

Changing Lives, One Day, One Goal, One Person at a Time



## Honoring Black History: The Power of Representation in DEI

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements, resilience, and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. But it's also an opportunity to reflect on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)—not just in February, but all year long.

Representation is more than visibility; it shapes how we see ourselves and the opportunities available to us. When Black voices are included in leadership, media, education, and policy-making, it creates pathways for progress and systemic change. However, true equity means going beyond acknowledgment-it means ensuring that Black individuals and other marginalized groups have the support, resources, and opportunities to thrive.

At Women of Colors, we are committed to fostering inclusivity by advocating for equitable access to mental health resources, youth mentorship programs, and community initiatives that empower underrepresented voices. This month, we encourage you to reflect on how representation has impacted your life and to take action in creating more inclusive spaces.

### Ways to Get Involved

- Support Black-Owned Businesses & Organizations Invest in local entrepreneurs and community initiatives.
- Educate Yourself & Others Read books, attend workshops, and engage in conversations about racial equity.
- Advocate for Change Challenge policies and practices that limit representation in workplaces, schools, and communities.

Representation matters. Equity matters. Let's work together to create a future where everyone is seen, heard, and valued.

[Learn More About WOC's Work]



# ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

IIIII Norkshop

Participants will gain a full understanding of the Asset Based Community
Development (ABCD) approach to community building, will engage in a Capacity Inventory to more deeply pay tribute and honor each other's giftedness, and discuss assets that can further the groups effectiveness in the community.



**Saturday, Feb. 8th** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Women of Colors 3057 Davenport Ave. Saginaw, MI 48638



**Lisa Hadden** Workshop Facilitator

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

**CAPACITY IDENTITY** 

ORGANIZATIONAL ASSETS

"May our work be an everyday commitment to the change we seek."



## Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future

As we celebrate Black History Month, we reflect on the resilience, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals who have paved the way for progress. Their legacy reminds us of the importance of community, advocacy, and the ongoing fight for equity.

At Women of Colors, our mission is rooted in creating spaces where diversity is valued, inclusion is practiced, and equity is the standard. This month, we encourage you to not only honor history but to take part in shaping the future—through education, advocacy, and action. Together, we can continue the work of those who came before us and build a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.



Evelyn McGovern Cofounder/President



Is your loved one leading a destructive life? That doesn't mean your life has to be destroyed as well.

Stronger Together is here to help you cope. Join us at WOC for an addiction support group for family and friends of people struggling with addiction.

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. 6 - 7:30 PM 3057 Davenport, Saginaw, MI 48602

# **President's Corner**

Black History Month is a time of reflection, education, and action. It is a reminder of the sacrifices, innovations, and leadership of Black individuals who have helped shape our society. Their courage and perseverance inspire us to keep pushing forward in our own work at Women of Colors. Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion extends far beyond February. It is woven into the very foundation of what we do—through mentorship, education, and advocacy. As we honor the past, we also look toward the future, ensuring that our community remains a place of opportunity, empowerment, and lasting change.

Thank you for being part of this movement. Your support allows us to continue creating impact, and together, we will keep pushing for a more just and inclusive world.

Wishing you all a meaningful and inspiring Black History Month.

