging and food, having a great demand that reached more than 300 people, according to the Honorable Epsy Campbell Barr moderator of this great activity. +507-6845-3241

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er future. Together, let us make ARF2024 a beacon of collaboration, growth, and prosperity, transcending borders and achieving our shared goals.

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A Youth's Voice Can Transform The World

An age-old question that has been asked throughout the centuries is, "What value do youth possess? "Let's think about this..."

Should age be the major factor for what determines a person's value or power?

Do not discount our youth, because being a youth definitely has its advantages.

For instance, the ability to think outside the box with no restraints or limitations. Hold on to your belief in yourself and SHOUT it to the world. Let them know what you have to bring to the table and not to count you out, simply because of your age. As a youth, you contain a wealth of knowledge that only you can bring to the table.

Unlock Your Voice's Power

Communication can change the world and as a youth, you have the power to make it happen. Yes, it's true! You can create change in the world with your power tool, your voice.

Do you ever wonder what makes your voice so special? The answer is you. It's all about your combo pack, which consists of your personality, your story, your dreams, and your vocal cords. Think of it like this, just like every superhero has their own superpower, your superpower tool is your voice. Like any superhero, you must learn how to use your tool, and become skillful with it. Once learned, you will have the amazing ability to harness your tool and produce

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that it's your vocal cords along with your voice box doing all the work.

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Did you know the words you speak have the power to create, inspire, and even transform the world around you? It's true! Just like a chef creating recipes, your words are the secret sauce that can make people shift into action. Whether

you're saying "please" and "thank you" to make someone smile or sharing your ideas to spark interest in change, remember your words have the potential for making a difference.

Speak Your Mind, Change Lives Worldwide

Young minds of this world, be aware that your thoughts, ideas, and creations are worthy to be spoken about. As you sharpen your vocal skills, surround yourself with people who will support, uplift, and encourage you. The world is a stage, and you have every right to step upon it for exposure, elevation, and transformation of others. What you speak, someone is waiting to hear. Be individual with your thinking and crea-

their feedback, whether it comes as verbal, body language or both. This process will help to sharpen your skills. When using these two steps, you show them their thoughts and feelings matter. So, the next time someone is speaking to you, put down your phone, look them in the eye, while fully paying attention. Who knows? You might learn something new or even make a new friend along the way!

Use Your Words Wisely

Since the dawn of time, we have been storytellers who share our stories, and for good reason. Stories have the power to captivate, inspire, and connect us to one another. So, don't be afraid to embrace your inner storyteller and unleash your own thoughts, dreams, and adventures to the world. Who knows? You might just inspire someone else to chase their own dreams!

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Communication isn't always serious business—it can also be a whole lot of fun! Whether you're telling jokes with friends, making silly faces, or writing funny stories, laughter is a universal language that brings people together. So, don't forget to let loose and have some fun with your words. After all, a little laughter goes a long way and your audience will appreciate you for it.

Your Voice Matters

In today's world and still you can be anything, and still be yourself, so why not be your authentic self? In a world of cookie-cutter people and personalities, being your unique self, will allow you to shine. Let the voice that is only yours, be heard! Whether you're speaking up for what you believe in, sharing your story, or simply spreading kindness and joy, never underestimate the power of your voice to make a difference. So, speak up, speak out, and make your voice heard loud and clear!

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### Introducing, Pastor Marlin T. Austin

Pastor Marlin T. Austin Sr., most affectionately known as Pastor Marlin or Pastor Austin, is a testimony of Philippians 1:6 which reads, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." He is a powerful and energetic young man on fire for God. He is a young man being used daily as a Pastor in the marketplace and countless lives are being transformed and he truly has a passion to help others know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, there he faced many of the same issues and challenges of what many of our youth

today are facing. But God brought him through it all. Pastor Austin accepted the up building of the Kingdom of God. Understanding the importance of education, he graduated from Baltimore City Community College for Allied Human Services in 2018. But will always be a lifelong student of the word of God.

God placed on his heart the vision to plant a church and in September 2015 he was ordained to the office of Pastor and officially launched The Anointed House of Prayer Ministries, often referred to as AHOP. He is determined to make a change in the community and edify the Kingdom of God.

Married to his middle school sweetheart and best friend Tiffany Austin for fifteen years, Pastor and Leading Lady Tiffany are the proud parents of three awesome children, Taylor, Marlin Jr., and Mason. He is a loving husband, dedicated father and most of all a Holy Ghost filled preacher and a saved man of God.

Pastor Austin is the Co-Founder and Director of The Help Outreach Center located in Maryland. The Help Outreach Center (THOC) is a community-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure positive and transformative change in the community through education, training, partnership, and collaboration that builds confidence and improves quality of life.

THOC serves people in need from the southwest districts of Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Through servant leadership and the help of community members, the center provides access to much needed services such as job readiness, community outreach, financial literacy, resume building, and counseling.

Under the umbrella of Job Readiness, THOC has the Sterile Technology Exam Preparatory Program which is the organ-

ization's premiere career training program that provides participants with industry knowledge, concepts, and skills needed to gain entry level employment in the fast-growing field of Sterile Technology.

THOC's certified resume writers work closely with constituents to provide customized resumes and cover letters that will resonate with target employers or industries. Participants in the organization's Financial Literacy program receive essential information and tools to help them build positive money mind-sets.

During THOC's Annual Business Expo, local entrepreneurs are invited to display and sell their products/ services. This event is free for attendees and vendors are charged a nominal fee.

Through a unique impact partnership, THOC provides referrals for mental health wellness and substance use. To learn more about Pastor Austin, the Anointed House of Prayer, or The Help Outreach Center, please visit:

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**BOUNCE BACK**

As we enter the Spring season, I want to encourage everyone that this is the time for you to go all in to accomplish the goals for your life. What are your personal and professional goals? Don't wait any longer and don't allow naysayers to distract or discourage you from hitting your goals. It's time not only to dream again but to walk into executing your dreams.

**Where are my Giant Slayers at?**

Yes, as we go through life, we must slay the giant of doubt, fear, anxiety, and past failures.

Spring is here, bringing with it fresh opportunities to accomplish your dreams. What goals have been gathering dust while doubt and fear held you back? This season calls you to not only dream again, but to boldly execute those aspirations.

The path won't be easy. Giants of self-doubt and past failures may loom, threatening to block your way. But you were born for this fight. With courage in your heart and purpose in your steps, you can defeat every obstacle in your path. So set your sights on the end game

and let no naysayer sway you. The world is ready for the wonders you'll unleash when your dreams become reality.

You have the power to create the life you want through intentional goal setting. Don't let your dreams remain fantasies - make them reality. Take charge of your future by defining your most heartfelt desires and committing to the daily actions that will get you there. With focused effort and perseverance, you can manifest any vision. The path to your best life starts with believing in yourself and your limitless potential. Then dream big, set clear goals, break them down into doable steps, and boldly pursue them, one day at a time. You've got this! With passion and purpose, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. Your goals are within reach - go after them.

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To learn more about how to bounce back and jump start your life both personally and professionally check out my website: [www.catherinetrotter.com](http://www.catherinetrotter.com)

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 Author, Counselor, Man of God!

**My Book Of Empowerment**

My name is Archie D. Lee Sr. I have led a life of self-destruction: a life which compelled me to embark upon writing this inspiring book. In hope that it might empower and bring a holistic mentoring view to someone. Also, that it might deliver any individual whom God made by putting this message of Deliverance book in their path.

Yes, I was living a life of self-destruction, selling and using drugs,

pulling armed robberies overdosing off of drugs and dodging the bullets that somehow were always just missing me. I was always putting myself In harm's Way. There were so many close brush calls with death. I am so grateful for God's grace, His never allowing the death angels to take me. I was spiritually dead. But God's continuation of his grace and mercy brought me to a level of awareness and realization that finally opened my eyes to see whatever the dev-

il's intentions were.

He bestowed his grace and mercy to use it for his divine intervention. I thank God for his Deliverance. (John 12:32 KJV) if I shall be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me. God has been using me as a strong tool of Deliverance to deliver oth-

ers from the negative strongholds. He delivered me from a fisherman of men, living a life of self-destruction! For God knew I was loss, so He directed me from the street drug corners to the cross. Then He delivered me from the prison to the church pews. To God be the glory!!!!!!



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### Introducing John L. Smith

JLS Enterprises, LLC: I am the founder and sole proprietor: It has been said that life is filled with numerous unexpected consequences, some good, some bad. One day while walking through one of New Jersey upscale malls, enjoying a day out after recently retiring, having enjoyed a fruitful career of 47 yrs. of full uninterrupted employment, not even one day. I was invited over to a kiosk to participate in a hand washing demonstration. While feeling somewhat pressured, I reluctantly submitted. Much to my surprise, the results were nothing like I had ever seen in my life. Not only were my

hands undeniably clean, but they were also baby soft. Months later, I had exhausted my supply. Upon returning to the same mall hoping to find the same person or someone else who sold the same products, it was not to be. Little did I realize that those kiosks cost thousands of dollars per month. If you cannot sell you are out, and the next person is waiting to replace you. Left without any means to contact the former person, and after brainstorming, it became apparent to me that the eight hundred number may provide some info or means to reach someone in the corporation. Fortu-

nately, my first call went directly to the vice president and CEO, who had just arrived in the USA weeks before. After a brief introduction and discussion, I was invited to visit their warehouse which was less than eighty miles from Newark, N.J. my home. Needless to say, I dressed appropriately and was warmly received. Following a three-hour interview, I was invited to lunch, lasting more than two hours, we returned to the warehouse. Following another three hours of discussion, I was offered the opportunity to become an independent reseller of the Obey Your Body Dead Sea Minerals skin line throughout New Jersey with the exception of Malls. Without any prior sale knowledge or experience, I launched an all-out assault on the skin care market resulting in being elevated to the level of regional independent reseller.

Following more than seven years of financial success crisscrossing the country and appearing before numerous organizations of hue and color, I was constantly asked why my company did not have a skin care line for "Blacks." My answer was simple, I don't own the com-

pany. However, their question did not go unnoticed. I referred their concerns to the President & CEO, who said we will take it under consideration. Following three years of no answer, I found myself at the warehouse picking up needed supplies, when the CEO & President spotted me in the warehouse, he rushed out leaving a client waiting in his office to embrace and escorted me to a separate office where he popped open his lap-top and there it was, my idea before me. His quote, we did not ignore anything you said. Following three years of research and approval to formulate a composition to address issues applicable to people of all shades of :

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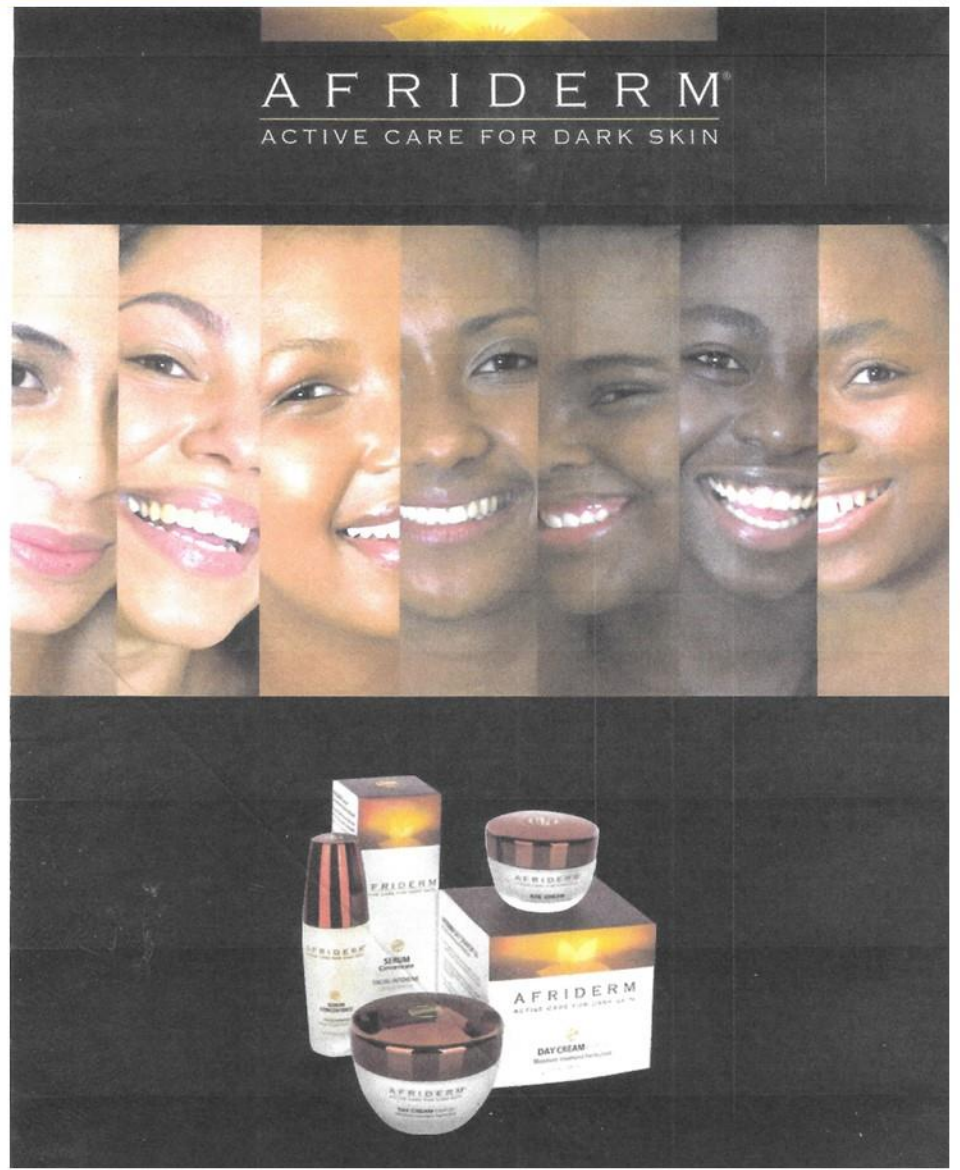
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Mr. Tilghman has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer and Electrical Engineering, a Master of Business Administration and is looking to pursue his Doctorate in Engineering Research Education. He is a loving, devoted husband to Carole L. Tilghman, who has been instrumental in much of his recent accomplishments.

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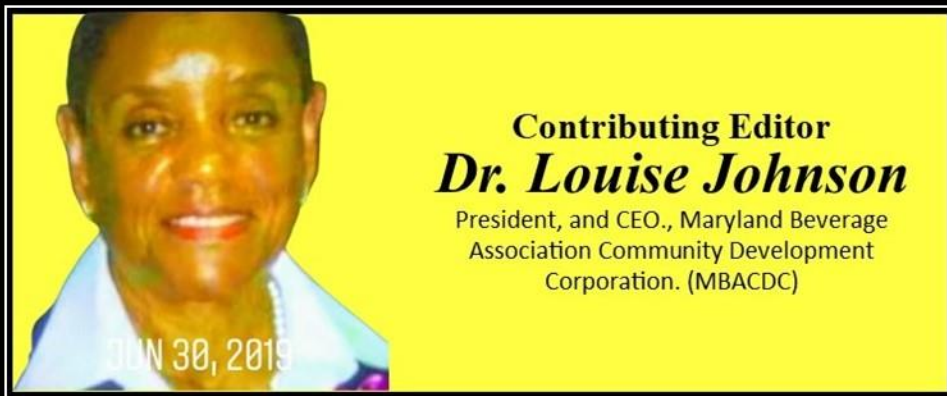


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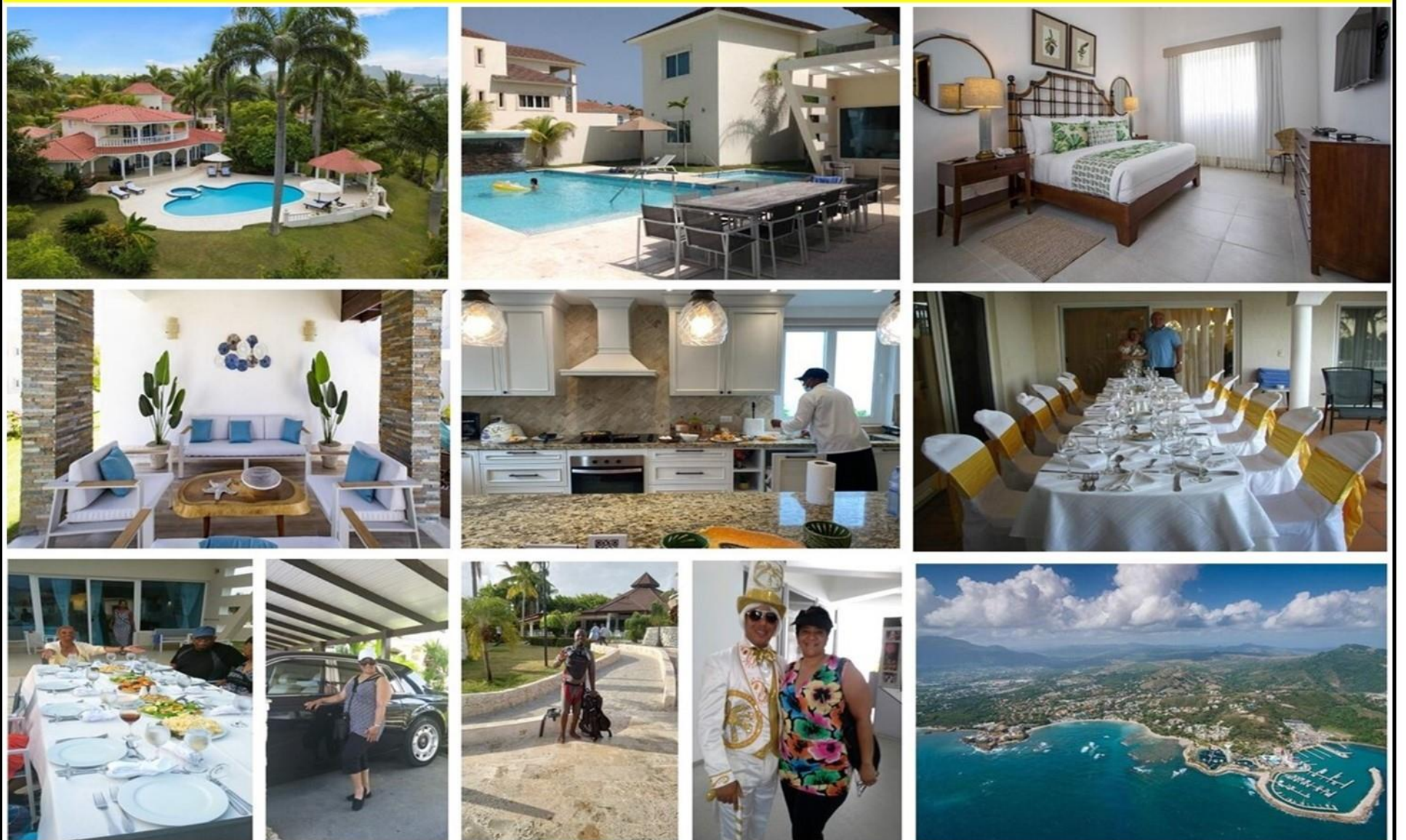
**Monkeyland Half Day Safari from Punta Cana:** This tour offers a chance to interact and observe monkeys in their natural environment. Meanwhile you're enjoying spectacular views of the countryside. Begin your tour entering the lovely botanical garden. Guided tour that allows you to interact in proximity with beautiful and friendly squirrel monkeys. Continue your tour through the eastern mountain range until you reach a colorful village, where you visit a typical home to sample fresh organic coffee, cacao, and tropical fruits. This is an unforgettable experience for all ages.

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## New Year, New Beginnings

Wow! I have only been here for 3 weeks but have had so many eye-opening experiences. Not sure where to start. Everyone who knows me know that I like to party so let me start with the New Years Eve Party at the Ancestral Wall. If you come to Ghana, you must come to the Ancestral Wall. It is a restaurant owned by a brother from California who has been here for 20 years. This wall has our Ancestors painted on there and there is hardly anyone you can think of who is not there. I am talking about everyone, even Fred Hampton which I was really surprised. On New Years Eve there were so many African American from all over the Diaspora. Everyone was friendly, hugging, sharing and so glad to be in the Motherland. I was totally surprised at all the people who have built houses here and are here to stay. Some of them are helping in the schools by giving money, volunteering etc.

While I was in the states Zik kept telling me about Rosina, her brother and the people at the junction that have really become a family. There is work to do and I feel so good that we have pretty much adopted two families that we are committed to helping. I visited Rosina's house or should I say dwelling. There is no bathroom. They must go to the woods, and they must also draw water from a dirty well. So yes, Zik has put her in school but now we do much work on finding accommodations for them. This is unacceptable in my opinion on a day-to-day basis. So, we are looking around for a house for her and her brother so

that we can afford to pay rent because they have no money.

These are side things apart from the Af-



ordable Housing Zik is working on. So, the other girl is Ajawa. She is seventeen and we call her "Little Girl" because she is so small for her age. She also cannot read nor write. I am working with them

both to learn the letters of the Alphabet, learn how to write their names, add, and subtract. Ajawa came from the village and is now staying with her Aunt. They sell stuff on the roadside. They need a Container, land to put the container on and products to stock the container. Personally, I am working with two businesses online to strive to bring in money to help purchase these things which will come to thousands. If they have these things the family can take care of themselves. I will share the two websites of my business in case those who are reading this wish to help by working the business online.

Of now for the fun things. These are young girls, and they need to have some fun in their life. For the next month we are keeping both of them at a beach and another place. They had fun yesterday at the beach. Before I tell you about the beach let me say where they are staying with us of course has a bathroom with a toilet they can flush. Of course, they are not used to that, so we had to teach them not to put toilet paper in trash but in the toilet and flush it. (WE TAKE SO MUCH FOR GRANTED) Now getting back to the beach. Zik was overwhelmed with love and happiness to see the girls having such a great time at the beach in the beach water and in the swimming pool. Then we gave them a great lunch at the resort. They had so much fun, we are taking them back today. Yes, we must pay when they get in the pool, but it is worth it.

By Jerri Stewart



From Accra



Our Two Granddaughters in the pool



Zik on the beach with Granddaughter



Jerri drinking Pineapple Ginger drink

## Anthonette Fashion and Training Centre

Anthonette Fashion and Training Centre is women empowerment initiative, set up to provide skills training for the teaming unemployed youth, most especially women. The center is located at Oyarifa, Accra, Ghana.

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The center has been operating effectively for the past 5 years but with increased capacity in the last 4 years. By

dint of hard work and dedication on the part of Anthonette, the school has witnessed significant patronage from young women and a few gentlemen from across the length and breadth of Ghana. The school also received government recognition which resulted in the accreditation of the center to by the National Vocational Training Institute (NVTI). This accreditation offers the center the opportunity to offer NVTI Proficiency I and II certification courses. Within the last 4 years, the center has trained a three hundred and eighty (380) women who have set up their businesses and earning decent living wages for themselves and their families.



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### THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR & JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

As we celebrate Juneteenth each year, let us never forget that African families were brought to America in shackles and chains as captured prisoners of war not as slaves. and let us not forget the words and battlefield cries heard echoing from the sons of African descent who volunteered and joined the northern union army to fight for the liberation of their people. "we would rather go to the grave

rebellious Confederated Southern states that had seceded from the Union of the United States. President Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, freeing all slaves in the southern states who refuse to lay down their arms and rejoin the Union. He also understood that his Emancipation Proclamation was only a wartime executive order that could be reversed by the next

**“ But negroes, like other people, act upon motives. Why should they do any thing for us, if we will do nothing for them? If they stake their lives for us, they must be prompted by the strongest motive — even the promise of freedom. And the promise being made, must be kept. ”**  
*~ Abraham Lincoln*

than to be a slave and remember the massacre at fort pillow".

On November 6, 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States of America. By the time Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated President on March 4, 1861, seven southern states had already seceded or withdraw from the United States and formed their own government called the Confederate States of America or the Confederacy. The American Civil War started on April 12, 1861, when the Confederate troops fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Harbor. The underlying causes of the war were that the pro-slavery southern states wanted to protect their property, expand slavery into the northern states and into any new free territories. After two years of losing every major battle against the Southern Confederacy, the Northern abolitionist "Free Soil's Movement continued to echo the Revolutionary War theme of liberty for all. With Fredrick Douglass still in the President Lincoln's ear explaining what a better way to end slavery then to allow free African and runaway African slaves to fight for their freedom. Lincoln was now forced to face the facts that this war to preserved the Union couldn't be won until it becomes a war that focal on the liberation of African people. Abraham Lincoln decided on July 17, 1862, to enlist African freemen and African runaway slaves into the Northern Union Army. On September 22, 1862, Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation which took effect on January 1, 1863.

The wording within the Emancipation Proclamation made it clear that if those states in rebellion did not stop fighting; and rejoin the Union by January 1, 1863, this decree would free all African slaves within the boundary of those treasonous

President, Congress or by court order and the only way to permanently end slavery would be to pass a constitutional amendment.

#### August 26, 1863

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln took command over the movement towards adding the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution forbidding slavery throughout the United States and freeing all African slaves. On January 31, 1865, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate passed a joint resolution proposing a 13th Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery throughout the United States. On February 1, 1865, Abraham Lincoln approved and signed the Joint resolution of Congress to permanently end slavery in the United States.

On April 9, 1865, the eleven Southern Confederated States of America surrender ending the American Civil War. The war ended with the South blaming President Abraham Lincoln for allowing men of African descent to fight in a white man war and runaway African slaves for their defeat. During the Civil War, the Northern Union Army had a total of 209,145 men of African descent who had volunteer as soldiers and joined the fight for freedom and the liberation of their people. Over 40,000 men of African descent died fighting in the 449 Civil War battles and skirmishes that ultimate led to the Union's Army military victory and defeat over the white southern slaveholders and rebellious insurrectionists traitors, within the racist Southern Confederate Slave States of America. Sixteenth men of African descent received the Military Medal of Honor and Twenty-five were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In an April 11, 1865, Speech, President

Abraham Lincoln acknowledged the heroic military role; that the African "Black" freemen and the newly free African runaway slaves of the United States 175 African American Regiments played in winning the war of liberation that ended slavery and restored the Union.

Lincoln said, "Without the military help of the Black freemen, the war against the South could not had been won."

With the ending of the war President Lincoln now had a target on his back as being the most hated and despised white man in America. On April 14, 1865, three days later President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated for his betrayal of white people, by him enlisting men of African descent into the Union Army and arming them to fight and kill white men. Two and a half years later after President Abraham Lincoln's had issued the Emancipation Proclamation which freed all African slaves in the south but not everyone in the southern territory was immediately free. In the most western state of Galveston, Texas the enslaved people had heard news that they were free, and the Civil War had ended; but the white rebellious southern slaveowner in Texas refuses to free their African slaves.

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas with his more than 2,000 Union troop regiment. He insured General Order No. 3, announcing the liberation of more than 250,000 African slaves still held in state bondage. General Granger had an additional 5,000 to 10,000 Union soldiers to help enforce the law. Among his troops were several regiments from the United States Colored Troops that courageously went from plantation to plantation reuniting with family and free their enslaved African brothers and sisters; and at times engaging in hand-to-hand arm struggle against their southern en-slavers and Confederate renegades. Freedom Day June 19th, 1865 became known as "Juneteenth," the oldest known celebration commemorating freedom of the last surviving African slaves in Galveston, Texas. Freedom came on December 6, 1865, when the 13th Amendment was finally

protected and without shelter in the defeated Confederate southern slaveholding states, with no employment, no benefits and no reparations for the 250 some years of force slavery. Freedom came with the newly passed states right laws called the "Black Codes" which was very similar to the old "Slave Codes. Freedom came with the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making "Voluntary Servitude" as a punishment for crimes and violations that included being a loafer, trespassing, drunkenness, homelessness and gambling. Now under the states right law a former enslaved African could be arrested, convicted and later leasing out. Therefore, the practice of leasing out convicted former slaves Africans helped former slaveholders towards creating an exploitable low labor force that we see in today's modern day prison system. Freedom came with the three Civil War Amendments, (Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth) being ratified and added to the United States Constitution. Now almost 160 years later the same written language, legal loopholes and laws still remains intact in the U.S. Constitution supporting and maintaining the dominant, ruling class of citizens based on white male supremacy. Which legally gives the Electoral College the power of checkmate that can overrides and installed the loser who didn't win the majority popular vote as the next United States President.

The struggles for freedom, human rights and voting rights can only come from a mass movement of people rising up with a united voice calling on U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate to pass a joint resolution proposal on having an Constitutional Convention. We the People; in order to form a more perfect Union will not be a easy one.

Therefore, the platform for this Convention must be about creating a muti-racial Constitutional Democratic Democracy that is inclusive representing all the people. All political decisions must be based on majority rule vote and all votes counted for election of the United States President be elected directly by the people. And let us never forget that on the battlefields during the American's Revolutionary War for Independence from

**13th Amendment**  
**Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.**  
**Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.**

ratified in the United States Constitution abolishing slavery thought-out the United States of America; except the wording in the Constitution didn't really end slavery. It changed the terms and how it could still be applied. Freedom came with betrayal of the Republican Party removing all the remaining Union troops from the southern states and allowing remnants of slavery to exist under a new system called sharecropping. Freedom came leaving 3 1/2 million former enslaved Africans wandering around un-

England; and as noted in the American Civil War the promise of freedom for our African ancestors came from the barrel of a gun.

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Researched and written by Brother Kaleb Tshamba



### Introducing, A Father & Daughter Team

**Willie Fields** is an international singer, songwriter, arranger, producer, and composer. He performs as a solo act or with a band. He is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. He is self-taught as a piano player, producer and keyboardist. However, he did get Classical vocal training at Coppin State University and was on the Coppin State Choir singing in the voice of tenor from 2000 to 2002. Willie has also attended numerous conferences and taken numerous courses on music production, vocal training songwriting, composition and the business of music.

He attended the Berklee School for Music online courses for songwriting (2016) and music for healing courses (2019). He composes music in a variety of genres Jazz, Latin, Pop, Dance, Neo soul, Rock, Blues, and Country. Internationally, he has performed in Frankfurt, and K-Town Germany, Paris and Cannes France, Copenhagen, Denmark, Jamaica Negril, and The Bahamas. He has performed in several states in the USA including but not limited to Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and Washington, DC, Washington State, Oregon, and California. He has performed several times in California at Taxi Road Rally songwriting music conference in Los Angeles and The Playhouse Theatre, in Sana Monica, California Coppin State University Graduate in Management Science 1990 In 1999, he won an \$800 dollars prize taking second place for Mars Music piano competition

in Catonsville Maryland. He currently has six CD Heart of Stone 2001 (Pop) Paradise Island 2002 (Jazz) By The Cross Road (Jazz) 2005 Calming The Strong Emotions (New Age) 2006



Gabrielle's Choice 2017 (Jazz) Nights Over Rio 2023 (Latin Jazz) He served in the US Army Reserves as an Officer for 18 years (Veteran) 1986 to 2004 Honible discharge, rank Captain, with numerous awards 2015 elected to College Hall of Fame in Baseball at Coppin State University He was a political Aide for 20 years (1994to 2016) in Baltimore County, Maryland 2018 Odery Drum company in Brazil selected one of his original tune titled "Maria" to be performed by one of its Drum artist for its 2018 website. In 2021 to present Willie became a Baltimore, Maryland Chapter Coordinator for the Nashville Songwriters Association International in Jan of 2023 he was elected to Regional Coordinator for the Nashville Songwriters International servicing eight chapters and four states. He is currently working on his latest CD Titled (Jazz) Barkley Street

**Gabrielle Sara Jones-Fields** is an author, illustrator, visual artist animator, film director and musician. Gabrielle started drawing at the tender age of three and creating music at the age of ten. She is currently in eleventh grade and sixteen years old. She attends the Baltimore School for Arts studying film and animation. She had her first book published at the age of twelve where she was the author and illustrator.

The book 2018 titled "My Mom Could Be A Superhero." Gabrielle won \$500 for winning the book-publishing contest. The book was inducted in to the Smithsonian Postal Museum in Washington DC 2018 May. The contest criteria were based on finding amazing women to write about and draw. Gabrielle chose her mom.

The Amazing Women Contest held in Philadelphia Pennsylvania., The book was distributed in libraries' around the United States. The contest was sponsored by the National Youth Foundation in Philadelphia, PA.

Gabrielle's art has made the cover of four books. The Baltimore Raves former professional football player, Jammie Lewis book 2017. My Mom Could Be A Superhero 2018. The I Matter book in 2019. She has had an appearance on the Nickelodeon show 2020 and I artwork on the Matter Book 2023.

Gabrielle has created artwork for Nights Over Rio CD January 2023. Most recently she won a \$300 prize for the Zaul Zaentz Film Festival held in Baltimore, Maryland in June 2023. The film festival had 28 entries of high school filmmakers around the state of Maryland. She received one of six awards given. In the fall of 2023 Gabrielle will enter the twelfth grade at the Baltimore School for Arts high school. She plans to attend college and continue studying film, music, and art. September 30, sold her art at her first art Comic-Con in Waldorf, MD in sold \$400 art.

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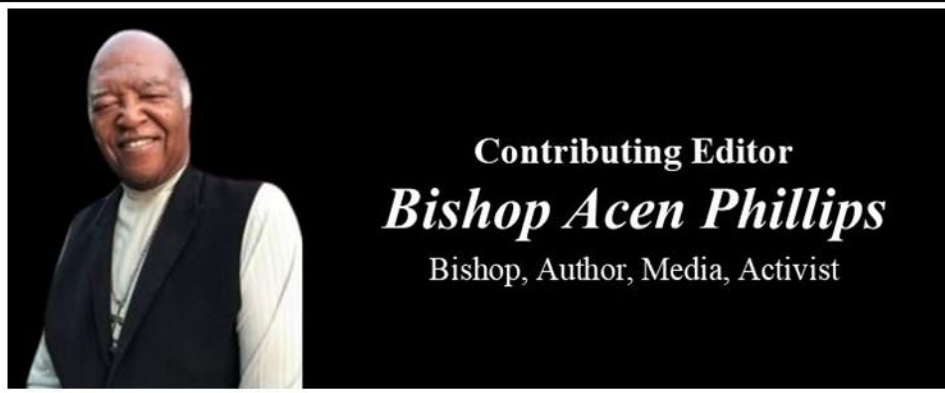
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Contributing Editor  
**Bishop Acen Phillips**

Bishop, Author, Media, Activist

**Introducing, Bishop Acen Phillips**

Bishop Phillips shares, "Man to Match God's Mountain is a written self-portrait that takes an inside look into the challenges and emotions of a man who was determined to follow a structure-bound destiny to reach the height of God's potential in his life. We are privileged to share the vision God has deposited in his predestined path. We are created with a design to live on level plains, but the fall of Adam invokes a disruption in the cosmos, and we are challenged to live in the ebb and flow of mountains and valleys. On each side of our valley is a mountain. Our earthbound journey leads us from mountain (Calvary) to mountain (Zion) through the valley of the shadow of death. Our blessing is always wrapped inside our burden (2 Cor. 4:7). The more intense the darkness of the burden, the more excellent the bright propensity of the light. When we surrender our will to the will of God and allow Him to own our life and give us as ambassador's to become co-laborers together with Him in His ministry of reconciliation, we all become men to match God's mountain."

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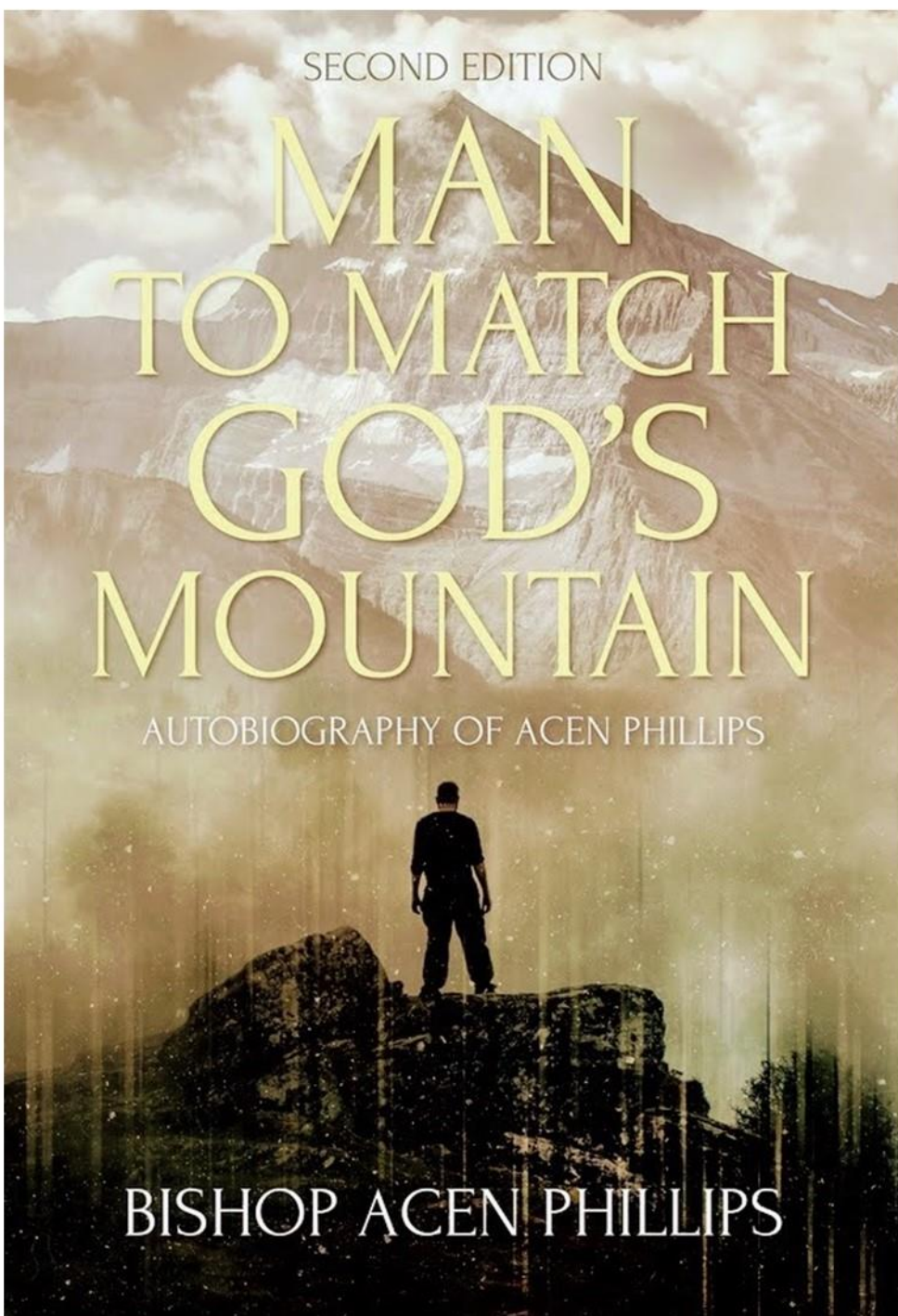
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**Headline**

Bishop Acen Phillips's newly released "Man to Match God's Mountain: Autobiography of Acen Phillips" is a powerful memoir that takes readers back to a troubled time.

**Summary of the release**

"Man to Match God's Mountain: Autobiography of Acen Phillips" from Christian Faith Publishing author Bishop Acen Phillips is an impactful autobiography that explores spiritual growth through the challenges of growing up in the years not long after the abolishment of slavery through to the author's determined pursuit of God via the ministry.

**Full release text**

"Man to Match God's Mountain: Autobiography of Acen Phillips": a powerful story of overcoming the odds and keeping the faith. "Man to Match God's Mountain: Autobiography of Acen Phillips" is the creation of published author Bishop Acen Phillips.

Bishop Phillips shares, "Man to Match God's Mountain is a written self-portrait that takes an inside look into the challenges and emotions of a man who was determined to follow a structure-bound destiny to reach the height of God's potential in his life. We are privileged to share the vision God has deposited in his predestined path. We are created with a design to live on level plains but the fall of Adam invokes a disruption in the cosmos and we are challenged to live in the ebb and flow of mountains and valleys. On each side of our valley is a mountain. Our earthbound journey lead us from mountain (Calvary) to mountain (Zion) through the valley of the shadow of death. Our blessing is always wrapped inside of our burden (2 Cor. 4:7). The more intense the darkness of the burden, the more excellent the bright propensity of the light. When we surrender our will to the will of God and allow Him to own our life and give us as ambassadors to become co-laborers together with Him in His ministry of reconciliation, we all become men to match God's mountain."

Published by Christian Faith Publishing, Bishop Acen Phillips's new book is an enjoyable refreshed second edition.

Bishop Phillips is known for his determined spirit and dedication to helping those in need of spiritual guidance and healing.

Consumers can purchase "Man to Match God's Mountain: Autobiography of Acen Phillips" at traditional brick & mortar bookstores, or online at Amazon.com, Apple iTunes store, or Barnes and Noble.

For additional information or inquiries about "Man to Match God's Mountain: Autobiography of Acen Phillips," contact the Christian Faith Publishing media department at 866-554-0919.

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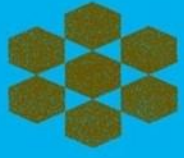
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# ROBERT "BOB" WALLACE for Mayor of Baltimore

### Get to Know Bob Wallace

Bob Wallace is a Baltimore business owner, entrepreneur, and community leader. Growing up in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of South Baltimore amid poverty and racial segregation, Bob overcame social and economic obstacles through his own rags-to-riches story to become a successful business leader.

With over 30 years of business experience and a proven track record of success, Bob is running for mayor to bring real change to Baltimore.

As a native Baltimorean, who grew up and lives in Baltimore, and as a business leader with offices headquartered in Baltimore, Bob wants what is best for this city and for his fellow residents.

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Additionally, Bob Wallace has served as chair for the State of Maryland Information Technology Board, the Governor's Advanced Technology Commission, Small Business Task Force, Minority Business Task Force, the City of Baltimore Mayor's Coalition of Supplier Diversity and Inclusion, and Chair of The President's Roundtable, a results-driven organization made of 20 companies that strive to improve the community through small, medium and large businesses working together.



### Experience and Impact

Bob Wallace is not a career politician. His experience working with industry leaders like IBM, DuPont and Procter & Gamble has made him an expert on economic development, strategic partnerships, emerging markets and entrepreneurship. He has published several books addressing the challenges faced by small, disadvantaged businesses and entrepreneurs.

Bob founded and leads three companies: BITHGROUP Technologies Inc., an IT service provider; Bithenergy Inc., an energy services company; and Entre-Teach Learning Systems LLC, which offers web-based training for women and minority business owners.

When he's not researching, mentoring or presenting to other business leaders, Bob Wallace enjoys spending time with his wife of 40 years and their five children. He frequently takes his family on mission trips to Africa where he has started orphanages and schools. Avid about education, especially STEM programs, he regularly mentors high school and college students. Bob is a passionate community leader and devoted church elder who believes in the intersection of spirituality and business. He has built global relationships that have translated into profitable connections – an example of his motto to "do good while doing well."

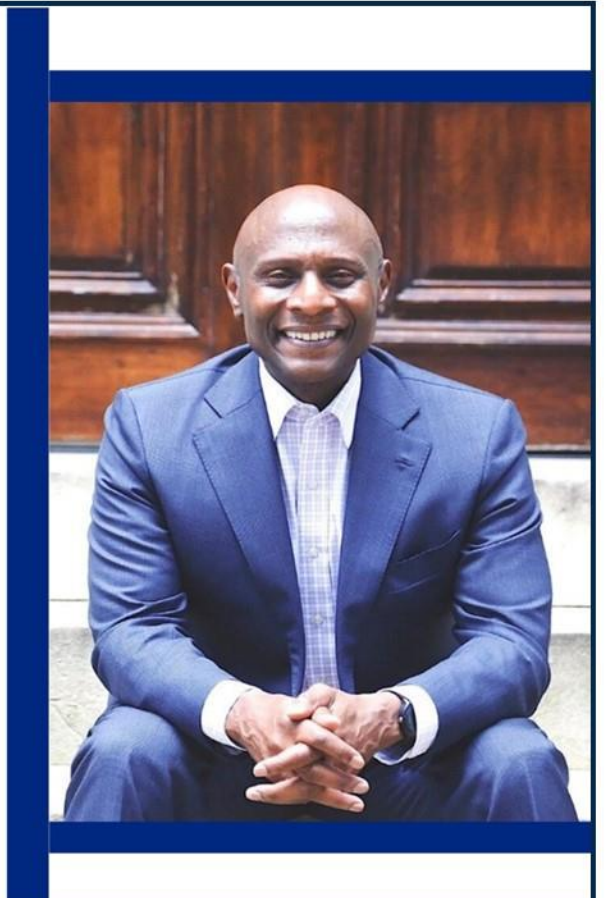
Bob is a graduate of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics at the University of Pennsylvania and his MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. He resides in the Mount Vernon neighborhood of Baltimore City.



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### I Leveled Up Drones

Greetings, our people must understand that that technology is here to stay and will continue with us or without us! One of our missions is to inform, educate, and train our people in Drone Technology!

What we are sharing can and has saved lives and increased the quality of life! Tomorrow's technology is here today, we need to have the skills to be effective thinkers."

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Our goal: teaching the four C's, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. \*according to grand view research, the advance technology, used today's global platform market Will grow from \$5 billion in 2022 to \$26 billion in 2027.

Using, (unmanned aerial vehicles), robotics and virtual/ augmented reality. Curriculum will enhance engineering – design thinking.

Ever pondered the power of a flying robot? A device that hovers in the air,

capable of reaching places humans cannot, performing tasks we would find challenging, and capturing views we would otherwise miss? Welcome to the world of drones.

In the past decade, drones have evolved from simple playthings to sophisticated



pieces of technology, making significant strides in various sectors. Today, we delve into some real-life case studies that highlight the importance of these unmanned aerial vehicles.

Let us begin in Rwanda, a small country in East Africa, where the hilly terrain and lack of infrastructure make medical supply deliveries challenging. In twenty sixteen, Zipline, a California-based company, began a drone delivery service to solve this problem. Their drones, also known as 'Zips', can carry up to three pounds of blood or medicine, flying over mountains and rivers to deliver to remote health facilities. With a round-trip range of a hundred miles, Zips have saved countless lives by delivering vital supplies in as little as fifteen minutes.

Now, travel with me to Australia, where drones are combating the environmental crisis. In twenty seventeen, an initiative called 'Seed Bombing' was launched to restore the natural habitat destroyed by bushfires. Drones equipped with seed pods were used to plant native species in

Over in the United States, drones are revolutionizing the construction industry. Skycatch, a San Francisco-based company, uses drones to create 3D models of construction sites. These models help architects and engineers to plan and monitor progress, reducing errors and improving efficiency. In twenty twenty-one, Skycatch drones were used in the construction of the new Apple Campus, demonstrating their potential on a grand scale.

Drones have also proved invaluable in search and rescue missions. In twenty nineteen, a drone equipped with thermal imaging technology located a missing six-year-old boy in a dark cornfield in Minnesota within minutes. The drone's ability to cover large areas quickly and operate in challenging conditions has made it an essential tool in such operations.

In conclusion, drones are more than just flying robots. They are lifesavers in Rwanda, environmental warriors in Australia, innovators in the American construction industry, and heroes in search and rescue missions. They have transformed the way we work, play and live, proving that the power of technology is not just in what it can do, but in how it can serve humanity. And as we continue to explore their potential, there is no telling where these remarkable machines will take us next.

The bottom line is this Mr. Adrian Cortez Mayo stepped up and stepping out to inform and enlightened us and he has the credentials to train our people in this technology. If we are going to prepare for the future, we must act now! There is limited seating in his training courses. Call him today for further information!

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## Calling All Black Men! *Continued from page 3*

fight for equality and justice. The Black Man has always been a beacon of hope and strength, a testament to the indomitable human spirit.

The historical significance of Black Men is undeniably vast. We have been, and continue to be, the bedrock of societies, fostering a sense of community, unity, and cultural identity. Black Men have been the nurturing ground for activists, leaders, and change-makers, leaving indelible marks on the course of history. We have been the safe haven that has birthed and nurtured talent, creativity, and innovation, echoing in the realms of arts, sciences, politics, and more.

The critical role of Black Men and mutual support within the Black community

emphasizes the need for communal spirit, supporting Black Men, and understanding our plight!

Black Women have always stood up for Black Men! Some of our Sisters had to even replace the Brothers in the aftermath of all the affects that systematic racism that Black Men had to endure! Today we are seeing the long-term defects that this society has caused! The propaganda, the divide and conquer methods that have plagued Black people are catastrophic!

Black people let us remember to support each other, uplift each other, and work together for the betterment of our people; because in unity, we find strength, resilience, and prosperity. It is about

time we all stand in solidarity with Black Men and amplify their voices for a just and inclusive future.

By supporting Black Men, we are not only empowering an integral part of our community, but we are also taking a step towards a more equitable and inclusive world. After all, the strength of a society is measured by how it treats its most marginalized members. And in this case, supporting Black Men is not just a cause, it is a necessity.

My Black Brothers there is hope we must communicate with each other! We must communicate with our Sisters and our children! The National Black Unity News is a form of communication. I belong to several Black Men groups, and I am aware of many more. Let us connect the dots there is strength in unity!

I love You, My Brothers. When we take

our rightful roles in the family structure our situations will change for the better! We Must Love our Sisters who have always stood by us and for us! We must Love all the children whether you are the biological father or not!!!

Remember Brothers we are the protectors and providers not just in our homes but to our people! Contact me if you are in a group, organization or an individual and you want to, need to connect with other Brothers contact me! Together we can and will make a difference in our lives; also in other people's Lives.

Help Me, To Help You, So That We Can Help Ourselves!

**Help Us, To Help You! So, We Can Help Ourselves! If Not Us, Then Who? If Not Now, Then When?**

**David Murphy**

## The Marilyn Mosby Overwhelming Dilemma *Continued from page 3*

something like three hundred and fifty thousand dollars per year. Yes, to me and many others that would seem as if they were rich. But until you know one's spending habits and etc., it is only a smoke screen.

Of course, I am trying to get into more detail as I try to describe this gift letter as well as the gifting of \$5,000 from Nick Mosby to Marilyn Mosby. Remember she was instructed that she would need a gift of \$5,000 to complete the closing of this property. It was legal that the money could come from her husband.

I am convinced that what happened was something that most of us would have done. And I am certain many others have done it and continue to do it. Nick Mosby by all standards is not financial wise. Nick Mosby is not truly as responsible with money as his wife is and in the court proceedings, it came out that Nick Mosby was in debt. In fact, he has had several cars reprocessed as well as having his check garnished for school loans.

Remember this man and woman had been together for some twenty years and during this time, with all this happening their marriage was falling apart. So what happens because Marilyn Mosby needed to assure herself that Nick would have the money to gift her? She wired him \$5,000 into his account and when the money was needed, he wired her \$5,000 and therefore she is found guilty of using her own money.

This couple had separate accounts: and as one would learn, it was good reason to do so. Because Nick Mosby was careless and reckless as it came to money. And he was totally irresponsible in handling certain matters that pertained to the household.

So it made sense to Marilyn to put money into the account. So just in case he didn't have it, she would assure herself that it was available.

Despite how much money was in Nick Mosby's account. At the time that he sent the \$5,000 the prosecutors drilled the point that the money was undisput-

edly still her money. Therefore, she could not gift herself: this is what the jurors found her guilty of and what they convicted her of.

Of course, I could say so much more concerning this trial but due to space I will not be able to say as much as I desire. I will say this though: the Federal Government is not at all that concerned about \$5,000 of someone's own money they use to obtain some property. Despite the fact that if she wired him the money and a few days later he wired it back to her, that does not prove it isn't his money, this is a couple and how they exchange money is about them and not anyone else.

See, the truth, as it relates to Marilyn Mosby, is that ever since she came into office, after the death of Freddy Gray and after she swore to the public that she would hold the Police Officers responsible for his death accountable, she has become a target of the Government. I mean let's say that everything they claim she has done concerning obtaining the properties, say it is true. What has she done that will not be satisfied with paying a monetary penalty instead of going to prison and taking her right to practice law and stripping her from her passport as if she is going to flee the Country?

Please forgive me but I need to draw an example to Donald Trump who has lied to secure loans, who has lied and attempted to overturn and election. This man has incited the storming of the Capitol and has made threats against public officials and judges and yet, he is allowed to run for President of the United States, why?

On May 23, Marilyn Mosby will be sentenced, we are asking citizens to not only be present in Greenbelt, but we want people to write letters on her behalf and do all within your power to support this woman. Remember she still has two daughters to raise. Remember, her true crime is being Black and standing for justice for us Remember, the Police Unions are far reaching.

Yes, be not afraid to stand with someone who has stood up for us all. Say it loud and often that you will stand with this woman. She may have made some errors but she has done nothing to the degree that calculates sending her to prison while destroying her life and this is the truth.

**By Bill Goodin**

## The National Black Unity News *Continued from page 3*

or learned about something or someone.

Media is the carrier of information, and you ought to be very cautious and suspicious of what you see and hear. The way media presents its images and data plays a crucial role in how it makes you feel. So be very careful to trust some of what you see...and nearly none of what you hear!

There is even a term called "Media Bias". It occurs where journalists, news producers, and publishers put their bias spin in the information. Not just one or two instances or individuals or outlet, but a widespread bias that lowers the standard of journalism. That is one of the reasons it is often difficult to sort out what is true.

Then there is another term called "Negativity Bias". Social psychologists found out that we humans tend to pay more attention to bad news than good news. What is that newsroom motto? "If it bleeds...it leads!" You will hear and see the horror story before you hear or see that touchy-feely film clip. Maybe this is why the news is so negative.

Welcome, Artificial Intelligence (AI).

ChatGPT, OpenAI, TELUS, NICE, Azure, and the many other AI platforms can produce some convincing images and create some compelling narratives. And it does not take being a genius to produce some awesome outcomes. Being a critic (which we all are) requires some thought. However, when the creators of this cyberspace enhancing tool seem fearful, and they stress that we be extremely cautious about the use of AI, should make you ponder about its use and who is using it? The creators of this technology claims to have no idea what AI is fully capable of. And we humans are capable of almost anything good and bad. Use AI if it serves your purpose. But be aware (as most of you are) that AI is here to stay. Just be keen enough to spot the "A" (artificial) in some of your text and images.

Remember Jet Magazine? Jet would print as a promotion the list of Black/Negro artist and entertainers who were appearing on a television show the upcoming week. In the 1950's and 60's, it was a very short list. But by the mid 1970's one page was filled with names and shows. By 1990 one page was not enough. We as a people are now major

players in the television industry. We were in front and behind the camera, and even producing and funding major media content. No longer do we gather around the TV to see that rear black person perform. Today it still happens where there is an all-white cast, but it is normal to see a black people on screens. In fact, today...most of us expect to see us all over the screen. Jet and Ebony and so many other magazines and newspapers have shut down or cut back on production. Some of these publications are still around mostly in digital form ...but still around.

One of the main reasons we do what we do is to help us tell our story the way the writer or the source sees it. Helping our storytellers, entrepreneurs, and artisans to thrive and grow deep roots in our diaspora.

Those of you who have grown and expanded your territory or gained knowledge about a subject...you may be *the expert*. If what you learned helped you, it may help someone else. It may cause the reader to act. Act by supporting the cause (whatever cause that might be) or joining other organizations, or even creating new jobs and opportunities for our community. These things and others have happened simply because of

the graciousness of these amazing people who write articles in the National Black Unity News and sources like it.

The Editors and Advertisers who appear in TNBUN share their skills sets, products, and services to purposely have different outcomes. But they all have one objective, and that is *servicing our community and beyond*.

It is wonderful being a part of something that is good for our community. To see personal growth and prosperity does a heart good. Much of the good that happens is due to the kindheartedness and graciousness of people who are true givers and those who invest in the betterment of humankind.

I know...I know...my bias is woven throughout the fabric of this article. I know!

Please, you can be exposed to anything, but be careful to absorb the truth.

**Support our media...our lives and stories a just as compiling. If you are so inclined, connect with me at [admin@TNBUN.com](mailto:admin@TNBUN.com) ...we may come up with a solution or two.**

**Walter Eugene Dempsy Murphy**

# HOPE 9:29

## FUELING TOMORROW: Empowering Innovation Through Social Unity

### Hope 929 Igniting Change



Photos: (Top Bottom) Ground breaking ceremony Harrison, Ar., (Middle) The late Dr. Martin Luther King's Daughter, Bernice King with Selwyn.

In today's society, we are witnessing a critical moment in history where systemic injustices continue to marginalize communities, perpetuating inequality and hindering progress towards a more equitable world. Discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and other factors persists, leading to disparities in access to resources, opportunities, and basic human rights. Hope 929 recognizes the pressing need to address these entrenched issues and confront the barriers that prevent individuals from realizing their full potential. From racial profiling and police brutality to educational inequities and economic disparities, the challenges facing marginalized communities are multifaceted and interconnected. Furthermore, recent events have highlighted the urgency of addressing systemic racism and social injustice. The tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others have sparked widespread outrage and ignited a global movement demanding accountability, reform, and lasting change.

Hope 929 was birthed from the fire that was lit after Liz Darden and Uncle Selwyn had witnessed enough of the countless social injustices that are happening repeatedly among underserved and marginalized communities. Liz began to wonder about the safety and future of her black and brown children's future and Uncle Selwyn wondered what his state and the state of every black man in America would be in the future. A black man is literally becoming extinct and the black family has become rare and that was by design. Understanding their assignment they both decided to merge together in a state of emergency in order to create the solution that would change the perceptions and treatment of black, brown, and all people forever. Councilwoman Liz Darden meets with the Uncle of the Movement, a title bestowed upon Selwyn Jones, in Harrison, a town dubbed "The Most Racist Town in The Nation." Together, they ignited a movement for change, initiating various endeavors such as the podcast "Setting It Straight with Selwyn" and forging partnerships with law enforcement and schools to tackle systemic issues and uplift marginalized communities. Their impactful work gained international attention. Rooted in grassroots activism, their partnership symbolized the transformative power of unity, inspiring others to join the fight for a more just and inclusive society. Together, they founded the nonprofit organization Hope 929, showcasing the profound impact of alliance and partnership in the pursuit of social justice. Hope 929 is dedicated to creating equity for disempowered groups while equipping communities with the tools to become stronger and more self-sufficient. They prioritize impactful solutions and welcome collaboration with organizations sharing alike missions to effectuate social change, particularly in the realms of financial literacy, community development, and public safety.

### Overcoming Opposition in Harrison, AR

As you know, change does not happen without resistance. After a groundbreaking ceremony in Harrison, AR with our plans to uplift the community, we received significant pushback from some, including the KKK, who are spreading a false narrative about Hope 929's agenda through mail and newspaper ads. Still we rise... Although there is opposition, we continue to lock arms with those in Harrison who support us as we move forward.



Elizabeth Darden, I'll never forget watching your class and hearing 2nd graders say the most beautiful and profound words about injustice, discrimination, and helping others. You taught them, friend. You and your team are uplifting our community and others in the future, thank you, thank you

Photos: (Top) Students in Harrison, AR performance at MILK event hosted by Hope929 (Bottom) A Harrison Resident in Support of Hope929 Mission.

### Combating False Narratives



Photos: (Top) Yolanda Mcnair tells her story of losing her daughter while encountering law enforcement. (Bottom) Liz and Selwyn capturing residents viewpoints in NYC.

### Amplifying Unheard Voices Through Advocacy and Podcasting

After the loss of his nephew, George Floyd, Selwyn became an activist committed to ending police brutality, systemic racism, and violence. One of his impactful changes was the removal of the Confederate flag from the police uniforms in Gettysburg, SD, which had been a controversial symbol associated with racism, slavery, and oppression for many people in the United States. Selwyn speaks at special events all over the country, providing solace to families who have endured pain from similar tragedies. He partnered up with co-host, Liz Darden, TMS Studios, and revolver Media to establish the podcast, Setting It Straight with Selwyn, with the mission to amplify the unheard voices.

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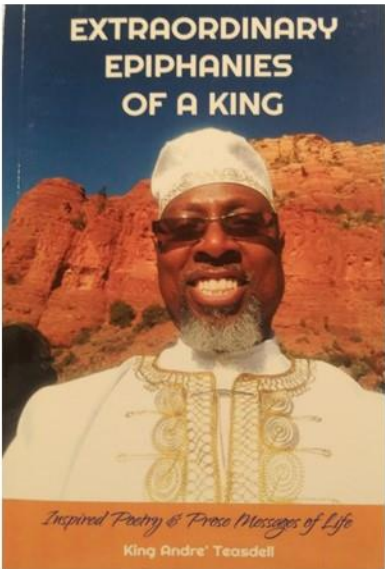
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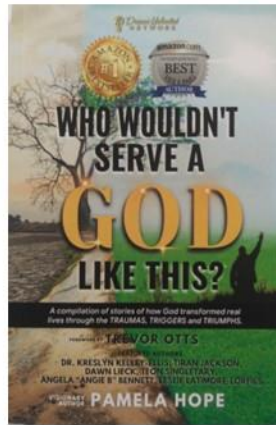


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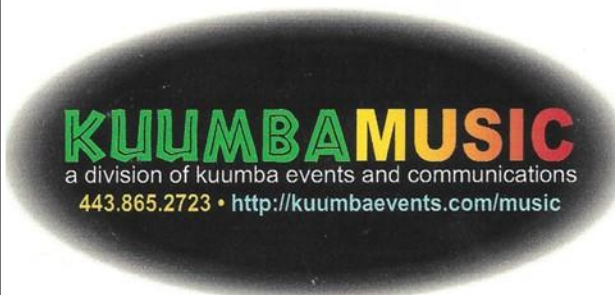
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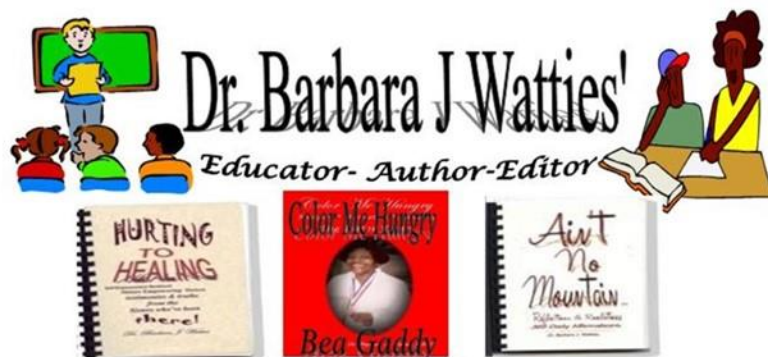
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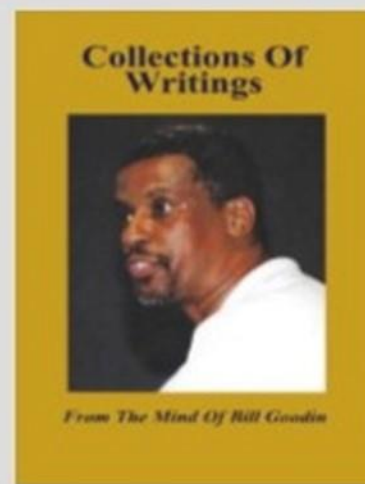
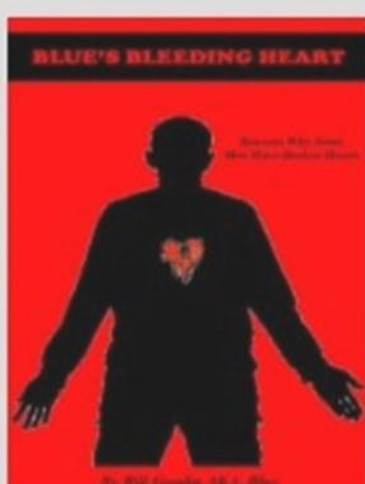
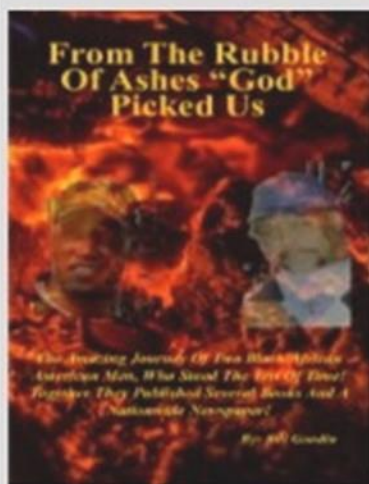
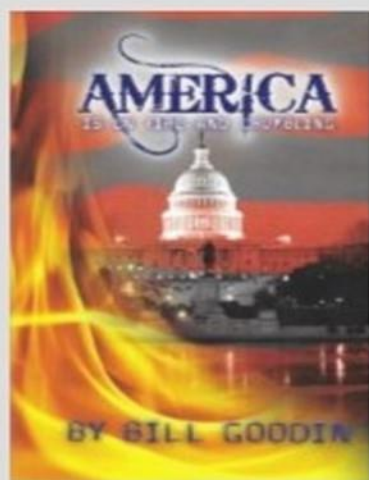


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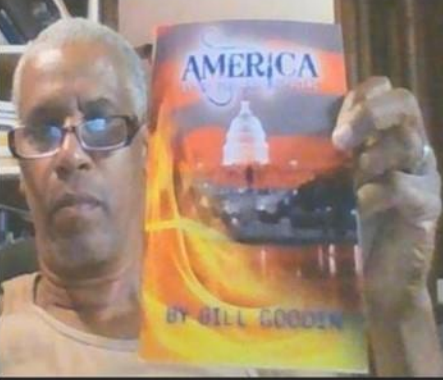
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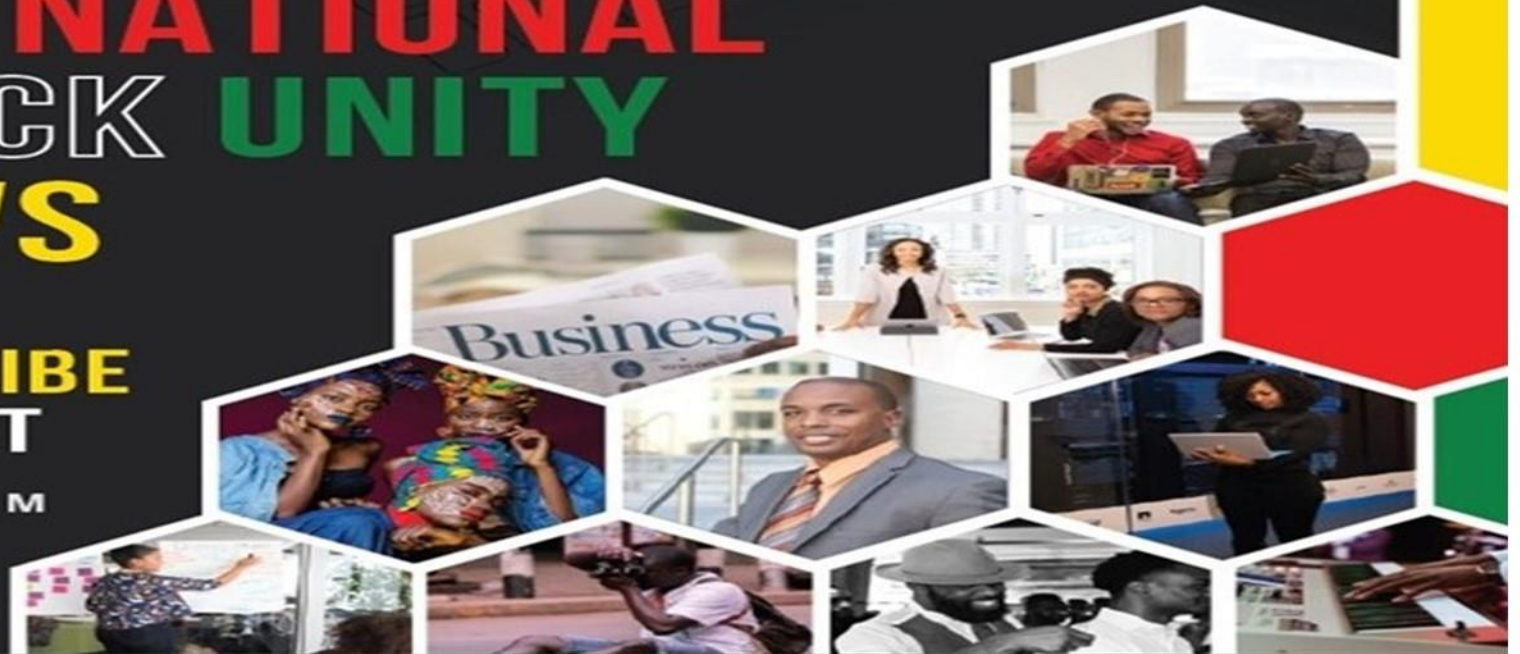
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