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Unity Mission
To improve the quality of life of the historically underserved residents of the 4th and 5th Council Districts of Joliet, IL, by holistically addressing their needs in the areas of Housing and Commercial Development, Recreation and Education, Employment and Human Services, Small Business Development, Neighborhood Organizing and Transportation. Visit this link to view the Quality of Life Plan. http://www.unitycdc.org/qualityoflife.html

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2010 Black Pride Events Coming Soon

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Unity Community Development Corporation continues its plans and coordination for the 2010 Joliet Black Pride.

However, we need your assistance with volunteering and support. As you may know, the late Dave L. Evans was the co-founder and Chairman of Joliet Black Pride Inc., established in 1987 to promote the positive aspects of the African American community. Over the last 22 years, Black Pride has sponsored parades, recognition banquets, essay contests, youth activities, and gospel concerts.

Last year the Black Pride parade had 90 units in the parade which made it one of the largest parades in Will County. Additionally, there were over 800 participants supporting the Black Pride picnic.

However, with your support and pride, Unity CDC can make the Joliet Black Pride Festivities a continued reality. There is no parade entry fee. However, we are requesting a $25.00 donation, which will help pay for the City of Joliet Law Enforcement Services. Business owners can take advantage of our high exposure marketing/branding opportunities. Visit www.unitycdc.org for more details.

The dates for the Black Pride Picnic will be Saturday, September 18, 2010, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM and the Black Pride Parade, (with a downtown Joliet route), on Sunday, September 19, 2010, 2:45 PM Sharp! To make the parade a continued success, we are requesting your attendance at a series of Special Meetings to inform you of the picnic and parade plans, and seek your commitment to volunteer your time and resources.

The Special Meetings will be held; Thursday, September 9, 2010 - Monday, September 13, 2010 - Thursday, September 16, 2010, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Unity CDC, Center for Working Families, Dave L. Evans Campus, located at 201 S. Briggs St. Joliet, IL (formerly St Mary Magdalene School)

To register, volunteer, and donate visit: http://www.unitycdc.org
Thank you for your continued support,

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2009 Black Pride Float Winner: Joliet Junior
2009 Grand Marshall: Dave Evans Family
2009 Black Pride Band Winner: Proviso East Smooth & Silk Entertainment
2009 Black Pride Float Winner: Joliet Junior
Unity CDC: Black Pride Event Coordinator
Black Pride Picnic: BBQ Cooking Contest
Black Pride Event Commentators
Unity CDC: Black Pride Event Coordinators
Joliet Central Band
Buffalo Soldiers: Joliet Illinois
"A New Day"
On August 30, 2010, Unity Community Development Corporation launches homework tutor assistance, recreation and nutritional program.

Unity’s objectives are:

To increase literacy and promote academic excellence by providing homework help assistance for youth, ages 6 to 18 years in the 4th and 5th District of Joliet.

To provide tools and resources for parents, students and teachers to ensure successful transition in school.

To improve self esteem through participation in recreational activities and to promote healthier children through providing nutritious meals to reduce instances of childhood obesity.

To provide a safe environment for vulnerable youth and provide alternatives to drugs, violence and gang activities.

Participants will receive a snack upon arrival and a hot nutritional dinner with milk two hours later.

Additional compliances will be provided:

⇒ ISBE Certified Meals
⇒ Meals meet all state and government regulations
⇒ Certified Cooks by the State of Illinois
Food program will be monitored by the state.

For more information and registration visit Unity CDC at www.unitycdc.org or call Bettye Gavin, 815-722-9200