

ALPHA GENESIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PRESENTS

# DAY OF RESILIENCE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023



## DEDICATION

CELEBRATING THE FIFTH ANNUAL DAY OF RESILIENCE

*'BEACON OF HOPE'*  
ARTIST WESLEY WOFFORD, PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA



# THANK YOU!

To the dedicated people that have made 5 years of the Day of Resilience possible. Working together we can create a strong, resilient future for Cambridge. We all stand on the shoulders of our ancestors, connecting our past to our future, and our community to the world.



DOR Committee Members  
Community Members  
Business Owners  
Faith Leaders  
Ambassadors from African Nations  
Sponsors  
Elected Officials  
City, State & County Agencies  
Non-Profit Organizations  
Fraternal Organizations  
Sororities  
Descendants of Harriet Tubman  
Strong Leaders, Past and Present  
Veterans  
Emergency Services Personnel  
Tech Support  
Dancers & Musicians  
Artisans and Vendors  
Photographers & Videographers  
Youth and Students  
Our Families





# WELCOME!



Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for the 5th annual Day of Resilience. Some say the 5 represents change, adventure, and transformation while others say it represents God's grace and mercy. I agree with both!

It has been my highest honor to serve the Cambridge Community with pride, vision and the heart of Harriet Tubman. The installation of the Beacon of Hope followed a 2-year fundraising campaign that raised over 400K. Our community at large united for a cause bigger than ourselves and accomplished what many said could never happen. Mission accomplished! Thank you for being courageous!

Now that the Beacon of Hope statue is installed, we must dig deeper and connect with our individual "Why". What are our expectations and what comes next. It is my prayer that the Beacon of Hope statue inspires each of us to continue our individual and collective "Journey to Freedom". I believe we are connected and united by our love and compassion for mankind, inspiring us to leave a place better than it was found. Alpha Genesis CDC is on that path.

So, in this year of transformation, grace, and change. We invite you to join us as we expand our vision and continue to transform. We are managing several capital projects and implementing our first youth economic development incubator. You can follow our progress via social media, website, and email blasts. Please leave your email address at the sign-in table.

This year, we honor my friend and mentor Melvin Foote, Founder and CEO of Constituency for Africa. Melvin saw the potential of this day, more than 5 years ago. Every year he challenged Alpha Genesis to see itself operating in a greater capacity than the year before. Every year, he has supported us by sharing his network, in essence, his "net worth". We honor his dedication to unifying the African Diaspora and are charged with continuing the legacy.

The Alpha Genesis CDC board of directors are few but fearless in accomplishing tasks! Lady Byrd, Lykinda Camper, Jermaine Anderson and Mike Bryan, Thank you for your commitment, love, and support. Our core group of volunteers are truly wind beneath our wings; Rhodana Fields, Jule Giberto— Brady, Amy Craig, and Dr. Katie Day- Thank you! To all who have traveled near and far- welcome home! I pray that this Day of Resilience experience will inspire your individual "Journey to Freedom".

Please join us in Cannery Way at the Harriet Tubman "Take my Hand" mural. Learn more about our projects, support our vendors, buy food, attend the Ground Blessing and Nubian Quilters art exhibit at the Art Bar 2.0. Come, stay and enjoy!

Peace and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian R. Holmes".

Adrian R. Holmes, President and Program Director  
Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation

# COURTHOUSE CEREMONY





## ***Courthouse Ceremony Program    Saturday, September 9th at Noon***

### ***10:30 Libations at the Water's Edge***

Drum Processional to Water                      *(walk to Long Wharf)*

Libation at the Water                              Nana Malaya

### ***12:00 Noon Courthouse Ceremony***

Welcome,    Jermaine Anderson, Executive Director, Alpha Genesis CDC

Reflection-5 years of Resilience

Statue Dedication-                                Alpha Genesis CDC/Harriet Tubman Descendants

Remarks-    Honorable William H. Jones, County Administrative  
Judge, Dorchester County Circuit Court, 1st Judicial Circuit,

Song-    Suzzette Pritchett

Tribute to Melvin Foote and CFA              Commissioner Spuffy Cephas  
(Constituency For Africa)

Citations-

Rev. Johnathan Weaver, Pastor Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church

Hon. Stanley L. Straughter, Chairman African and Caribbean Business of Greater Philadelphia

Mrs. Izmira Aitch-Hegbe, Congressional Staffer for Rep. Gwen Moore

Mr. Jules Saurel P Tamegue, CFA Intern

Alpha Genesis CDC

Dance

Acknowledgement-

Time Capsule & Its Importance-              Amy Craig, Courthouse Clerk

Closing Remarks                                  Adrian Holmes, President- Alpha Genesis CDC

***2:00 Ground Blessing Ceremony, in front of the “Take My Hand Mural”***

***3:00 African American Unity Caucus, by invitation only***

***5:00 Artist's Reception Art Bar 2.0 420 B Race St***





## 2019 Schedule of Events

Drum Call, Pouring of Libations Dance and Spoken Word at the Dorchester County Courthouse

A procession, The Healing Journey from the Courthouse to the Harriet Tubman Mural

Harriet Tubman Mural Dedication

Souls at Sea Ceremony at Cambridge Marina

Constituency for Africa's Town Hall Meeting featuring Dr. Julius Garvey and Ambassadors from the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Togo, and Mali





# 2019: Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Slavery in America:

## A Day of Resilience, Return, Reconciliation, Reuniting, and Rejoicing







# 2020

Journey To Freedom





## 2020 Schedule of Events

Harriet Tubman *Journey to Freedom Sculpture* Unveiling Ceremony

Walking Tour of Fredrick Douglass in Cambridge

Constituency for Africa's (CFA) Virtual Town Hall Meetings

Youth Town Hall with Dr. Julius Garvey

Harriet Tubman Town Hall on Africa

Dorchester Center for the Arts Exhibit

Artist reception on Facebook Live

Jazz Concert, *Take My Hand* Mural





## 2021 Schedule of Events

Commemoration and libations at Long Wharf

Processional to the Dorchester County Courthouse

Day of Resilience Ceremony- Dorchester County Courthouse

Constituency for Africa Townhall Meeting: Guest Speaker Ambassador of Sierra Leone

A Taste of Sierra Leone Fashion Show

Jazz @ the Harriet Tubman Mural

Art showcase opening “Death or Liberty” by Artist Sydnie Smith-Jordon







# 2021

Building Connections





## 2022 Schedule of Events

Art Contest Awards

Commemoration and libations at Long Wharf

Processional to the County Courthouse

Day of Resilience Unveiling Ceremony Public

Art Panel at DCA

Vendor Market at Cannery Way

Evening Jazz at the Mural

Jazz Brunch at the Art Bar

CFA presents The Harriet Tubman Town Hall







## 2022 Beacon of Hope





# Honoring CFA and Melvin Foote for 5 Years of Service



*Mr. Foote shows off his Take My Hand shirt while meeting Dr. Anthony Browder, in downtown Washington. Tony Browder is an acclaimed author, publisher, cultural historian, artist and one of the foremost experts on ancient Egyptian history*

Today we honor and thank the Constituency for Africa (CFA), Melvin Foote and Jeannine B. Scott for their dedication to the Day of Resilience.

Mr. Melvin Foote has been central to the success of the Day of Resilience since its inception. The Harriet Tubman Town Halls, hosted by the CFA bring together committed communities and individuals to look at topics critical to empowering African people worldwide.

Mr. Foote has introduced Cambridge to Ambassadors from African nations during the Day of Resilience Taking it one step further, he introduces and promotes Cambridge to the world. Wherever he goes, his support for Cambridge shows. We would like to thank Melvin Foote, and CFA for their service to our community.

Mr. Melvin P. Foote is a pioneer in the field of African Affairs. He has over 35 years of experience and has worked in over 30 African countries; he is recognized as a leading expert on issues related to African policies and programs.

Mr. Foote founded the **Constituency for Africa (CFA)** in 1990, in order to establish a network of organizations, groups and individuals committed to the progress and empowerment of Africa and African people worldwide. CFA's mission is to build public and private support for Africa, and to help shape a progressive U.S. policy towards Africa.

Mr. Foote is also the founder of a dynamic CFA-related program called the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC). The AAUC is a broad-based coalition of African-American and African leaders of Africa-focused organizations and groups, to promote pan-Africanism and to link Diaspora leaders in the Western Hemisphere with the African Union (AU), the coordinating forum of the nations of Africa. Further, Mr. Foote serves as an advisor to the African Union's Ambassador to Washington and as a consultant to the World Bank on African Diaspora issues.

Mr. Foote is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions that include the "Order of the Lion" Award in 1998, which is the highest public service honor of the Government of Senegal, and the Congressional Black Caucus 2001 Annual Legislative Conference's Diggs Award for Foreign Affairs in recognition of his outstanding commitment and achievement on issues and concerns pertaining to Africa.





**Honoring CFA for 5 Years of Service**

**HARRIET TUBMAN**  
BORN ARAMINTA ROSS 1822  
DORCHESTER COUNTY MARYLAND

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DAY OF RESILIENCE**  
SEPT 9, 2023  
**Beacon of Hope Statue Dedication**  
206 High Street Cambridge, MD 21613

**12:00 Noon Courthouse Ceremony**

**CFA**  
CONSTITUENCY FOR AFRICA

**ALPHA GENESIS COMMUNITY**  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



# Alpha Genesis CDC

## Planning for the Future

Renovations are beginning soon at the Headquarters Building at 428 Race St. AGCDC has several goals for the renovation and historic preservation of this building. First, to protect and steward this important location in Downtown Cambridge. Working in partnership with the City, the connection from Cannery Way to the Take My Hand mural will become more accessible to our community and visitors. ADA access is on the top of the list, as is upgrading the paved area in front of the mural, and the connected parking lot.

Next, the project will activate this underutilized space next to Cannery Park. The second floor of the building has been abandoned for decades, and did not even have access within the property! Look for Non-Profit incubator and office space, including a physical location for Alpha Genesis. With this location, Alpha Genesis can grow their outreach and development programs. Even more exciting, the first floor retail spaces will get much needed stabilization and rehab work completed. In addition, 2 more units, accessed from the side and rear of the building will enable start-up businesses to get off the ground in the Downtown Arts and Entertainment district. We hope to showcase the variety and engagement that new entrepreneurs can bring to the Cambridge, while helping to create opportunity for economic development and new jobs downtown.

Finally, the building will host more programming and engagement, both within Cambridge and as a cultural tourism destination point. Big ideas are just around the corner as we continue to strive for empowerment and unity, holding events that promote growth and understanding through arts and culture.





# Coming Soon...

## Minty's Ice Cream Treats & More!

Minty's Ice Cream Treat's & More, Coming to 428 Race St

Look for a new taste in Downtown Cambridge: Homemade treats, delicious ice cream, and more! What kind of more? That's a decision to be made by the youth interns that run the store! Something special is being built behind the doors at 428 Race Street.

What makes Minty's Ice Cream Treats & More special?

It is a scoop of delicious gourmet ice cream for sure, but it is served with a side of empowerment, job skills, and community service. Youth in our community are impacted by factors that make it tough to level the playing field. The rate of youth impacted by a family members incarceration, poverty, or housing instability is among the highest in the state. Alpha Genesis CDC wants our community's kids to excel, to be seen for what they can do, not the numbers. Accesses to paid entrepreneurial experience and training help our youth gain the skills to succeed, through mentorship and inspiration. Learning to think out of the box, they will participate in entrepreneurship coursework, as well a learning the behind the scenes work of running a business.

The other "Scoop" on Minty's Ice Cream Treats & More is building community connections. Each month Minty's will highlight a community organization. Featured organizations can connect with the store's interns, sharing how the organization works to meet community needs and aspirations. Organizations can participate in volunteer outreach and fundraising days. Ice Cream, Community, Resilience a treat for everyone!

**CHECK OUT THIS FUNDRAISER FOR MINTY'S COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING:**



**Commit to Eat in support of Alpha Genesis CDC at Wendy's**

September 26, 2023

All Day: 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM

709 Cambridge Marketplace Blvd

Cambridge, MD 21613

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/259951-alpha-genesis-cdc-at-wendy-s>



# STORIES

## In The Stones

Your words etched in stone along side of **Harriet Tubman**. Whether you dedicate a brick to honor a family member or leave a message for the next generation, your legacy can become a part of "Stories in the Stones". Scan below to find out How.....



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**HARRIET TUBMAN**  
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DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

**SCAN ME**

**Add Your Story To Your Stone**  
Customize Your Brick In 3D  
With a Picture, Poem,  
Statement or Video.

**CONTACT US**

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 420 Race St. Cambridge, MD 21213



Thank You to Howard Roe Masonry for their dedication to craftsmanship and meeting tight deadlines!

The statue plaza and the Stories in the Stones will be here for generations thanks to this teams hard work!

### Donate to Our Cause

Our mission is to strengthen strategic partnerships through arts and culture to build a vibrant, thriving community. We provide programs that help connect our community through the shared experience of art and culture, working from within the community to build unity where there has been a long history of division.

Alpha Genesis CDC is a nonprofit 501c3 organization

All gifts are tax deductible

PO Box 125, Cambridge MD, 21613



# NUBIAN QUEENS

*Mixed Media Quilt Exhibit*

5TH ANNUL DAY OF RESILIENCE  
FREE QUILT EXHIBIT @ ARTBAR 2.0  
420 B RACE STREET, CAMBRIDGE MD  
FRI SEPT 8 - SUN SEPT 10, 2023  
DAILY 12PM - 7PM  
EXHIBIT RECEPTION SAT SEPT 9 @ 5 PM



3D Portrait



📍 420 B Race St  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
☎ 410-463-4092  
✉ [info.artbar2.0@gmail.com](mailto:info.artbar2.0@gmail.com)

Enter through back of the building by the Harriet Tubman mural ~ Free Parking



# 5TH ANNIVERSARY MURAL- RIBBON CUTTING

@ The Harriet Tubman Mural

September 9, 2023

2 pm - 3 pm



GROUND BLESSING

LIABATIONS

MUSIC & VENDORS

428-434 Race Street Downtown  
Cambridge Maryland 21613

