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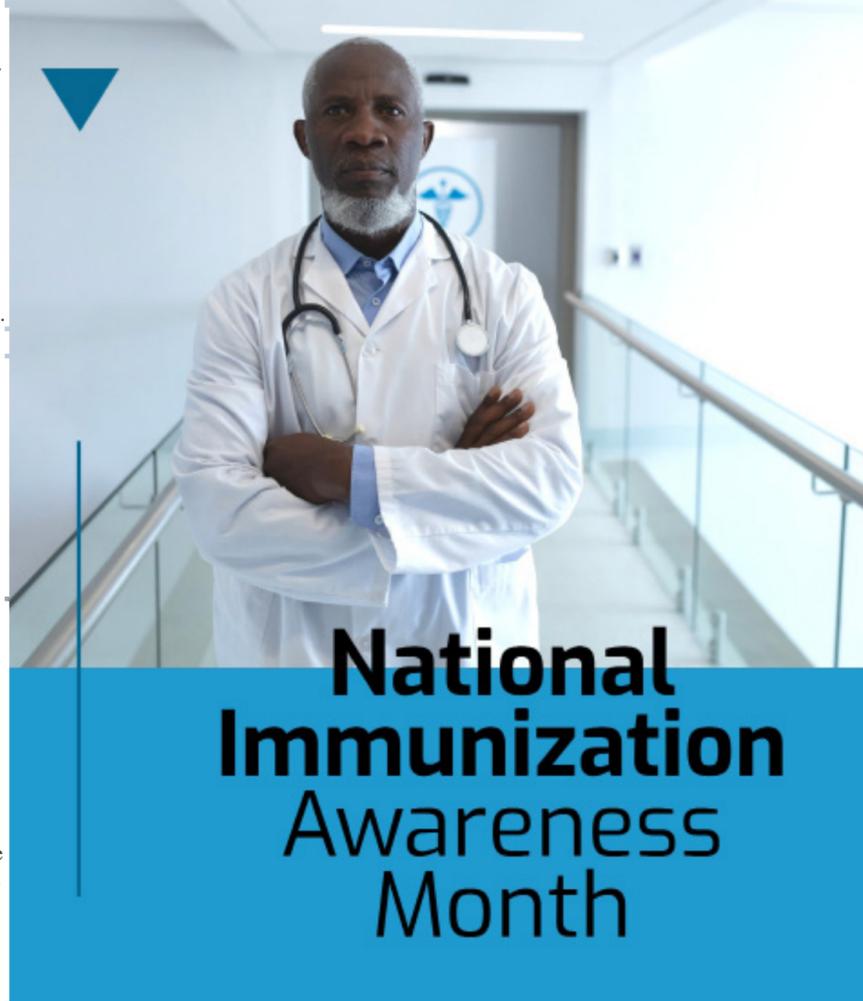


Marcus Jefferson, CEO

National Immunization Awareness Month provides us an opportunity to think about how far the development and advancement of immunization science has come, and its impact on public health. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration plays a key role in immunization by evaluating vaccines for safety and effectiveness before they are made available to the public.

Vaccines work by stimulating the body's immune system to safely provide protection against viruses or bacteria that cause infection. After vaccination, the immune system is prepared to respond quickly when the body encounters the disease-causing organism. Why are vaccines important? They help provide protection from an infectious disease and can lessen the severity of illness. If you are immune to a disease, you can be exposed to it without becoming sick. Simply put, because of advances in medical science, vaccines can help protect us against more diseases than ever before. Some diseases that once injured or killed thousands of people have been eliminated primarily due to vaccines.

As a medical doctor, I know all too well how important vaccinations are throughout life, helping people of all ages live longer, healthier lives. The World Health Organization estimates that immunization currently prevents 3.5-5 million deaths External Link Disclaimer every year from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza and measles and tens of millions of people are alive today because of the COVID-19 vaccines. Getting the right information about immunization in the digital age, however, can be like drinking from a fire hose. Most Americans are on the receiving end of a constant barrage of information coming at them through phones, laptops, TVs, and social media. Trying to filter fact from fiction can be a challenge, but oh so critical when it comes to public health. When it comes to immuniza-



tions, it's important to remember vaccines to prevent COVID-19 and authorizing and approving the vaccines that are proven to meet criteria for safety and effectiveness. Working with manufacturers in order to get the vaccines to the public as quickly as possible, while adhering to the FDA's rigorous scientific and regulatory evaluation process, has enabled one of the major achievements in the history of biomedical science. The FDA will only approve or authorize a vaccine for emergency use if it meets the agency's standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality. We have a dedicated group of experienced scientific and medical professionals evaluating the available data to make sound, scientific decisions about these vaccines. Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination is the best way to help protect against severe illness and hospitaliza-

1. FDA Authorizes or Approves Vaccines Based on Rigorous Evaluation and Analysis of Data
Vaccines to prevent infectious diseases are given to millions of babies, children, adolescents and adults, so it is critical that they are demonstrated to be safe and effective. Vaccines undergo a rigorous FDA evaluation of laboratory and clinical data to ensure their safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality. The FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) is responsible for regulating vaccines.

2. COVID-19 Vaccines and Flu Vaccines Save Lives
Specific to COVID-19 vaccines, CBER has been integral in overseeing the development of the

tion from COVID-19. Even fully vaccinated people may get infected. However, for people who have received both the primary series and a booster dose when eligible, the symptoms are often much less serious. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers that you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible. COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing the most severe forms of COVID-19. Being up to date on COVID-19 vaccination reduces a person's risk of dying by over 90% – a remarkable effect. And it's not too soon to start thinking about influenza (flu) viruses which typically spread in fall and winter. The flu is a contagious respiratory disease that

is caused by influenza viruses which infect the respiratory tract (nose, throat, and lungs). The flu is different from a cold because the symptoms and complications can be more severe. A lot of the illness and death caused by the influenza virus can be prevented by a yearly influenza vaccine. The CDC recommends that most individuals 6 months of age and older get the flu vaccine every year. It is especially important for people in high-risk groups.

3. Be Smart When Considering Your Source of Information
Drinking from a fire hose is rarely a fruitful endeavor and a good filter can be helpful. One of my priorities is to focus on countering the growing dissemination of misinformation and disinformation about science, medicine, and the FDA, which is putting patients and consumers at risk. Increasingly people are being distracted and misled. The constant stream of information, opinion and, too often, disinformation, has eroded trust in societal institutions, including the FDA – and, regrettably, in the science upon which our decisions are based. This is causing harm to patients and consumers. It greatly concerns me that people are choosing not to receive the COVID-19 vaccines and are falling behind on routine vaccinations. The FDA is working to promote reliable information and discredit misinformation or disinformation that is intentionally designed to harm people. For accurate information about immunizations, look for information from our U.S. government partners, such as the CDC and your local health authority. It's ok to have questions about vaccines, so if you do, talk to a health care professional. Vaccines have prevented countless cases of disease and disability and have saved millions of lives. We are so fortunate that today, because of safe and effective vaccines, few people experience the devastating effects of measles, pertussis and other serious illnesses.

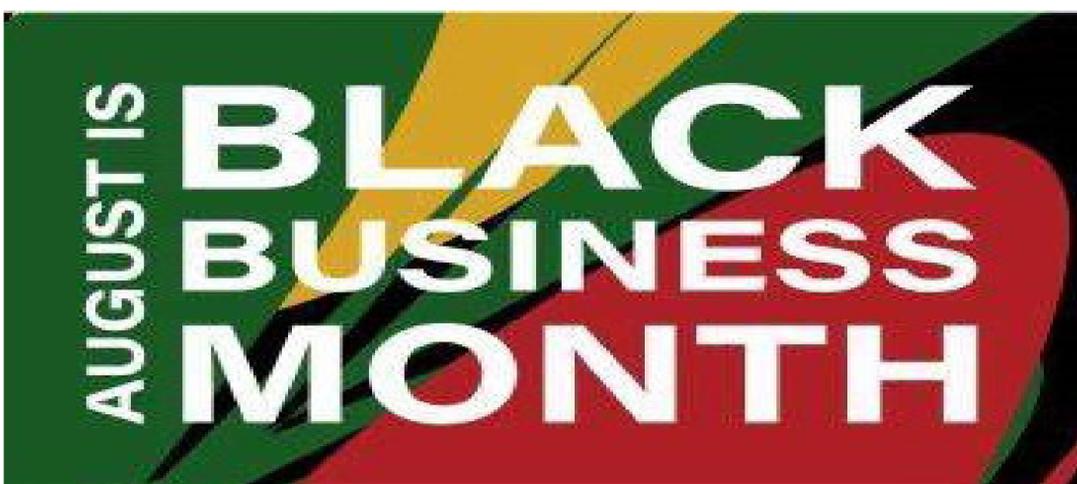
Marcus's tragic death by gun violence in 2020. Amidst the sea of white outfits, symbolizing unity and peace, the foundation's commitment to positive change shone brightly. With heartfelt determination, they strive to end gun violence, ensuring safer communities for all. Supporters gathered to embrace the foundation's other pillars too – empowering young minds with education support and promoting organ and bone marrow donation. Marcus's legacy lives on through the lives touched and saved by the foundation's unwavering dedication.

The evening was a powerful reminder that even in darkness, hope can be found. As hearts were touched and donations poured in, the foundation's mission gained momentum. 'An Evening in White' illuminated the path towards a brighter future, where love and compassion triumph over violence.

Summer Breeze - An Evening in White: Illuminating Hope with the Marcus Jackson Foundation!



On July 22nd, the Marcus Jackson Foundation, founded by Miranda and Kenneth Hinton, parents of the late nationally known comedian, Marcus Jackson, hosted 'An Evening in White.' This event brought together supporters to raise awareness and funds for their mission, turning pain into purpose after



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It is time to dislodge these Institutionally designed Systemic racist and unjust policies Embedded as yet the law of the land
It is time to have a seat at the table
Where only old white men gather to Decide our fate and future... Let's be in the room, speaking Truth for them to hear
It is time to have a change of narrative...
A change in how we see the truth
A change in how we hear the truth
A change in how we feel the truth
A change in how we tell the truth
A change in how we walk the TRUE path
It is time to plant and cultivate The idea of Equity for all
The idea of acknowledgment
The idea of reconciliation
The idea of strength in diversity
The idea of equality
It is time the WHOLE of history gets an Intentional re-write...for our history is America's History...we want precise delineation
Our history is indelibly intertwined
Our contributions...coerced or not
Browbeaten or not...Bludgeoned or not...Are integral parts of this nation's success
It is time to use CRT to dismantle the southern white-washed "Glorious time" of that vicious and horrendous time of Slavery
It is time to debunk the myths and distorted facts
Developed by sinister forces... religious Bigots and racists
These were to reinforce repression, dehumanize and suppress
It is time to set the record straight...
It is time to place markers, monuments and
Flags to commemorate and memorialize my people
It is time to provide historical data of the extensive Contributions made by my people
It is time to tell...

Open our minds, Open our hearts, Open our mouths!
Open up to pay tribute to the ancestors
Acknowledging their sacrifices of yesterday
So that we might move forward today
We extend gratitude to those... Who dreamed before us
Who died before and for us... Making it possible for us to aspire life, liberty
And the pursuit of happiness
Yet, In spite of it ALL... I am proud to say...we have made progress
In spite of the TRAUMA
In spite of the demeaning The FEAR tactics of... Beatings Burnings Bombings Castrations Chains Dragings Mobs Lynchings Separations Shootings Slashings
We struggled through those racist injustices
Which tried to relegate us to the lowest station of life
Yet, our ancestors held fast and purged through the past
So we might survive to position ourselves in the present
To pursue possibilities of the future
Time is of the essence!!
It is time! For transformation
Of this Nation
Time to Rise higher
Time to reach further
Time to live up to its creed
Time to build on the glimmer of hope
Time to straighten the arc of justice
Time to heal this brotherly divide
Time for restoration

It is time:
To eliminate the gridlocks
To amend the constitution
To be a full human being... Not just 3/5.
To foster brotherly love... In our mind... In our heart...in our actions
It is time:
To get the True God... the Creator back:
Into our lives, our purpose for living,
Into our schools and education
Into our marriages...at the dinner table
Into our finances
Into our living room!
Into the board room
On the congressional board
On the Supreme Court Bench
In the Oval Office...into the world
Time to swell that thin sliver Of justice into a broadband network of love
For "Timing is truly of the essence"

The good, The bad, and The ugly!
The blood drenched horrors
The deep dark hatred
The hard truths of yesteryear...
Time is of the essence
It is time for us to stand up, speak up and open up!

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"What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving." Matthew 6:33 The Message

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

Dear Almighty God and faithful Friend, today's scripture is what we recognize as "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will also be given to you." The question is, "to What things is the Lord Jesus referring?"

We learn from the prayer Jesus taught the Disciples to pray, "Hallowed be Your name, may Your kingdom come, may Your will be done," only after that do we pray for our daily

bread, forgiveness, and protection from temptation. Jesus taught his disciples to pray first for the agendas of God's kingdom (6:9-10), according to Bible Background Research and Commentary from Dr. Craig Keener. So, "these things" refer to the Disciple and our basic needs being met without worldly competition for status.

Tomorrow, as the Lord wills, I'll drive home from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly, Louisville. It was an inspirational, informational, and instructive series of events with excellent worship services, communion, fellowship, and workshops. I reconnected with colleagues and friends I've not seen for 20-plus years. I met Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, author of Moral Injury, and attended her workshop of the same title.

The General Assembly's theme **KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US** was emphasized throughout. You may notice the absence of the letter "G" in **KINDOM**. My soul/sole daughter explained the nonappearance to de-emphasize any hint of "empire" and over-emphasis on kinfolk, family, Disciples, sisters, and brothers in Christ.

The day will come when we will be significantly rewarded for putting God's agenda first. Some of our earthly rewards include salvation by faith in Christ's confidence, peace of mind amid all the confusion swirling around us, joy of heart beyond our wildest imagination, Holy Spirit guidance, and God's Presence to protect us from any and all of the Adversary's invasions. These are additional things added to us by the Lord Jesus.

BLACK BUSINESS MONTH SPECIAL EDITION

Black Business Month is celebrated in August — it's a time to acknowledge and appreciate black-owned businesses across the nation and all that they represent in the country's continual striving for diversity and equality. Denise Moore, CEO of the Black Business Alliance in Peoria, Illinois, has this to say about the importance of Black Business month: "Black Business Month is exciting because it gives us an opportunity to focus on a community that is far too often underrepresented when it comes to access to capital and opportunities to build wealth." When we celebrate the contribution of black business owners and entrepreneurs, it pays homage to them and their legacies, especially since celebrating this month recognizes the importance of black-owned businesses when it comes to contributing to the nation's economy as well. Approximately 10% of all American businesses are black-owned, and if we look at what statistics say about minority-owned businesses, about 30% of these would belong to black business owners. The primary sectors in which black-owned businesses operate include health care, social work, repair and maintenance, beauty salons, restaurants, and more. Black businesses across the country are booming and on the rise, with Washington D.C. having the highest ratio of black-owned businesses, a whopping 28%. These business also have an important role to play towards sup-

porting student and education by giving funds towards scholarship of African American Students, here is a list of numerous scholarship provided to Black students. **HISTORY OF BLACK BUSINESS MONTH**
 The history of Black Business Month can be traced back to the year 2004, when engineering entrepreneur Frederick E. Jordan partnered with the president and executive editor of the scholarly publishing company eAccess Corp, John William Templeton, to start this annual event. The intention of the pair was to "drive the policy agenda affecting the 2.6 million African-American businesses," in order to highlight and empower Black business owners all over, especially given the unique challenges faced by minority business owners. This stemmed from Jordan's own personal experience of the struggle to gain financial backing and funding when he began his own firm in San Francisco in 1969. Today, he is the successful owner of F. E. Jordan Associates Inc., a company that has international reach, but it also led him to realize that the odds are still not in favor of Black entrepreneurship. To push for equity in the business spaces and to celebrate those who are thriving despite the challenges, Black Business Month is a month-long celebration of entrepreneurs who beat the odds. Since the late 1700s, both free and enslaved Black people began to open their own small businesses, from barbershops to tobacco shops and shoemaking. As emancipation grew, so did the establishment of Black-owned businesses, and this led to the period between 1900 — 1930 being labeled as the 'golden age' of Black-owned businesses. Segregation saw entire districts becoming Black-owned, such as Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 1915, with the establishment of The National Negro Business League, there was widespread support of African-American entrepreneurship, with The National Business League spreading to over 34 states. By 2002, 1.2 million of the United States' 23 million businesses were owned by Black people, bringing in a revenue of over \$150 billion! How's that for booming business?
BLACK BUSINESS MONTH TIMELINE
1898
Black People Begin to Own Insurance Companies
 The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company is established and quickly becomes one of the oldest and most prominent Black-owned insurance companies in the U.S.
1915
First Black National Business League is Founded
 Booker T. Washington founds The National Negro Business League (later renamed The National Business League), to support Black entrepreneurs as they start out.
1920s
Black Wall Street
 In the Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma, affluent Black businesses mushroom and flourish, earning the nickname Black Wall Street.
1980s
Black Business Brings in Billions
 Reginald Lewis is the first African-American to build a billion-dollar company — TLC International Holding.
2004
Black Business Month is Established
 Founded by Frederick E. Jordan and John William Templeton, Black Business Month becomes an annual celebration.



Celebration Announcements
Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

Birthdays in AUGUST 2023

- Mr. Dylan Visnaw Ebright August 1st, with Family and friends.
- Mr. Bill Brown celebrates his birthday on August 1st, with family and friends.
- Mr. John Wallick III celebrates his birthday on August 1st.
- Mr. Bryan Gruesbeck celebrates his 39th birthday on August 1st.
- Ms. Chemaye Herring celebrates her birthday on August 1st, with family and friends.
- Ms. Chantel J. Cole celebrates her birthday on August 1st, with family and friends. Mr. Zion D. Bodiford celebrates his birthday on August 2nd. Ms. Barbara Roberts-Mason celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Ms. Quintina Davis-Hall celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Mr. Willy Binson celebrates his 26th birthday on August 2nd, with family and friends.
- Ms. Kiriiti Kirkpatrick celebrates her 50th birthday on August 2nd, with family and friends.
- Mr. Mike Ranke celebrates his 50th birthday on August 3rd.
- Ms. Quintina Davis-Hall celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Mrs. Stacy Ebright celebrates her birthday on August 3rd with husband and family.
- Ms. Meeka Wade celebrates her 42nd birthday on August 3rd. Ms. Jocelyn Starr celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Reverend David Foreman celebrates his 75th birthday on August 3rd.
- Mrs. Jill Clark-Hicks celebrates her birthday on August 4th, with husband, family and friends.
- Mr. Scotty Kniffen celebrates his birthday on August 4th.
- Ms. Pinkie Prizor celebrates her 36th birthday on August on August 4th.
- Mr. Phillip Lewis celebrates his 95th birthday on August 4th.
- Ms. Amy Yoder celebrates her 50th birthday on August 4th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Monica Cranberry celebrates her 53rd birthday on August 4th, with love from family and friends. "God Bless, Lea."
- Ms. Sharon McWilliams celebrates her birthday on August 5th.
- Ms. Marjorie Smith celebrates her birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Anthony Benson celebrates his 27th birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Juan Gonzales, Jr. celebrates his 18th birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Mark A. Majors celebrates his birthday on August 5th, with love from family and friends.
- Mr. Ali Jamal Kelley (Mr. Thin), would have celebrated his birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Johnny A. Williford celebrates his birthday on August 6th.
- Mr. Dennis Duane Gibbons celebrates his birthday on August 6th.
- Ms. Marva Yarrell celebrates her birthday on August 7th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Caleb Herring celebrates his birthday on August 7th.
- Ms. Melissa Kane celebrates her birthday August 7th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Karen Fowler celebrates her birthday on August 8th.
- Ms. Yvette Baldwin celebrates her birthday August 8th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Candy Pahl celebrates her birthday on August 8th.
- Ms. Lexie Leek and her dad, Mr. Leonard Leek celebrate their birthdays in August.
- Ms. Michelle Thomas celebrates her birthday on August 9th. She said, "GOD is GOOD; Blessed me to see another year of HIS Wonderful Blessings!!" Ms. Babbette Smith-Small celebrates her birthday on August 9th.
- Ms. Latitia Beuker celebrates her birthday on August 9th. Mr. William Humphreys celebrates his birthday on August 9th.
- Mr. Big Mike Bragg celebrates his birthday on August 9th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Alice Brown, my Sister, enjoys her birthday on August 10th, with family and friends.
- Mrs. Cora A. Watts celebrates her birthday on August 10th. Ms. Sharon Courtland celebrates her birthday on August 10th.
- Mr. Kedrick Watkins, Jr. celebrates his birthday on August 10th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Ebony Shenelle celebrates her birthday on August 10th. Ms. Serena Foran celebrates her birthday on August 11th, with family and friends. Ms. Cynthia Williams celebrates her birthday August 11th.
- Ms. Phyllis Walker celebrates her birthday on August 11th. Ms. Shamecka Freeman celebrates her 47th birthday on August 11th. She said, "Gift of Life, another year!" Mr. Marcus Jefferson celebrates his 68th birthday on August 12th, with his family. Mr. Dewey Morgan celebrates his 30th birthday on August 12th, with family and friends. Mom (Tara) says, "You, my Baby still!" Kier E. Maxwell celebrates birth on August 12th. Mr. Danny Buchanan celebrates his birthday on August 12th, doing what he do; "say Yea" Ms. Doris Graves will celebrate her 53rd birthday on August 12th, with family and friends. Ms. Denise Fulle celebrates her birthday on August 12th. Ms. Kim Dikker celebrates her 51st birthday on August 12th. Ms. Sandra Carlo and Brianna Clay, Grandmother and Granddaughter, will celebrate their birthdays on August 12th, and 13th. Ms. Portia Civils celebrates her, remembering her Mother, also born on August 13th.
- Ms. Judith A Hightower celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Mr. Rauvel Bodiford celebrates his birthday on August 14th. Mr. Jason R. Bishop celebrates his birthday on August 14th, with family and friends. Rev. Versey A. Williams celebrates her birthday on August 14th. GOD Be Praised!!! Ms. Christina Johnson celebrates her birthday August 14th.
- Ms. Taylor S. Chavis celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Mrs. Aimee Vick celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Ms. Darellyn Sudduth celebrates her birthday on August 14th.
- Ms. Denise Brooks celebrates her birthday on August 14th.
- Ms. Dakita Bonds celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Mr. Justin R. Jones II celebrates his 21st birthday on August 14th. Ms. Janice Cabule celebrates her birthday on August 15th, with family and friends. Ms. Barbara J. Simmons celebrates her birthday on August 15th. Mr. Ben Barnes celebrates his birthday on August 15th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Courtney (Cookie) McIntosh celebrates her 39th birthday on August 15th. Ms. Shirley Borner celebrates her 65th birthday on August 15th. Ms. Azia Wells celebrates her birthday on August 16th. She says, "I want to thank GOD for blessing me!" Mr. Tommy R. Black III celebrates his birthday on August 16th. Mr. Clinton Bradley celebrates his birthday on August 16th. Ms. Sarah Hinton celebrates her birthday on August 16th. Ms. Constance Steward celebrates her 38th birthday on August 16th. Mrs. Donna Speese celebrates birthday on August 16th, with her husband, Mike.
- Ms. CeCe Lara celebrates her birthday on August 17th, with family and friends. Ms. Rhoda (knicker Bocker) celebrates her birthday on August 18th with all her family and friends. Mr. Brian Whitfield, who at 18, designed The Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration Logo, celebrates his birthday on August 19th with his beautiful Wife and Daughter.
- Miss Idyana Francis Taylor Brown celebrates her birthday on August 20th going to dinner, ice cream and cake with Mom, Dad; Amy and Luther, her brother Jordan Luther and sisters Taylor Ashley Denise along with Isabella Megan Marie. "We love each other... forever!!!"
- Ms. Lucy Lund celebrates her birthday on August 20th, with family and friends.
- Master Ruben Herrera Jr. celebrates his birthday on August 20th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Charles Dean celebrates his birthday on August 20th, with family and friends. Ms. Carma Reed celebrates her birthday on August 20th.
- Mrs. Crystal Herrera celebrates her birthday on August 21st, with husband Rueben Herrera. Mr. William C. Donald celebrates his birthday on August 21st, with family and friends.
- Mr. Julian Darden celebrates his birthday on August 21st.
- Ms. Rachel Davis celebrates her birthday on August 21st. Mr. Ollie Wilkie celebrates his birthday on August 21st.
- Ms. Marilu Mead celebrates her birthday on August 21st. Mrs. Jackie Husband celebrates her birthday on August 22nd, with her loving Husband, Robert (Bobby). Mr. 20, Street Rider celebrates his birthday on August 22nd.
- Mrs. Ruby Phifer (Deceased) we celebrate her birth on August 23rd. Ms. Thersa Greenwood celebrates her birthday on August 23rd. Mr. John Morris celebrates his birthday on August 23rd, with family and friends.
- Ms. Shanna Dunning's celebrates her birthday on August 23rd, with her husband, Stuart, family and friends.
- Ms. Sylvia Buie celebrates her birthday on August 24th. Mr. Charles A. Mitchell celebrates his birthday on August 24th.
- Mrs. Sheime Campbell celebrates her birthday on August 24th. Mr. Capitan E-Man celebrates his birthday on August 24th, with a birthday bash "Live", Ms. Mattie Watson-Elam celebrates her big birthday on August 25th with family and friends. Mr. Aaron Coleman celebrates his birthday on August 26th. Ms. Trina Couthen celebrates her birthday on August 26th. Ms. Kelley A. Peatross celebrates her birthday day on August 28th, with family and friends. Ms. Lauren Starr celebrates her birthday on August 28th. Ms. Charlis Cunningham celebrates her birthday on August 28th, celebrating with her mother, Mrs. Theresa on August 26th. Ms. Shauna Eaton celebrates her birthday on August 26th. Mr. Kris Brown celebrates his birthday on August 26th. Mr. Alvin Jones celebrates his birthday on August 26th.
- Mr. Zachary Clark Jr. celebrates birthday on August 27th. Ms. Marjorie Matoyer celebrates her birthday on August 27th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Marc Tyler, Assistant Fire Chief, Ann Arbor, Mi, celebrates his birthday on August 27th, with his loving Wife.
- Ms. Jessica Cowles-Huge celebrates her birthday on August 27th. Ms. Jo Vann Pastor celebrates her birth, August 28th.
- Mr. Sam H. McGee celebrates his birthday on August 29th. Mr. David A. Eaton II celebrates his birthday on August 29th.
- Mr. Marquis Pruitt will be celebrating his birthday on August 29th. Ms. Robin Hollingsworth will celebrate her birthday on August 30th. Mrs. Theresa Cunningham will celebrate her on August 30th, with her daughter, Ms. Charliis Cunningham. Mr. TyKeece Webster will celebrate his birthday on August 30th. Ms. Danielle Dexter celebrates her birthday on August 31st. She says, "You only live once, live it to the fullest!" Ms. Linda Mangum celebrates her birthday on August 31st.
- Mr. Derrick F. Jones Sr. celebrates his birthday on August 31st. Ms. Lasha celebrates her birthday on August 31st. "Love Simone Clay!" Ms. Francé Richardson, retired Lansing Public Schools Music Teacher, celebrates her birthday on August 31st. She says, "Love to my family and fellow citizens of Lansing, State of Michigan and the United States of America. I hope for all of us: LOVE, diversity, tolerance and peace! GOD BLESS!!!" Ms. Josette M. Tucker celebrates her birthday in August, Happy Birthdays cousin!! Mr. Don Armstrong will celebrate his birthday August 31st.

***Anniversaries**

- Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Flora Boles celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 3rd.
- Mr. & Mrs. Ollie and Kim Wilkie celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 21st.
- Mr. & Mrs. James and Sonya Carter celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 18th.
- Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and Minnie Austin celebrate their anniversary on August 11th.

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Michigan Renaissance Festival -- Seven Full Weekends of Action

Holly, MI (August 2023) - The Michigan Renaissance Festival returns to Holly for its 44th season. Come explore the Village of Hollygrove with the King and Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. Bring your friends to watch Live Full Contact Armored Jousting, See Birds of Prey, enjoy a Feast of Fantasy in the Castle, or try Wine, Whiskey or Bourbon Tasting. Throw Axes, walk a Pub Crawl, visit The New Mermaid Cove or House of Dragons. Enjoy food fit for Royalty and have a Delightful Brunch at the Joust or grab a Turkey Leg, some Burnt Ends, and wash it down with a Signature Cocktail. Get your hair braided, fortune told, tattooed with Henna, or stroll through the Village and find unique hand-crafted gifts at over 200 shops. There are 17 stages of Exciting Entertainment, Competitions, plus Pirates, Fairies, Vikings and more!

Now 7 Themed Weekends of Fun:
August 19th and 20th: Pirate & Pups
August 26th and 27th: Highland Fling
September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th: Viking Invasion
September 9th and 10th: Wonders of the World
September 16th and 17th: Shamrocks and Shenanigans
September 23rd and 24th: Harvest Huzzah
September 29th: Festival Friday; Ladies & Lords Shopping Day
September 30th and 31st: Sweet Endings

The first four weekends Versiti Blood Bank will be out front taking donations and giving Free Admission tickets or patrons may bring four non-perishable food items for a BOGO ticket free. Festival Friday, September 29th, all Military, First Responders and Health Care Providers get in free with valid ID. Build a Fairy House or create a Mural and get free tickets. Honor Roll students that show their report card at the box office get a free ticket.

When: August 19th thru October 1st, 2023, Open Sat. & Sun. 10am to 7pm
Open Festival Friday, September 29th and Labor Day, September 4th
Where: 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442
Cost: Adult \$25.95, Children's (5-12) \$15.95, Children (4 and under) FREE!
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****NAACP Lansing Youth Council Voices Outrage Over Disturbing Incident and Calls for Justice****

Lansing, Michigan – August 12, 2023 – The NAACP Lansing Youth Council, an integral part of the nation's largest and oldest civil rights organization, stands resolute against the recent disheartening incident that saw a 12-year old young man handcuffed while performing a simple act of taking out the trash. This alarming incident serves as a stark reminder that the fight for justice is far from over, and we demand accountability and meaningful change.

Reports emerging from the incident show that the young man was targeted solely based on his appearance, fitting a vague suspect description. The overzealous response, including the deployment of multiple police vehicles and a canine unit, is a harrowing example of excessive force and underscores the need for immediate reform.

Jasmine Yarborough-Blodgett, President of the NAACP Lansing Youth Council, passionately asserted, "We will not be silenced in the face of such injustice. Our youth council, representing the NAACP, is committed to holding those in power accountable. This incident is a disgraceful display of racial profiling, and it is our duty to demand justice, transparency, and the assurance that our community is safe." Youth Treasurer, Jackson McCurtis added "Unfortunately that this has happened. The police should have taken the time to hear the young man out."

Gabriella Stephens, Youth Council Secretary, added with fervor, "As young activists, we stand united in our belief that such policing practices have no place in our city or anywhere else. It is a fundamental right for every young person to feel safe in their community. We call upon law enforcement to undergo extensive training and establish open lines of communication to prevent future unjust confrontations." Youth member, Allen Williams stated "Sad this is happening to another youth." Further, youth member, Jude McCurtis stated "The police should have gone to the door to verify the young man's story."

The NAACP Lansing Youth Council urgently calls upon Lansing Police Chief Sosebee to attend a youth council meeting, where our concerns about this distressing incident will be addressed. This is an opportunity for the police department to engage with the community and to outline proactive measures to prevent such incidents from recurring.

We firmly believe that through dialogue, understanding, and action, we can create a more just future for Lansing and beyond. This incident has left a lasting impact on both the victim and our community, and we are steadfast in our resolve to fight against discrimination, injustice, and oppression.

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[Lansing, MI 07/28/2023] – The music industry is abuzz with excitement as the Hyena Squad, consisting of talented artists Dante "Iced Out" Mitchell and Kenqua "Derange" Smith, announce their groundbreaking partnership with Gabrielle Entertainment. The dynamic duo, known for their unique blend of raw energy and lyrical prowess, has inked a management agreement that promises to propel their careers to new heights.

With a passion for delivering hard-hitting beats and thought-provoking lyrics, Dante "Iced Out" Mitchell and Kenqua "Derange" Smith have captivated audiences and critics alike. Their fresh and innovative approach to music has earned them a dedicated fan base and garnered attention from industry leaders. Now, with the guiding expertise of Gabrielle Entertainment, the Hyena Squad is ready to make an indelible mark on the music Hip Hop scene.

Gabrielle Entertainment, a reputable and influential management company, has a proven track record of nurturing artists' creativity while maximizing their commercial success. With Billy Tappin himself being a Motown alumni with a bout of his own success, fame and fortune. The company's commitment to empowering artists aligns perfectly with the vision of the Hyena Squad, making this collaboration a natural fit. And guiding them on how to steer away from the pitfalls of the industry.

Notably, the recent signing of a record deal with Indie Power/Sony has further amplified the anticipation surrounding the Hyena Squad's forthcoming projects. The partnership with a major label like Indie Power/Sony is a testament to the potential and promise Dante "Iced Out" Mitchell and Kenqua "Derange" Smith exude as a musical force to be reckoned with.

As they embark on this thrilling journey, the Hyena Squad expresses gratitude to their fans for their unwavering support and promises to reciprocate with music that speaks to the heart and soul of their listeners from every hood in the world and beyond.

In the words of Dante "Iced Out" Mitchell, "We've always believed in our craft, and with Gabrielle Entertainment and Indie Power/Sony by our side, we're ready to bring our music to the world."

Kenqua "Derange" Smith adds, "This is just the beginning. We're going to show the world what the Hyena Squad is all about trust me!"

Past performances included open venues for the Magic Johnson Mardi Gras, Travis Porter, Cory Gunz, Roy Jones Jr, doughboyz cashout and chedda boy Malik just to name a few.

Stay tuned for updates on the Hyena Squad's upcoming releases and performances by following their social media channels and Gabrielle Entertainment's official platforms (website being revised /coming soon!!)

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About Dante "Iced Out" Mitchell and Kenqua "Derange" Smith:

Dante "Iced Out" Mitchell and Kenqua "Derange

"Smith are two remarkable artists who form the Hyena Squad. With a strong passion for music and a drive to create an impact, their artistry combines hard-hitting beats with compelling storytelling, making them stand out in the competitive music landscape. Now, with the support of Gabrielle Entertainment and a record deal with Indie Power/Sony, the Hyena Squad is set to revolutionize the music industry with their unmistakable sound and unwavering dedication to their craft.

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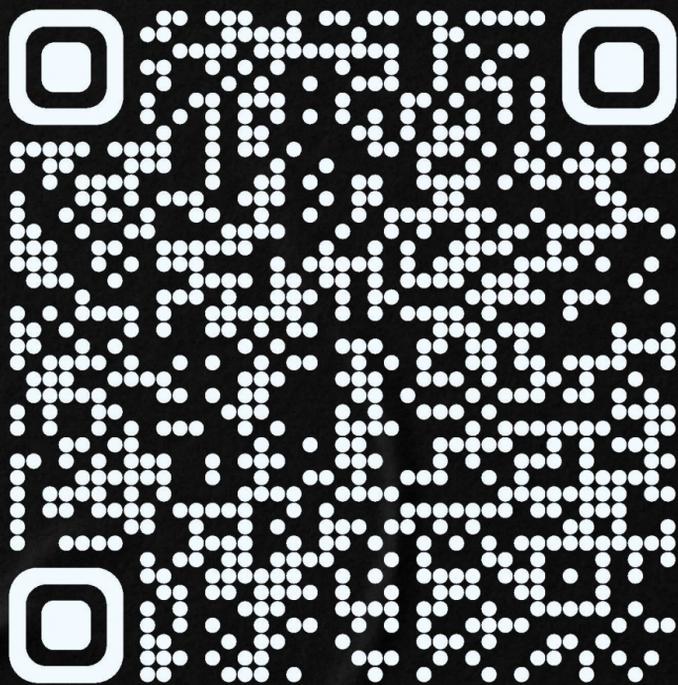
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