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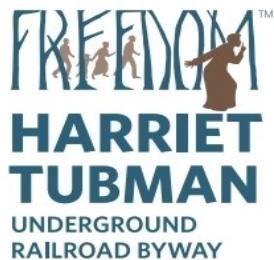
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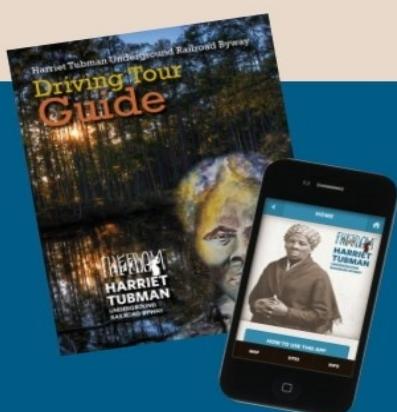


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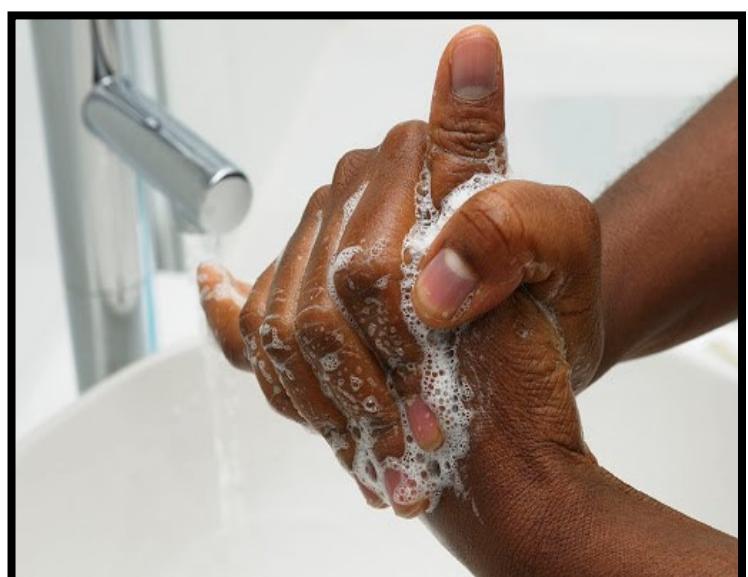
# A Day of Resilience 2021

## COVID-19 Safety Statement

We are thrilled you are here and hope your experience is rewarding. Our first priority is to ensure we gather in a safe and responsible manner. When you leave here, we want you to take with you a fulfilling experience, a sense of pride, a feeling of connection, and a renewed energy — *not a potentially dangerous virus*.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we must remain diligent!. The safety of our participants, volunteers and guests remains paramount. We will continue with the rigor of cleaning and sanitizing procedures during each event throughout the weekend. We ask you to please wear a face covering your nose and mouth, **especially if you are not vaccinated**; wash your hands regularly and practice social distancing as much as possible.

We will follow the guidelines set forth by the State and local Health Department. The Dorchester County Health Department and Amerigroup Health Care will be available to answer questions and administer vaccines to those who wish to do so. You are encouraged to stop the Americare Health bus for a free health assessment and a healthy snack. Remember, your health is your wealth!.



*Please help us protect every participant here and those to which we go home.*

*We are all in this together.*



Economic Development  
Department

September 12, 2020

Cambridge Economic Development is proud to support Day of Resilience 2020 by  
Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation.

The arts and culture of Cambridge is steeped in rich history – Native American, African-American, and American. Our history is alive and is woven into the fabric of this nation. Today we celebrate our heritage with Day of Resilience 2020.



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# A Day of Resilience 2021

Honoring our Ancestors by Re-Connecting with our Roots

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Welcome to the Day of Resilience 2020!

While other cities across the country tear down and remove statues that reflect dominance and control, we are unveiling a sculpture in honor of our own heroine, Harriet Tubman. The 9-foot sculpture, "The Journey to Freedom" reflects her courage, strength and compassion. Through his work, the sculptor Wesley Woolford personifies our ability as a people to overcome tragedy, persevere through adversity, and be resilient.

While joining us today, we encourage you to explore your own Journey to Freedom. From the pandemic, to the protests, we all get to decide: Blue lives, Black lives, All lives - which one matters more? For more than 400 years, the experience for black and brown people in this land has been traumatic; the harshness of slavery, the terror of Jim Crow, coupled with the humiliation of red-lining, discrimination, drugs, industrialized prison systems, and police brutality, is mentally exhausting. In acknowledging this experience, it becomes clear that acknowledging that "Black Lives Matter" could be a call to bring healing to us all.

Governor Larry Hogan proclaimed September as International Underground Railroad Month, showcasing Maryland as the most powerful Underground Railroad storytelling destination in the world, and having the most documented successful escapes utilizing the Underground Railroad.

The spirit of Sankofa inspires us to look back in our past and bring forth what is valuable. Today, we honor and remember the lives of our ancestors. We continue to reconcile our past while rejoicing in the beauty of our resiliency.

On behalf of our Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley, our elected officials, and the City of Cambridge - we welcome you. May your journey be guided with Resilience!

Peace and Blessings!  
Adrian R. Holmes, President  
Alpha Genesis CDC

## **A Day of Resilience Weekend Schedule - September 11, 2021**

10:30 am – Commemoration and libations at Long Wharf fishing pier  
(High Street Waterfront)

11:30 am – Processional up High Street to the Dorchester County Courthouse

12 Noon – Day of Resilience Ceremony- Dorchester County Courthouse  
(206 High Street)

1:15 pm – Lunch on your own with Vendors in Cannery Way & Local Restaurants  
(432 Race Street side and rear lots)

1:15 pm – Community input on Cannery Way improvements  
(Habitat for Humanity)

2:30 pm – Constituency for Africa Townhall Meeting on Africa: Guest Speaker  
Ambassador Sidique Wai of Sierra Leone  
(Chesapeake College Room 101, 418 Race Street) /zoom link available

5:30 pm -A Taste of Sierra Leone Fashion Show  
Black Lives Matter Mural  
(400 Block Race Street)

7:00 pm – Jazz @ the Harriet Tubman Mural featuring Reggie Upshaw  
(428 Rear Parking Lot) \$20 Donation appreciated

7:30 pm – Art showcase opening “Death or Liberty” by Artist Sydnie Smith-Jordon  
Art Bar 2.0 (420B Race Street /Rear Entrance)  
9:00 pm – After Party at the Art Bar 2.0

~~~~~ Sunday, September 12, 2021~~~~~

10:30 a.m. Underground Railroad Tour with Tony Cohen  
(meet at the Harriet Tubman Mural)

1 p.m. – Gospel/Jazz Brunch Fundraiser at the Harriet Tubman Mural,  
featuring the Lifetime Band \$50 donation appreciated

3 p.m. – Event end, thank you for coming

## Welcoming Harriet Home: A Journey from Vision to Reality

### ONE YEAR

Just one year ago, Cambridge hosted the awe-inspiring, traveling Harriet Tubman sculpture, unveiled at the Dorchester County Courthouse during the 2020 Day of Resilience commemoration. Almost immediately, a grassroots movement took root to commission a permanent sculpture to honor Harriet Tubman in the community that was her home.

With Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation leading the charge, that dedicated group has worked tirelessly over the past 12 months. Scores of volunteers - including members of state and local government, the county Chamber of Commerce, the local Heritage Area, community organizations and schools - already have exceeded \$150,000 in in-kind service hours and raised more than \$150,000 in donations and grant awards.

### FOSTERING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

But the project goes much deeper than just raising money for the commissioning and creation of a statue to honor Harriet Tubman. During the past year's journey, the endeavor has nurtured new connections for the local community. Significantly, the related outreach has inspired a new generation to follow in Harriet's footsteps.

Emmy and Academy Award-Winning Sculptor Wesley Wofford, who is designing the sculpture, conducted a virtual "Master Class" sculpting workshop, which was funded by Alpha Genesis and Dorchester Center for the Arts and free to Dorchester County students. More than 65 students participated in three sessions earlier this year. In addition, local middle students wrote and illustrated a book about Harriet Tubman and the movement to commission the sculpture. The book, *Discovering Harriet*, is available for purchase, with proceeds going toward the sculpture.

In May, a Bike the Underground Railroad (UGRR) Byway Youth Ride, raised money for the project while taking participants from Cambridge South Dorchester High School to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center. Along the route, the riders had the opportunity tour the Stanley Institute, hear about local farming at Emily's Produce and learn local underground railroad history in Church Creek. At the Tubman Visitor Center activity stations included an archaeologist presentation and artifacts from the recent discovery of Harriet Tubman's childhood home.

Building on that success, an adult ride has been scheduled for Oct. 16. Inspired by Harriet Tubman and her daring journeys to freedom on the Underground Railroad, the adult bike ride also will raise money for the project while providing participants opportunities to stop at significant landmarks and sites along the UGRR Byway in Dorchester County to learn more about their historical significance.

### LOOKING AHEAD

"We would not be where we are without the continued dedication of the volunteers," said Adrian Holmes, founder and president of AGCDC. "They are the ones who have brought us to this point. This is a community effort, and we are always open to new volunteers – for everything from stuffing envelopes and sending letters to grant writing to event coordination to seeking out new funding opportunities."

Next year at this time, the Day of Resilience commemoration will bring the community together to celebrate the dedication of the new, permanent Harriet Tubman sculpture on the Dorchester County Courthouse lawn. This significant installation along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway will inspire the thousands of visitors who come to Maryland to experience the most powerful Underground Railroad storytelling destination in the world.

# We Gratefully Thank

the following individuals and organizations who have contributed to the project

## Grant Awards

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority  
Maryland General Assembly Legislative Bond  
Dorchester County Tourism

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area  
George B. Todd Fund  
Media One  
Waddell Foundation

## Supporting Organizations

Cambridge Multi-Sport  
City of Cambridge  
Dorchester Center for the Arts  
Dorchester County Government  
Habitat for Humanity Choptank  
Harriet Tubman Organization

## Steering Committee Volunteers

Adrian Holmes  
Amy Craig  
April Byrd  
Barb Seese  
Bill Christopher  
Carol Richardson  
Chris Garber-Slaght  
Danielle Van Riel Johnson  
Herve Hamon  
Jason Howard  
Javenna & Oasis Myrieckes

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Joe Manokey  
John Kahl  
John Lewis  
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Katie Day  
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Mary Turner

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Rhodana Fields  
Robin Stanley  
Sandra Snowden  
Sen. Addie Eckardt  
Susan Morgan  
Sydney Smith Jordan  
Tom Puglisi  
Victoria Jackson-Stanley



## Share in the Excitement

and join us on our journey to “welcome Harriet home.”

All donations, large or small are welcome. The fund for Harriet is being managed by the Mid-Shore Community Foundation. Donations may be made through PayPal at [bit.ly/harriet-sculpture-donate](https://bit.ly/harriet-sculpture-donate) or on the Mid-Shore Community Foundation website at [mscf.org](https://mscf.org). (Use the donate button in the upper right, and specify “Harriet’s Journey Home.”) Contributions are fully tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

For more information about how to get involved in this project or about Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation, visit the Harriet’s Journey Home Facebook page ([facebook.com/harrietsjourney2020/](https://facebook.com/harrietsjourney2020/)) or Alpha Genesis’ website ([alphagenesiscdc.org](https://alphagenesiscdc.org)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/AlphaGenesisCdc/](https://facebook.com/AlphaGenesisCdc/)).

# Program Schedules

## Water side Ceremony—10:30 am-Nana Malaya

### Processional from the Dorchester County Courthouse to Long Wharf Pier

**Libations**

**Prayer**

**Words of life**

**Return to the Courthouse**



## Courthouse Ceremony- 12 Noon

**Drum Call: Baba Dennis Minus**

**Libations and opening prayer: Nana Malaya**

**Welcome Address: Adrian Holmes**

**Presentation: Honorable Mayor Andrew Bradshaw**

**Remarks: Honorable Sidique Wai**

**Ambassador of Sierra Leone to the United States**

**A Resilience Tribute**

**Harriet Tubman: Gardenia Cornish**

**Dorchester County- Renae McKinney**

**Gloria Richardson- Victoria Jackson-Stanley**

**911 Moment of Silence**

**The Hill We Climb: Amanda Gorman**

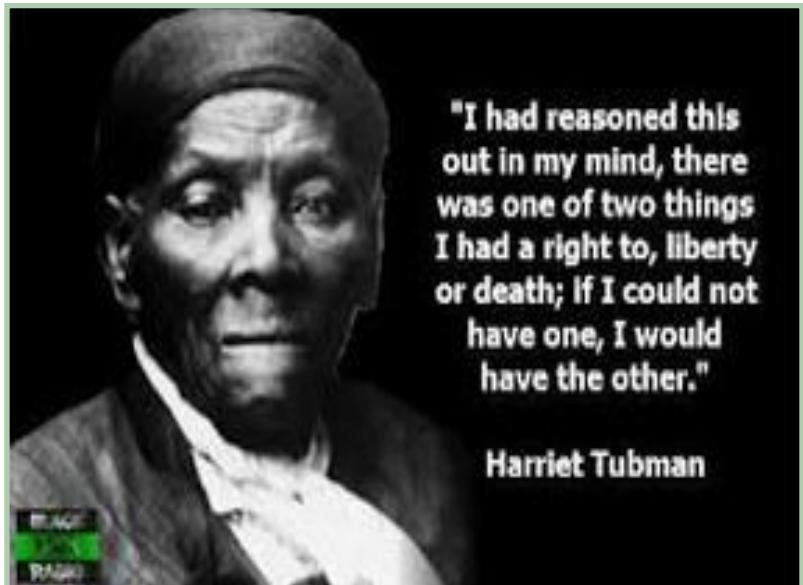
**Harriet's Journey Home Update: Amy Craig and Katie Day**

**Remarks: Dale Glenwood Green**





*The Sankofa bird symbol is derived from an African proverb, "Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi," which translates as "It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten."*



# Reading the Names of the Enslaved

## Community Readers:

- Shirley Jackson
- Mayor Victoria Stanley
- Steve Rideout
- Child- Jaden Belle
- Omeaka Jackson
- Greg Meekins
- Danielle Vanriel-Johnson
- Child- Keashia Molock
- Joseph Manokey
- Ellen Mousin
- Robin Stanley
- Child- Lanajha Cornish
- Alex Green
- Lisa Green
- Amanda Fenstermaker
- Child- Claudia Fenstamaker
- Elbert and Destin Green
- Dr. Theresa Stafford
- Child-Naomi Fenstamaker
- Regina Hartfield
- Mary Turner

- **Child-Isaac Fenstamaker**
- **Dormaim Green**
- **LaShon Foster**

## An 1850s Slave Schedule



Malone United Methodist Church  
Madison, Maryland

## Ties that Bind Faith, Family, Community

Driving Rt 16 south of Cambridge, Maryland takes you through the communities of Church Creek, Harrisville, Madison, Smithville, and Taylors Island.

Back in the day these communities were close knit. These communities were formed by free and enslaved African Americans dating to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. There was a church in each community. The churches were a focal point, serving as places of worship, schools, and gathering places for community activities such as picnics, the annual Camp Meeting, and May Day. Camp Meeting and May Day were special days of fellowship with families and friends from near and far. A time to go back home.

Residents walked the miles between communities to visit, work and to court that “special” one. There were well worn trails through the woods and fields to the communities. Many courtships resulted in marriage, families grew, and the communities were vibrant. The families remained close through the years, even as the populations declined as kinfolk moved to the city of Cambridge and beyond.

The cemetery at Malone’s church in Madison, MD is the resting place of many residents and descendants of the Harrisville and Madison communities.



**New Steeple**

Malone United Methodist Church closed in 1997. The last service was held on the annual May Day, May 18, 1997. The church at Harrisville, St. Paul United Methodist Church, closed in 2010.

The Harrisville Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund (HMCMF) are stewards of the Malone's Church, property and cemetery. HMCMF's mission is "to preserve the history and continue to educate the surrounding communities near and far of the breathtaking African American heritage of our ancestors from the Harrisville/Madison and neighboring

areas. To tell the stories of their faith, strength and love for their church, families and communities".

There is no active congregation so this volunteer group of residents and descendants is working to ensure the history is not lost. It is a labor of love. Restoration of Malone's Church is underway with the goal to restore the church and create an interpretive center.

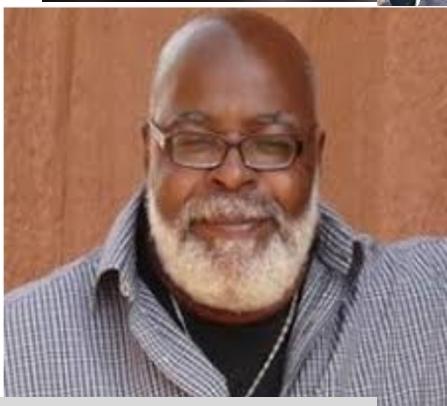
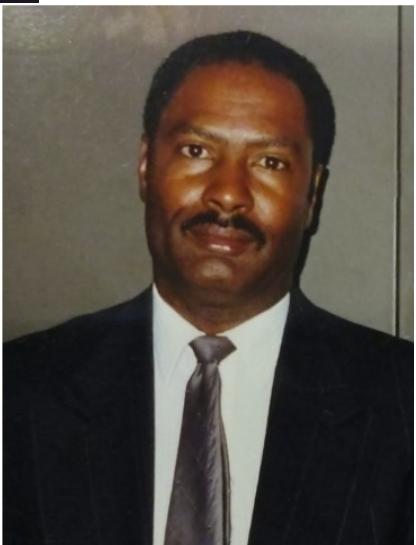
Malone's M.E. Church was built in the 1870s. The current structure was built in the 1890s and replaced the original chapel. The church was named one of Preservation Maryland's "Six-to Fix" and has received assistance in strategic planning. The church steeple was recently rebuilt. Funding for this project was provided in part by Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historic Trust.

**The property is located at 4573 White Marsh Rd, Madison MD (Stop #8 on The Harriet Tubman Byway).** Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to HMCMF, P.O. Box 143, Woolford, MD 21677.

By Candace Giles and Renee McKinney  
Harrisville Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund



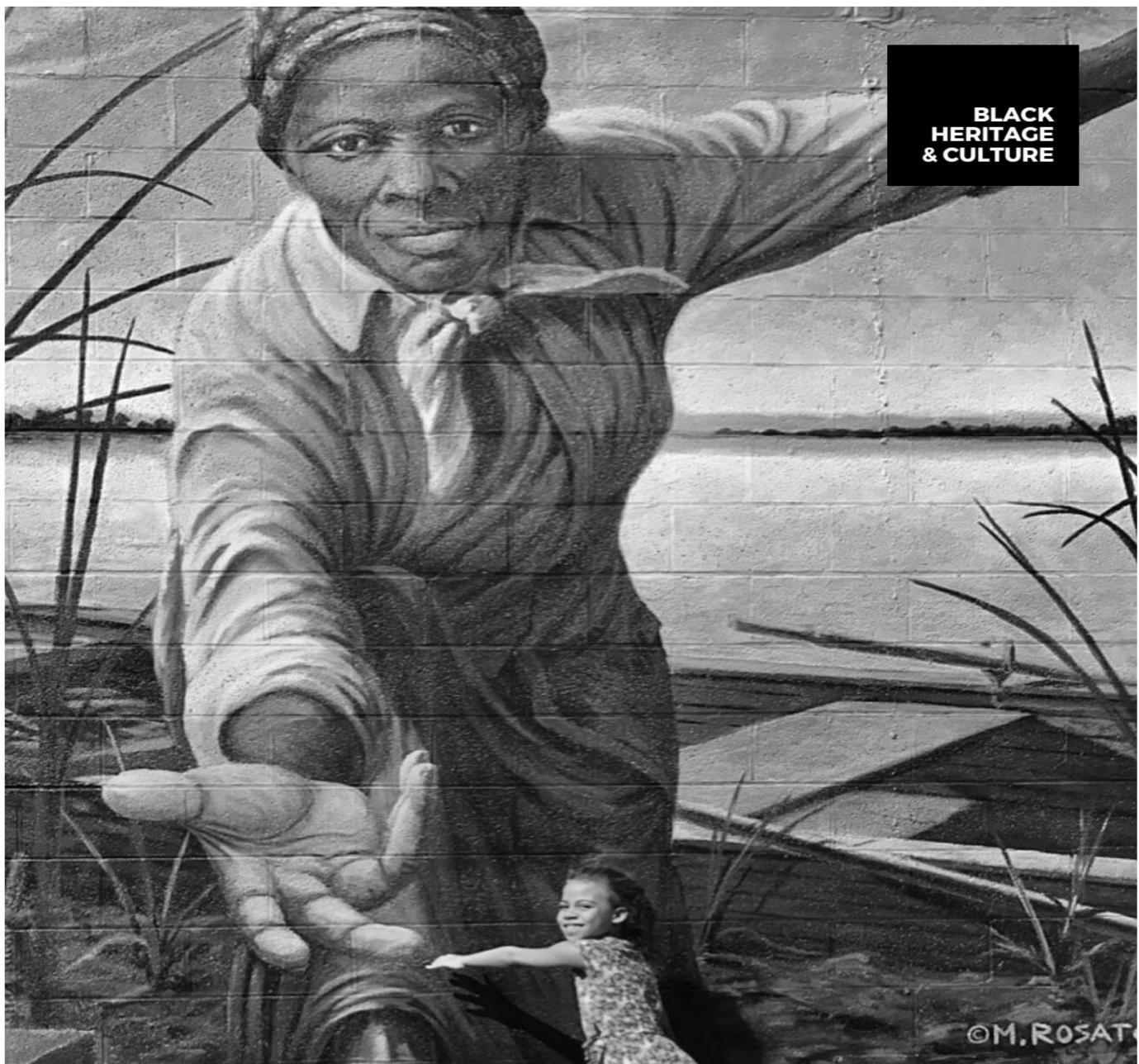
Donald Pinder



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## Lunch on your own 1:00-2:30 pm



Youth Ambassadors will have lunch with  
Ambassador Sidique Wai @  
1:45—2:1 5pm at the Harriet Tubman Mural

Our youth ambassadors are leaders in training, engage them in conversation and encourage them with their studies. We are extremely proud to have them with us today!

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**Saturday:** Easton Farmer's Market • Easton, MD: 8AM - 1PM



**The Harriet Tubman Legacy Coin (HTLC) was created as a fundraising tool to support Global Sustainable Partnerships (GSP) clean water projects for our kids in Tanzania and to help further support educational programs in our American schools that will help keep the spirit and legacy of Harriet Tubman alive to ensure that it is passed down from generation to generation. Each coin is numbered and comes with a Certificate of Authentication -- to purchase, please go to [www.tubmancoin.org](http://www.tubmancoin.org).**

Here is one of the testimonies about the coin:

*This gift of honoring the spirit of The Underground Railroad and it's most prolific, courageous conductor, Sister Harriet Tubman, via this keepsake minted coin, is rare and unique... It is a personal, magical, connection of spirits, hearts, "Herstory" and Pure Love for Sisters and the Sisterhood!*



**FRONTLINE**



## Harriet Tubman Town Hall on Africa: Strengthening the ties with Sierra Leone

Chesapeake College, Room 101

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Melvin Foote and  
Ambassador Sidique Wai

**"Constituency for Africa (CFA) Harriet Tubman  
Town Meeting on Africa"**

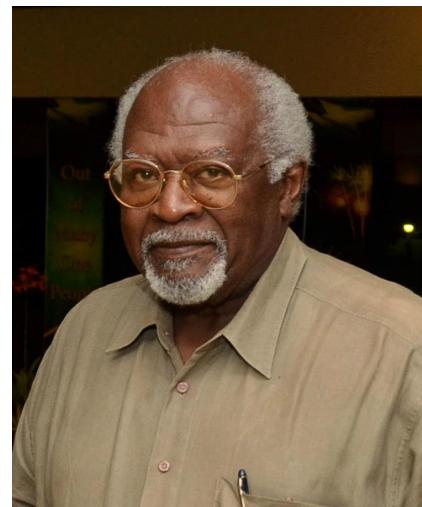
**FATMATA KOROMA  
BANGOURA**  
Cultural Ambassador for  
Sierra Leone

The Town Meeting is part of "Day of Resilience" organized annually in Cambridge by the community action agency, Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation, and other local community leaders. This year the focus is on establishing and strengthening ties between Cambridge, Maryland and the West African country of Sierra Leone.

**Founder/ Executive Director**  
**Taste Of Sierra Leone**  
**Culture and Fashion**  
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**Travel and Tours to Sierra Leone**  
**"Strengthening Ties with Sierra Leone"**  
Saturday, September 11, 2021

**VIP Guests:**  
Honorable Sidique Wai  
Ambassador of Sierra Leone to the United States  
Dr. Julius Garvey  
Son of the Honorable Marcus Garvey  
Melvin P. Foote  
Constituency for Africa (CFA)

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Dr. Julius Garvey



Constituency for Africa (CFA) Harriet Tubman

Town Meeting on Africa

“Strengthening Ties with Sierra Leone”

Saturday, September 11, 2021

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

For the third consecutive year, the Constituency for Africa (CFA), will open the annual Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series with the “Harriet Tubman Town Meeting on Africa”, in Cambridge, Maryland on the Eastern Shore. The Town Meeting is part of “Day of Resilience” organized annually in Cambridge by the community action agency, Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation, and other local community leaders. This year the focus is on establishing and strengthening ties between Cambridge, Maryland and the West African country of Sierra Leone!

Moderator

Dr. Nemata Blyden

Professor of History and International Affairs

George Washington University



**CONSTITUENCY FOR AFRICA**

**Opening Remarks**

Melvin P. Foote

Constituency for Africa (CFA)

Adrian Holmes

President

**Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation**

Mayor of Cambridge

Hon. Andrew Bradshaw

Michael Bryan/Perry Bromwell

National Youth Care Service

**Remarks and Introduction of the Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Julius Garvey

Son of the Honorable Marcus Garvey

**Keynote Address**

Honorable Sidique Wai

Ambassador of Sierra Leone to the United States

**Questions and Comments**

Shirley Smith

U.S. Africa Sister Cities Association

**Panel Discussion**

**"Ideas and Recommendations for Strengthening Ties Between Cambridge, MD and Sierra Leone"**

Stanley L. Straughter

Chair

African Caribbean Business Council

Philadelphia, PA

Dynast Amir

Founder and Director

In Search of UHURU

**(Bridging the Gap Between Africa and Her Diaspora)**

Fatamata Koroma-Bangoura

Cultural Ambassador for Sierra Leone

Sia Barbara Kamara

Chief Strategy Officer

DC Early Learning Collaborative

**Questions and Comments**

**Closing Remarks**

Jeannine B. Scott

Chairman

CFA Board of Directors

# Alpha Genesis CDC- A year in Review



## October 2020 Harriet's Journey Home

Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation is leading the charge to have a new statue created specifically for Dorchester County by Academy-award winning sculptor, Wesley Wofford. A dedicated team of volunteers including members of state and local government, the county Chamber of Commerce, the local Heritage Area, community organizations and schools are all actively involved in the endeavor.

Inspired by the traveling sculpture that graced the Dorchester County Courthouse entrance during the Day of Resilience 2020, a grass roots movement is gaining momentum to commission a permanent sculpture to honor Harriet Tubman in the community that was her home. We are seeking to raise \$250,000 before the installation date of September 10, 2022; on our 4th Annual Day of Resilience.

## November 2020 Partnership with Dorchester County Public Schools

Mr. John Khal, a 7th grade history teacher at Maces Lane Middle School, introduced his students to our Harriet's Journey Home fundraiser as a way to teaching his students. This presented an opportunity to provide DCPS students with a culturally rich program through various programs and events to engage and inspire them to learn more about Harriet Tubman and the local history of Dorchester County. The students desired to write a book about their journey and Alpha Genesis CDC sponsored a few events for the students through out the school year. The first event was a virtual assembly featuring actress Christine Dixon, who performed portions of her one woman show, Harriet Tubman herself. In February, partnership with Dorchester Center for the Arts and Habitat for Humanity Choptank, we sponsored a 3 week virtual sculpting class with Academy Award winning sculpture Wesley Wofford as well as a 5K bike ride in May. Bike the UGRR Byway offered a unique experience for students to ride on the the UGRR Byway from the local high school to the Harriet Tubman Visitors Center. The students book "Discovering Harriet" is available with a \$25 donation.



## **January 2021** **Cultural Imperative Program (CIP)**

The foundation of cultural awareness is built upon learning a historically accurate interpretation of African history and culture, which will positively impact the student's self-image and behavior, and strengthen their connection to African and African American people, places and things. The CIP program is designed to help student embrace Africa as a foundation for historical and cultural identity in to recognize and materialize their potential for greatness through self-determination, hard-work, perseverance and education. This year, we had 8 students enrolled and a committed staff of 4 African American male instructors.

## **February 2021** **Community Legacy Grant**

AGCDC applied for and was awarded a Community Legacy grant from the Department of Housing and Community Legacy, for the acquisition of the properties located at 428, 430 and 432 Race Street in Cambridge, MD. This acquisition is an important step for Alpha Genesis and our continuing work to build economically strengthened neighborhoods and communities rich in culture, history and purpose. Alpha Genesis has repeatedly demonstrated commitment to the power of art, culture, education and community – and in the synergy and collective creativity of that collaboration. We have been in the forefront orchestrating community conversations and producing public art projects that unite, enrich and uplift Dorchester County.



The property on Race Street embraces that mission and will give us a “home” with office space on the second floor. With the magnificent “Take My Hand” mural on an outside wall, this location provides an ideal setting for Alpha Genesis to continue to expand and grow capacity while honoring the rich history that already marks the site. We will be strategically positioned as a legacy builder, empowering and inspiring a younger generation to carry on their commitment to better our community and celebrate our heritage.



## **April 2021** **Legislative Bond**

The purpose of this project is to renovate, beautify and maximize the viewing area surrounding the nationally acclaimed Harriet Tubman Mural -Take My Hand created by artist Michael Rosato. This mural has brought thousands of visitors to our downtown but is located in a back parking lot with garbage cans, broken asphalt and limited accessibility.

This project creates a partnership with the City of Cambridge and the state, to creating a four-season, multipurpose outdoor pavilion encompassing the mural, the 10,000 sq. ft. parking area and the adjacent Cannery Way Park. This area could host outdoor concerts, public art gallery as well as outdoor festivals. During the current pandemic, the outdoor appeal of this venue has made it extremely attractive for visitors seeking safe outdoor spaces; a covered pavilion would extend their visit downtown; potentially increasing the sales revenue for local businesses.

# Alpha Genesis CDC- A year in Review

*June 2021*

## Juneteenth /Black Lives Matter Street Mural

This year we celebrated Juneteenth by freshening up the Black Lives Matter mural which was installed a year ago after the murder of George Floyd. Alpha Genesis CDC facilitated this project with lead artist Mariam Moran and several community partners; The City of Cambridge, Dorchester Center for the Arts, Sherwin Williams, WHCP and Habitat for Humanity Choptank.

In light of Juneteenth now becoming a national holiday, updating the mural each year seems to be a befitting tradition. This message is also a reminder to our community that our lives MUST matter first to each other. Earlier this year, Cambridge experienced an increase in murders and violent crimes, so the retouching of the mural this year was a simple reminder to ourselves.

We are happy to see new murals being painted around the city. The power of art, history and place can change the trajectory of a community. Each year, we have more than 50 artists and volunteers come out to paint; they are young, old, black, white, democrat and republican. Public art is a unique way to connect, learn and grow; individually and collectively. AGCDC will continue to support the momentum and excitement created through murals, public art and creative place making. Art changes people and people change the world!



We are grateful for a wonderful year, we look forward to seeing you next year for the installation of the Harriet Tubman Statue—A Beacon of Hope!



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To Feel Great  
Happiness and  
Joy for the  
Progress We  
Have Made.....**

**Drum Ceremony Starts at 5:30 pm  
at the Black Lives Matter Street Mural**

**DAAND L ÑOL AFRICAN DRUM ENSEMBLE**

Baba Dennis Minus

Baba Anthony Taylor

Maurice LeBron

Kiera Amiyah Taylor

Quincy Jones

Nore't Forman-Jones (Mascot)

Gahel Auguste

Zahir Mapp

### **Dancers**

Dr. Tamica Potts

Gael Auguste

Adasia Potts

1. Egbe Procession - Rhythm: Slow 6/8 then fast 6/6 with 1st solos from dancers from semi circle formation
2. Funga Alafia - Rhythm / Funga Alafia
3. Ku Ku - Rhythm / Ku Ku
4. Lamba - Rhythm / Lamba
5. Drum Performance - (short break for dancers)  
Rhythm with drum solos



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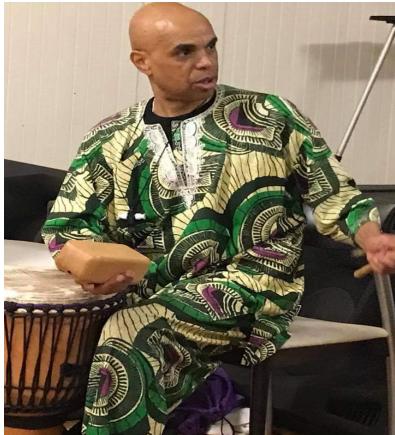
**Thanks to NYCS for providing music, technical and sound support!**

**DJ Rany P for sound and video production**

**Urban Vision Works for video and sound production**

**Alvin Cain,- Photography**

# Biographies of Participants and Supporters of “A Day of Resilience” 2021



**Eurica Huggins-Axum**, Co-Founder and Director of International Affairs for the African Diaspora Ancestral Commemoration Institute (ADACI) is a senior international relations and global educational leadership exchange professional with over 20 years of progressive experience in the management of professional exchange programs for foreign leaders from all regions of the world including special initiatives for the U.S. Department of State and the White House. As a cultural activist, Eurica has worked with world renowned scholars, artists, activists, and faith-based leaders to create programs for ADACI. She established branches of ADACI in Senegal, Nigeria, Brazil, and Cameroon. Foreign governments, NGOs and educational institutions have invited her to speak on issues around Africa and the African diaspora. She is a recipient of numerous awards including the Distinguished 400 Award from the 400 Years of African American History Congressional Commission Award.

## Nana Malaya Rucker-Oparabea

**Nana Malaya Rucker-Oparabea** • Accomplished actress, dancer, songstress, storyteller, poet and writer, and director/choreographer. A performer since early childhood, Nana Malaya was one of the youngest members of August Wilson's first professional theater company, *The Black Horizons Theater*. She eventually became a choreographer for the Pulitzer prize-winning playwright. As founder of *The Nubian Dance Theater*, her experiences with the company provided her with the opportunity to perform at many major venues including the Historic Lincoln Theatre, the Anacostia Museum, and the Smithsonian Museum of African Art. Referred to as "The Dancing Diplomat", her performance career has carried her to many places around the world including Barbados, Jamaica, Ghana, Japan, Scotland, and Hawaii.



## Gardenia Cornish,



I am a native of Dorchester County, Maryland. I graduated from Cambridge Senior High School, Cambridge, Maryland and from Sojourner Douglas College, Com Laude (Baltimore, Maryland). I am currently retired.

My employment history has been in public service, which allowed me to meet people of various nationalities and backgrounds. This experience led me to identify my purpose and to complete one of my greatest accomplishments. I am excited that my first book, a book of poetry entitled "**Are My Thoughts Your Thoughts?**" will soon be published in 2021. My desire is to encourage and uplift others to overcome their pain. Never forgetting that it's not over until God says it's over.



## Renna McKinney,

a native of Dorchester County, loves to sing. She became involved with the African-American heritage of the Harrisville and Madison neighbors through her mother, Clementine Dickerson which carried forward the legacy of Harriet Tubman within African American community. McKinney is also president of the Harrisville/Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund and has strong ties to two local African-American churches: St. Paul's Church in Harrisville and Malone Church in Madison, both of which are listed on the Maryland Historical Trust historical property inventory.

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# TEACHING WITH TEXTILES IN THE CLASS ROOM

# **Return to the Source**



Reggie Upshaw and TKQ will be reigniting the "Nothing Like This Tour" at the Harriet Tubman Museum and Education Center (Cambridge, MD) as a part of their Jazz at The Mural series. Upshaw will be fortifying the fiery sounds of the Terry Koger Quartet (TKQ) to form his style of jazz and funk. Their fusion of the classics with original pieces plus Latin and Brazilian tunes are the new standards. From Omar to Jobim you will find nothing like the music of Reggie and TKQ.

He launched his new website, [www.ReggieUpshawJazz.com](http://www.ReggieUpshawJazz.com) Find out where he is and see where he is going!

## **Sydney SmithJordan**



**"Passages"**  
18X24 Oil and Collage  
on burlap  
2020

This piece is about the history of slavery and the passages of escape used by Harriet Tubman.

Sydney SmithJordan is a freelance artist/illustrator. She has had over twenty-five years in various fields of art. Sydney has chosen to assert the majority of her attention to fine art and illustration since 1995. She has worked for both commercial and private venues nationally and internationally.

Educated in fine art at College of Design, Art and Architecture at Santa Monica College under the mentorship of Ronn Davis; She also studied illustration at Rhode Island School of Design. Her works have been collected by such names as Park Overall, Whoopi Goldberg, Patti La Belle, Forrest Whitaker, Denzel Washington, Damien Escobar and Sylvester Stallone.

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## Anthony "Tony" Cohen

Anthony Cohen is an historian, author, and explorer of the American past. An early purveyor of experiential history, Cohen launched his career in 1996, walking two months from Maryland to Canada, along a route of the Underground Railroad; the secret route to freedom for American slaves. Cohen is the Founder and President of *The Menare Foundation, Inc.*, a national non-profit organization, "Preserving the Legacy of the Underground Railroad" and operates the Button Farm Living History Center, a 40 acre farm depicting 1850s plantation life in Maryland.



He has served as a consultant to the National Parks Conservation Association, Maryland Public Television, NASA among others and trained Oprah Winfrey for her role as Sethe in the 1998 motion picture *Beloved*. Cohen is a founding member of the Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project. And he is the co-author of the forthcoming book **Great Escapes: Journeys on Maryland's Underground Railroad** to be released in Winter 2022.

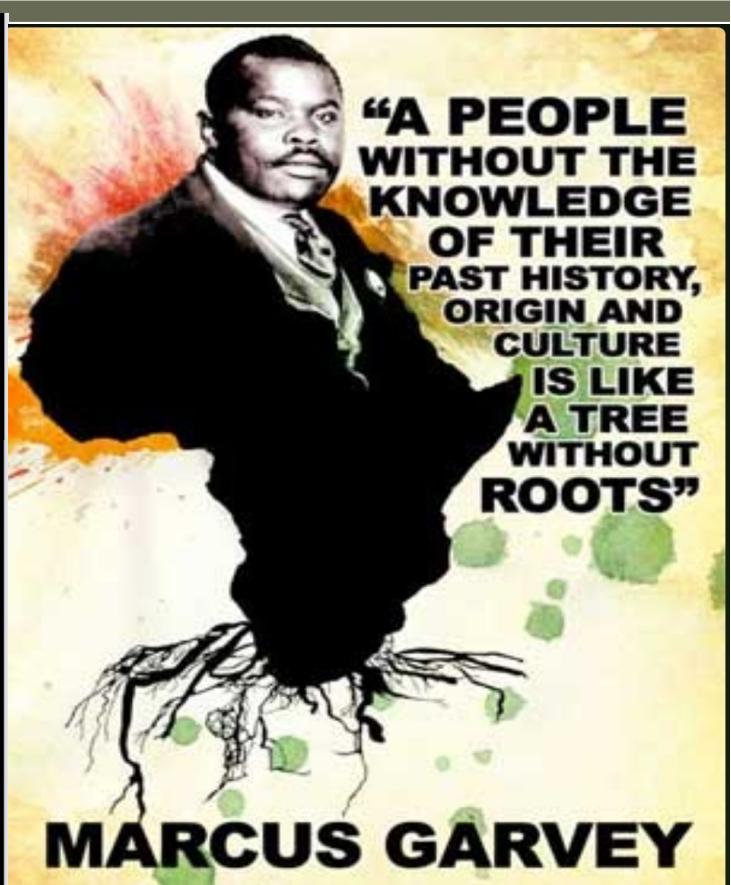
## **Reconcile.....**

***To recognize that the past can not be changed but that history moves forward and brings change if we fight.....***

**Suzette Pritchett**



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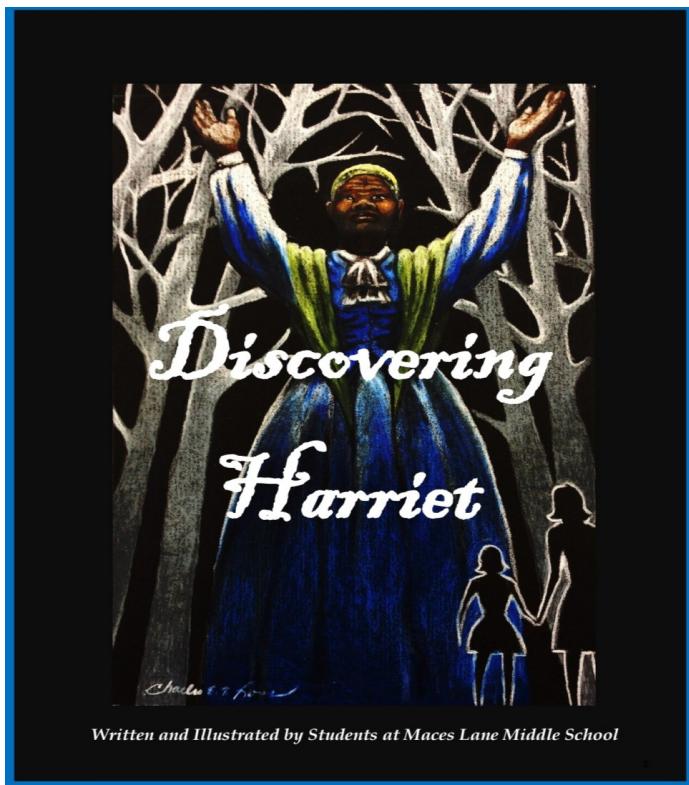
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