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A Hot Mess at the Mott

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, Ph.D.
The Truth Contributor



We have a natural tendency to remember what we should forget and forget what we should remember.
- Mark Batterson

THE PLACE WAS ABUZZ when I entered the crowded meeting room at the Mott Branch Library. The excitement continued as the young female architect from The Collaborative began her presentation. Moments later, however, after a side-eyed question from the audience about the project's funding, the meeting quickly went sideways.

For the next two hours, the meeting became another typical community bitch fest about who would benefit from a \$25,000 grant and Dorr Street's former glory and how it was stolen from the Black community by the white establishment.

How did a \$25,000 grant from General Motors to the City of Toledo put the Black community in such an uproar, echoing even in the far reaches of City Hall and becoming the talk of the town?

The back story:

General Motors advertised a small, \$25,000 grant available to the 81 certified GM communities in the United States. The City of Toledo applied at the 11th hour, writing the grant on a minimal scope to explore development possibilities on three pieces of City-owned property near Dorr Street and Detroit Avenue.

Toledo was successfully awarded the grant, City Council approved it, and the Plan Commission hired The Collaborative to do a visioning study for the Historic Dorr Street but limited to the three aforementioned City-owned properties. The City arranged a community engagement meeting to view some of the ideas The Collaborative came up with, see what the community thought about them, and then do a final refined drawing.

Unfortunately, instead of a healthy community meeting presentation for the Historic Dorr Street Visioning Study, we had a hot mess at the Mott.

Here are a few takeaways from several attendees and suggestions on revitalizing Historic Dorr Street, the Black community's former pride and joy, as other ethnic groups and minorities have previously done in Toledo.

Let the vision determine the budget and not the budget determine the vision.

The first hurdle to a healthy meeting came from city planners' representatives. Clearly, the presenter made "assumptions" about the Black community when suggesting "pop-up" businesses in temporary buildings, which did not go over well.

"You have to be careful about how we present things to our people. You don't present a plan and then ask for ideas. That's backward." Councilwoman Cerssandra McPherson told me, "you first ask for ideas and then prepare a plan."

"To do otherwise is to give the impression that they didn't even take the time to find out what we want; you want to just give us something and say pick one. That was insulting," added McPherson.

Tina Butts was also quick to weigh in. "What they should've done was talk to people before that, such as people that now have businesses. They should have had the beautiful young Toledo woman who does cupcakes on those screens. They should have written her name out there and had her and a couple of other black businesses standing in front of it. Then it would've hit home."

"I didn't know what I was walking into. All we knew was supposed to be ... continued on page 11

Community Calendar

Sept 1

Braden United: Women in Faith will host First Friday Game Night in the church gym on Friday, 6-8PM. Free admission

Sept 24

Greater St. Mary's MBC: Women's Day celebration; 4 pm; "Walking in Unity;" Guest speaker - Evangelist Natalyn Newsome; Colors - white w/red accessories or come as you are

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Black Students Make Voices Heard at 60th Anniversary of March on Washington

By Alecia Taylor

Howard University News Service

Black students from all over the nation gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to celebrate and continue marching for freedom and equal opportunities.

Thousands of people showed up Saturday morning to hear speakers honor the anniversary of the 1963 March for Jobs and Freedom, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. The 1963 march drew over a quarter of a million people from all over the nation, from different racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Many speakers such as King and John Lewis were scholars from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Echoing their predecessors, Black students attended the anniversary march to continue the legacy of those who stood as demonstrators 60 years before them.

Devonte King, a senior political science and economics double major at Howard University, attended the march with the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Alpha Chapter. During the pandemic King attended rallies for Black Lives Matter, but he found himself soaking in the historical significance of this march in particular.

"I've never been to something of this magnitude before," he said. "There's so many people and the magnitude of the 60th anniversary is very historic."

King reflected on his organization's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, spotlighting A. Philip Randolph, a labor activist who was also a Sigma. Randolph is credited by many as one of the predecessors of the mass demonstration that became the 1963 March on Washington.

Randolph was an advocate for ending employment discrimination as well as banning segregation within the armed forces. He founded the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925 to improve the working conditions for African Americans working for the Pullman Company.

Some Phi Beta Sigma's core values are brotherhood, scholarship and service, King said. Like many members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, King and his brothers continue the fight for education and equal opportunities like the Civil Rights leaders who were also part of the council.

Divine Nine members could be seen throughout the crowd, with many of their presidents speaking on behalf of the individual Black fraternities and sororities.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, Beta Chapter at Howard University, in collaboration with the Collegiate 100 and the Howard NAACP, assisted with organizing for Howard students to attend the anniversary march. Other organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women Howard Section honored those who came before them and their contribution in the march 60 years ago.

Students from Florida chanted "No Justice, No peace!" along with speakers, citing Florida's laws as anti-Black.

Safia Walker and Anylia Blue said they traveled with classmates from Florida State University not only to honor the anniversary of the March on Washington, but also "advocating for their rights."

"We're marching for the educational rights that were taken away from us by Ron DeSantis," Blue said of Florida's governor.

During the legislative session, DeSantis signed hundreds of bills pertaining to education, gender and sexuality, and immigration, causing push back from many marginalized groups. Among the bills the students mentioned were the Florida House Bill 1557, also known as the "Don't Say Gay" bill prohibiting public schools from instructing on gender and sexuality in grades kindergarten through third grade and the Florida Senate Bill 266, which prohibits public universities from spending state funding on diversity and inclusion programs.

Students from Florida A&M University, the state's only public HBCU, also came to Washington to make sure their voices were heard.

"We have a lot of stuff we're fighting against," Jovan Mitkens, a political science major at FAMU, said. "African American studies is under attack, even LGBTQ [members] are under attack."

As the president of FAMU College Democrats, Mitkens said his organization enforces education, engagement and empowerment by hosting panel discussions, registering people to vote and attending marches such as the one on the Lincoln Memorial.

Alyssa Gooby and Aniya Wright, students from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, drove over two hours to take part in what they referred to as a historic moment.

African Americans have come a long way, Gooby said, "to be able to march here freely and be able to have so many different opportunities nowadays."

The pair said they enjoyed being surrounded by the unity of the different

students who came to the march. They were proud to hear some speakers address issues such as police brutality and mental health in the Black community, topics they feel were not previously talked about enough.

In total, Lincoln brought about 60 students by shuttle to partake in the march, according to the students.

Many marchers brought along their younger children, giving them signs and educating them on the history of discrimination in America.

Among the children were T'Kyrra Terrell, six-year-old who sat on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial with her grandmother Malita Tyre. Tyre said her granddaughter has been attending marches since the age of two; one of the more recent marches being in 2022 to commemorate civil rights activists who were beaten while marching from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, on Bloody Sunday in 1965.

Zion Douett, 17, and her brother, Samuel, 13, of New York City drove to the nation's capital with their father James Douett. The two siblings said even if their father didn't bring them to the march, they would still want to attend.

"Everybody needs their support; everyone needs their attention," Samuel said.

His sister added their generation must start paying attention and collaborating with older generations.

"[My generation] will say something but they don't always do something. They say, 'Oh we should do this or do that' but they really don't do it," Zion said. "How crazy the policies are getting ... how strict everything is getting, we have to do something. We can start small."

Alecia Taylor is a reporter for HUNewsService.com.



T'Kyrra Terrell sits on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial listening to the speakers from Saturday's March. (Photo: Alecia Taylor/HUNewsService.com)



Briana Lawimore and Zamarie Grayson, members of National Council of Negro Women Howard Section pose with other members of NCNW. (Photo: Alecia Taylor/HUNewsService.com)

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African Americans Need Better Access to Health Care

By Paul Hubbard
Guest Column

African Americans don't have good access to needed health care. The reasons are many – lack of insurance, lack of transportation, lack of money for the co-pay and lack of motivation, etc. However, there are things African Americans can do at home without much effort on a daily basis. Cut this article out and tape it to your refrigerator or bathroom door to view every day.

Low-income senior citizens, in particular, should develop these following daily health habits. Habits are simply learned behaviors that repeat when paired with a contextual cue, explains licensed clinical psychologist Athey-Lloyds, of Reflection Psychological Services in NY. James Clear's Atomic Habits says "things need to be obvious, attractive, easy, satisfying to develop positive habits."

Here are good daily Health Habits for African Americans to develop:
Stay hydrated because every cell in our body needs water to function. Water helps keep us lubricated, it regulates our temperature, delivers nutrients to our cells, assists digestion and organ function and supports our sleep, mood, cognition and more. We need about 10 cups of water per day says the CDC. If you don't like the taste of water, put a no-sugar favoring in it as I do.

Let's get better sleep by going to bed at the same time every night. Turn cell phones and TV off and read a book or write in your journal. Have a nice sleep, place herbal scent in your bedroom that tells you it is bedtime. Find a form of Zen or meditation to practice in your bedroom. This will relief stress also.

Prepare healthy meals because meal prep can be a huge help when it comes to including all the building blocks of our bodies. Eat meals of vegetables, whole grain, lean meat, healthy fats and fruits. Avoid sugar, salt and processed



Paul Hubbard

or fried foods. There are soul foods that fit all of the above healthy categories.

Walk regularly about 30 minutes a day, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says over 50 percent of Americans don't get enough aerobic activity per week. Research by American Heart Association confirms that walking will reduce risk of heart disease and other chronic diseases. Walking improves mood and mental health.

Maintain motivation and positive thinking. We all have challenging days but don't let the lack of momentum or bad mood derail your daily healthy habits. Building in motivation and positive thinking as a healthy habit can help you stay centered and on track so your new health habit practices can become life-long solutions, says "Good Housekeeping" magazine.

Rev. Al Sharpton Addresses the Similarities of Civil Rights and the Bible at Chapel

By Alecia Taylor
Howard University News Service

Rev. Al Sharpton delivered a sermon intertwining race, politics and religion Sunday morning at Howard University's chapel, a day after leading the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington.

Before the activist minister took the stage, many student leaders such as Nia Naylor, president of the Howard University Student Association, Murphy Jones, the vice president, and other student leaders gave remarks about the start of the semester. Hundreds of attendees filled Cramton Auditorium for the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel's service with over 300 people tuned in through the YouTube livestream.

Sharpton is known for his often taboo fusion of religion, current events and politics, and his sermon at the chapel was no different. H addressed the activism in the church, the political climate, racism and bigotry, resonating with many attendees. He spoke about his experiences of people and churches requesting that he not talk about politics.

"If you don't want to preach the book the way it is, then go do something else," he said. "Don't act like we got a misinterpretation of the Scripture. Just get up and say you're scared, and sit down and shut up and let somebody that's not scared say what needs to be said."

His words caused the crowd to clap in agreement. Sharpton insisted that the

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The Dorr Street Community Visioning Session at Mott Branch

By Dawn Scotland
The Truth Reporter

The Collaborative, an architecture, design and planning firm, in partnership with the City of Toledo, held a Community Visioning Session for the Dorr Street Corridor at Mott Branch Library Tuesday, August 22. The project was commissioned by the City of Toledo as a part of a \$25,000 grant awarded to the city by General Motors.

On Tuesday afternoon about 100 community members, officials and business owners attended the presentation and visioning session for the historic Dorr Street corridor.

General Motors awarded the City of Toledo a GM on Main Street Grant of \$25,000 "to fund a site-specific visioning effort for the series of City-owned parcels along Dorr Street, between Hoag Street and Smead Avenue." Historically, the Dorr Street corridor was the hub of hundreds of Black-owned businesses and residential housing that were razed due to urban renewal policies of the 1970s.

"The goal of this project is to explore potential redevelopment opportunities and generate recommendations that support ongoing community efforts to re-activate this once thriving commercial corridor," said Rachel Momenie, senior planner of the Collaborative.

The Collaborative "is an architecture, design and planning firm with offices in Toledo and Ann Arbor." The group's past projects include the new Glass City Center downtown, the Key Bank Theatre at Imagination Station, and the Huntington Center among others. (source: tc.design).

Key members of the community gave remarks preceding the presentation including Councilwoman At-Large Cerssandra McPherson; Suzzette Cowell, president and CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union; Pastor Willie Perryman of the Jerusalem Baptist Church and president of the NAACP and Robert Smith, CEO and founder of the African American Legacy Project. The leaders spoke of history of the once bustling corridor and ongoing efforts to improve Dorr St. including the TUFUCU's new resource center that will be located on Dorr, Detroit and Palmwood.

Momenie outlined the historic and current uses of the city owned and currently vacant parcels along the section of Smead to Hoag on Dorr St. and provided the Collaborative's ideas:

- 1. Enhance Dorr Street to improve pedestrian experience**
 - Add a planted median
 - Reduce Travel Lane widths to slow traffic
 - Include 10' Multipurpose path connecting Englewood & Junction neighborhoods to Downtown
 - On -street parking and Flexible Tree Lawn / Planted Are
- 2. Redevelop sites to make more urban and mixed-use**
 - Target Commercial Mixed -Use Zoning and Pedestrian Overlay District
 - Develop a building street wall 0' setback
 - Add Public/Private Zone with seating
 - Develop a mix of uses including residential
- 3. Respect existing single -family uses**
 - Setback future development from the alley as a buffer
 - Create intentional pocket parks and connections into neighborhood
- 4. Activate in the near term with pop -up uses and programming**
 - Create intentional areas for gathering and programming
 - Consider pre -fabricated structures like shipping containers or sheds for commercial use
 - Reflect the Dorr Street Corridor History and Culture
 - Support on-going community planning and efforts to re -activate the corridor.



Community members listen to the presentation revisoning Dorr St. at Mott Branch Library



Map of property owned by the City of Toledo along Dorr between Smead and Hoag St

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- Include uses that represent the communities needs and desires
- Include public art & references to historic uses

The Collaboratives also showed various examples of these developments in places like Chicago, IL; San Jose, CA and Seattle, WA. Including modified shipping container marketplace in place of brick and motors stores to provide low-cost options for businesses in Portland, OR.

Many community members voiced their discontent and concern, voicing that they wanted an opportunity for input prior to the recommendations provided by the firm. Others addressed the mistrust in the community due to the results of previous government planning including urban renewal and the concern of being removed and displaced due to new redevelopment.

Several attendees addressed the need for and questioned the opportunity for ownership in future development. "What happens to the families, the single family homes, where is the ownership?", said 70 year+ resident Doris Greer. "Who owns these pre-fab partial buildings?... we're talking about Dorr St. that had ownership of brick and mortar or we ran a business out of brick and mortars... is the city going to offer some of this land to be owned by the people in this room?"

Others commented that there was a lack of community input and an oversight of cultural needs and desires in the project. "These need to come somewhere in the beginning of your thinking..." expressed Greer. Many agreed.

The Collaborative ensured that this is "a small part of the on-going community effort to envision the revitalization of the Dorr Street Corridor." They relayed along with the representatives present from the City of Toledo that the findings can be used in conjunction with other projects regarding the revitalization of Dorr Street and serve as a touch point in conversations to generate future investment and development in the area.

The firm's presentation ended with the group asking community members to engage in an exercise to express their feedback, concerns and suggestions about the Dorr St. Corridor on boards with post-it notes.



Rev. Willie Perryman President of NAACP, Suzette Cowell CEO of TUFCU and Robert Smith, Director of the AALP offer remarks preceding the presentation given by the Collaborative



Community member Robert Gorree, among others present, pose questions and concerns

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Donnetta Carter: A Social Butterfly Shining a Bright Light on So Many Others

By Asia Nail

The Truth Reporter

Meet Donnetta Carter, a master of juggling life's flavors with her own special seasoning. Armed with a master's of Social Work from the University of Toledo and a heaping spoonful of entrepreneurial zest, she's the captain of her ship, steering her empire *The Social Butterfly* through the bustling urban landscape.

"I don't just plan events, I produce unforgettable experiences," Carter explains.

Carter isn't about sticking to the script. Diversity, equity and inclusion aren't just buzzwords to her – they're the colors on her palette. She's all about crafting events that reflect the rich tapestry of life. Whether it's a soulful concert or a networking shindig, everyone's invited to her event, and she's making sure no one's left out.

The Social Butterfly organizes Expos such as: Small Business Saturday, Business & Health EXPO and Holiday Bazaar. Donnetta Carter also hosts fundraisers for non-profit organizations throughout northwest Ohio and surrounding areas. Her promotion and marketing of concerts, events, summits, conferences and more is robust to say the least.

"I'm a unifier, a collaborator, a bridge builder," Carter says.

Small businesses aren't just stats on paper to Donnetta – they're dreams she's nurturing with her own hands. "Gaining exposure, increasing networking opportunities, and customer engagement are all things I make sure to incorporate in my small business events," she explains. "These are the activities that help small businesses increase their revenue."

Last Saturday local business vendors did just that as they lit up Ottawa Park with fun and festivities. And Carter is happy to report her Small Business Saturday was a success again this year! "Mike Williams on sax really made the atmosphere special," she shares.

Now, *The Social Butterfly* isn't just stacking events like a deck of cards, either. "I'm on a mission to uplift our community," she says. "Fundraisers aren't just about dollars and cents to me – they're about pouring our hearts and souls into causes that matter."

Hold onto your hats (or better yet, grab your biggest one) – because *The Social Butterfly's* 4th Annual Sundresses & Big Hats Day Party Fundraiser is about to hit Toledo this September 10, 2023.

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Donnetta Carter



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Bethesda Christian Center Donates the Entire "Shoe Store" to the Community

Special To The Truth

Bethesda Christian Center has been around for 25 years in the Toledo community and the one thing that they have been known for is the MINISTRY OF HELPS. Much of what has happened during these 25 years started in a warehouse at 2138 Ashland Ave., which has followed them and remained paramount to their mission at the present location at 5967 Telegraph Rd.

Bishop Marjorie Holt, Founding Senior Pastor of Bethesda, has been delivering service to the community as a servant called by God to do just that, SERVE. She has served in many areas ranging from an entrepreneur, college professor, social service professional, government official, community activist, and so much more. However, the greatest reward for her has been derived from her insurmountable GIFT OF GIVING.

Bethesda has always been marketplace friendly with an entrepreneurial spirit harvested in each of its buildings, with the mission to instill the need and opportunity for young people and others with special talents, to launch their own businesses that would encourage and enable them to become independent.

Recently, that same spirit became prevalent in the opening of THE SHOE STORE, where more than 500 pairs of ladies new and gently worn made their way to the Summit Street Shopping Plaza on Summit Street in Point Place.

While the intent was to remain a store, a thought gave way to Bishop Holt that would ultimately resonate which led to the notion that it would be a God-giving reward to just donate the shoe store to those who would benefit from receiving nice shoes. The shoe types ranged from tennis shoes, casual and dressy flats, evening wears, designer heels, sandals, boots, and more.

This notion became a reality. She has been donating to community ever since the vision re-enforced itself. Many of the shoes have been given to women's shelters, families, churches, drop off locations and individuals in



Bishop Marjorie Holt



need of shoes for the entire family. Any remaining shoes left after August 28, the closing date, will be donated to Grace Community Center, where individuals and families will still have access to them.

The SHOE STORE is located at 6204 Summit Street in the Shopping Plaza next to the Restaurant. You may call 567.225.4902 for an appointment to visit the store, as pickup is by appointment only.

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Toledo Chapter of The Links Host "Links and Friends" Reception

By Dawn Scotland
The Truth Reporter

The Toledo Chapter of The Links, Inc. held a "Links and Friends" reception August 24 in the Toledo Museum of Art's Cloister Gallery commemorating a charter member and the contributions of the members of the Toledo Links to the Toledo Museum of Art. The event included a viewing of famed painter Jacob Lawrence's special exhibit, African-inspired cuisine and drumming from JP Dynasty.

The Arts Facet of the Toledo (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated hosted their "Links and Friends" reception to celebrate their 50-year legacy of leadership, service and friendship and in recognition of charter member Joyce Jones, who was committee chair for the Toledo Museum of Art Black Artists of Toledo showcases in 1973, 1974 and 1984.

"Joyce Jones exemplified her love for the arts through her professional career as an educator in Toledo Public Schools and her volunteer service in the community... remarked Erin Baker, president of the Toledo (OH) Chapter of the Links, Inc. "She served as the committee chair the Toledo Museum of Art Black Artists of Toledo showcases in 1973, 1974 and 1984. In 1986 she was appointed as a Board of Directors for the museum and was appointed in 1991 as the first Link member to become TMA Ambassador." Her efforts established a long-standing relationship and commitment of the Toledo Links Chapter and the TMA.

Rhonda Sewell, inaugural director of Belonging and Community Engagement and member of the Links, Inc., provided further history of the contributions of the Links, Inc to the Museum that "allow(ed) the museum to showcase the multifaceted nature of art and culture broadening visitors' horizons and often time deepening our appreciation for the richness of Black art."

One of the most notable contributions was the acquisition of an African vessel created by an African artist to the museum in the name of the organization. During the reception, the "Vessel: Four Men Carrying a Bowl" was on display. The purchase of this unique piece is accredited to Toledo (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated members, as well as other supporters of Black art.

The evening included

Nigerian and Harlem-inspired cuisine, music and a viewing of exhibits: "Black Orpheus: Jacob ... continued on page 12



JP Dynasty, of Toledo, OH provide music in the Black Orpheus exhibit of the TMA for a private viewing of the special collection



Links and Friends enjoy private reception in the Cloister



Members of the Toledo Chapter of The Links in the Cloister Gallery

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Picture this: a beautiful Sunday afternoon where Toledo Botanical Garden is your playground, and the Terrace Room is your dance floor. Sundresses that sway like the breeze and big hats rivaling skyscrapers – that’s the dress code.

“This isn’t just about the fashion; it’s about the cause too,” adds Carter. “A portion of the proceeds will support Ovarian Cancer Connection. We are turning fashion into compassion, hat competition and all!”

This past sun-drenched August 11 was another perfect backdrop, that Donnetta produced, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening of entertainment and heartfelt generosity. She made the Detroit Princess Riverboat, a floating haven for Motown magic, hosting a Motown Dinner and Dance Cruise that set sail as an annual tribute to grooving and giving.

The Motown Dinner and Dance Cruise was a fundraiser with a purpose – to support HK Mission Charity in creating activity pouches for the brave little warriors at the Toledo Children’s Hospital.

Another cool fact that sets the social butterfly apart is that Carter isn’t just throwing a spotlight on her own events, she’s also giving shine to the whole northwest Ohio scene. As a writer for the Stalwart Magazine, Donnetta dishes out info on the hottest events in the city monthly!

With her social work background, Donnetta’s been described as a counselor and confidante rolled into one, turning events into safe spaces where connections naturally bloom.

Her community roots also run deep. As a member of the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter, the Women of Toledo, and Her/Hub for women-led small businesses, Carter is a powerhouse of connection, community, and empowerment, weaving together the threads of sisterhood and entrepreneurship with finesse.

Donnetta’s work isn’t just about events; it’s about weaving stories of unity, justice, and celebration. She’s creating experiences that move the needle, amplifying voices that deserve to be heard. From the dance floors to the scholarship brunches, she’s a conductor of moments, a magician of memories, and an urban legend in the making.

For bringing artists, thinkers, and entrepreneurs alike into the same creative mix, Ms. Donnetta Carter we thank you.

So next time you’re at an event that’s got you grooving and moving, think about The Social Butterfly, the urban eventress, the maestro of meaningful moments. Because in her world, every event isn’t just a party – it’s a platform for dreams, a canvas painted with unity, and a symphony of success. Reminding us all of her motto: “No one can dim your light.”



Carter’s guests cut a rug aboard the Detroit Princess



Donnetta Carter donates to The Program, Inc. during the cruise



Carter at Small Business Saturday



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Small Business Tips to Launch and Thrive

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Running a small business is one of the most challenging journeys you can embark on, according to those in the know.

"Being a small business owner within an ever-changing landscape can feel intimidating without support," says Michelle Van Slyke, senior vice president of sales and marketing at The UPS Store, Inc. "Fortunately, a variety of resources exist to help business launch and thrive."

With more than 5,100 locations across North America, The UPS Store network comprises the nation's largest franchise system of retail shipping, postal, print and business service centers, and is leveraging its expertise to offer new and seasoned entrepreneurs these tips to help their small business thrive:

1. Find a one-stop shop. One of the first steps in creating a business is sending out paperwork for the business formation and acquiring the licenses or permits needed. Save time and effort by using a one-stop small business services shop to have documents notarized, faxed, copied, scanned and securely shredded.

2. Simplify correspondence. Consider using a private mailbox rental, so you can give your small business a real street address, as well as establish a central location to pick up mail and packages. Consider a mailbox service that offers package acceptance from all carriers, receipt confirmation, mail forwarding and holding, and easy delivery updates.

3. Get out the word. Be sure to regularly let your customers and prospective customers know when you've added new products and services to your portfolio with both print and digital marketing. Update the company website, blog and social media channels regularly and be sure to use tried-and-true methods of promotion as well, like direct mail services. The UPS Store, which can help you design, print and mail postcards, flyers and other marketing materials,

offers two direct mail options, one that provides total market coverage, and another, more targeted option to reach a specific list of customers.

4. Don't pay full price for business services. Some vendors may have discounts for qualifying businesses, so be sure to inquire about that. You can also access deals and promotions on packing, shipping, logistics management, printing, marketing consultation, secure mailboxes and more by joining The UPS Store email program.

5. Get inspired by the work of other small business owners. The UPS Store and Inc. Magazine are teaming up to host the 2023 Small Biz Challenge, which offers an opportunity for entrepreneurs to win up to \$25,000, one-on-one mentoring with a business expert, an editorial feature in an upcoming issue of Inc. Magazine and Inc.com, and a trip to the final event in New York City. Recognizing the inspiring business skills and expertise of entrepreneurs since 2019, this year's competition required entrepreneurs to demonstrate their unique problem-solving skills and innovative thinking.

"Every day we see entrepreneurs overcome obstacles on their path to success. Our goal was to find the most unstoppable business owners across the country," says Van Slyke.

To learn more about this year's contest, visit <https://www.theupsstore.com/smallbizchallenge>.

For more tips and resources, visit The UPS Store small business blog at: <https://www.theupsstore.com/small-business-services/small-business-blog>.

Running a small business presents new challenges every day. However, finding the right resources can help you focus on the big picture, so you can grow your business and see your vision through.

Courtesy StatePoint

Location Change for Shots for Tots Clinic

On September 5 The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's Shots 4 Tots n Teens clinic will be held at an alternative location on September 5.

WHO: TLCHD Shots 4 Tots n Teens

WHAT: Immunization clinic for children, birth to 18 years old

WHEN: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

WHERE: Heatherdowns Branch Library 3265 Glanzman Rd. Toledo, OH 43614

Due to construction at the Holland Branch Library, the TLCHD Shots 4 Tots n Teens clinic will be held at the Heatherdowns Branch Library. Clinics held at library locations do not require an appointment. As a reminder, patients must bring their paper shot record, insurance card, and the parent's ID.

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about Black businesses, so the community and the people were not prepared. The planners didn't sit at the table with the people to find a design we were looking for or needed. It would be beautiful to have different Black businesses in the presentation."

What Do the People Want?

Others echoed Tina's sentiments. For many, Dorr Street means the potential of having a serious economic hub rather than small popups.

"I would love to see it as a serious hub for Black business, the same way we can look at some of the South Side," said Brother Washington Muhammed, who also attended. "If we travel down Broadway, it would look like our Latino brothers and sisters are holding it down. At one point, if we rode down Lagrange, it would look like the Polish Village is holding it down. So, there needs to be a serious commitment to reclaim and restore our own community.

Doris Greer spent 37 ½ years employed at TPS and has resided in the neighborhood since the mid-1940s. She had this to say regarding her vision for Dorr Street:

"When the question came up about the pop-up units and the presenter commented about it's expensive now to build brick and mortar, I said to her, 'The brick and mortar represents permanency and pop-ups represent less sense of security and long-term, and this community has been long term and in the

future. We should reestablish ourselves as long-term and committed to community and city."

Greer also wants to tie in the various Dorr Street projects, such as Robert Smith's arts and cultural project connected with others, including support for fresh foods and groceries. "Why should we have to keep going out to Kroger 10 miles away to get groceries? The bank? We'd like to see that sense of everything we need operating within ourselves."

The Paralysis of Analysis:

However, Councilman Hobbs was frustrated by the ordeal. "The only thing I wish would've happened is that I just hate that every time we come together and Dorr Street is mentioned in any way, it's a two-hour event of everybody saying the same thing the last person said that the person before them said. I wish we could change that because we have to start somewhere trying to do something, or we will continue to have buildings like Mott Branch taken from us because we can't ever come together on a

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Three Black People Murdered in Jacksonville at the Hands of a White Supremacist with an AR-15

By Lauren Burke
 NNPA Capital Hill Contributor
 Publisher, Black Virginia News

A white racist named Ryan Palmeter, 21, shot and killed three Black people at a Dollar Store in Jacksonville, Florida on August 26. The incident is the latest mass murder by a white supremacist in the U.S. Police told the public at an August 26 press conference that Palmeter used a Glock and an AR-15. At least one of the weapons had swastikas on it and, like several other white racist murderers, Palmeter wrote several messages about his racist ideology and sent them to the authorities and his parents before the murders.

In May this year, the NAACP issued a travel advisory warning Black Americans about Florida under Governor Ron DeSantis. DeSantis, who has said Florida is “where woke goes to die,” has repeatedly branded himself to anti-Black policies and has used the word “woke” as a substitute for Black agenda policy. The modern use of the word “woke” became popular in the Black community after the 2014 murder of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri by Police Officer Darren Wilson.

The NAACP advisory warned Black Americans that, “Florida is openly hostile toward African Americans... Before traveling to Florida, please understand that the state of Florida devalues and marginalizes the contributions of, and the challenges faced by African Americans and other communities of color.” At a congressional hearing in March 2021, FBI Director Chris Wray confirmed that racist extremists are a steadily growing problem in the U.S., saying, “domestic violent extremism, domestic terrorism, that number is now — has grown steadily on my watch.”

The triple homicide at the Dollar Store is near Edward Waters University, a Historically Black College, in Jacksonville. The school was founded in 1866 by the AME Church. Several news organizations report that the shooter visited Edward Waters University before the shooting and was asked to leave the campus. “This shooting was racially motivated and he hated Black people,” Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters said during a press conference on the night of August 26. Palmeter shot himself before police could apprehend him. “The shooter offered several manifestos,” Sheriff Waters also stated.

Last year, in May 2022, a white racist 18-year-old named Payton Gendron murdered 10 Black people in a Tops Friendly supermarket in Buffalo, New York. Gendron wrote a manifesto that focused on the “great replacement” conspiracy theory that white people were being outnumbered by minorities. Gendron



drove from Conklin, New York to Buffalo and live-streamed the murders live on Twitch. Ryan Palmeter drove from Oakleaf, Florida to Jacksonville and reportedly has a history of mental illness but was still able to purchase an AK-47.

“The rhetoric of hate by those in the public eye & on public platforms has consequences. At this point, escalating that rhetoric while loosening gun protections is a setup that targets our communities for violence,” wrote attorney Sherrilyn Iffill on August 26 hours after the shooting.

“Ron DeSantis has been leading a hate-motivated war against Black people and all marginalized communities in Florida. It’s been vicious, racist, and contemptible. So, no one should be surprised that violence and death follows in the wake of his state-sanctioned bigotry. The @gop has let the rabid dogs off the leash, with neither the ability nor desire to get it back on.” wrote journalist Dave Zirin on social media.

In 2015, a white 21-year-old racist named Dylan Roof entered a bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and murdered nine African Americans including the church’s senior pastor, State Senator Clementa C. Pinckney. Roof also wrote a “manifesto” before the shooting.

In 2017, a white racist named James Alex Fields Jr. deliberately rammed a car into a group of people protesting thousands of racists who gathered in Charlottesville, Virginia as part of the Unite the Right rally. Fields murdered 32-year-old Charlottesville resident Heather Heyer. In 2018, a white racist named Robert Gregory Bowers, 46, murdered 11 people at the Tree of Life synagogue during Shabbat morning services in Pittsburgh.

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plan.”

Indeed, anytime the talk of revitalizing Dorr Street occurs, passion will surely tag along.

Greer adds, “Still, what I was so encouraged by in the meeting was that people said ‘I just heard about it,’ yet they came anyhow. I got up and spoke when I did because I sensed a sense of anger. I didn’t want that to blow up into anger when people weren’t talking, listening, communicating, and continuing the dialogue. Take your frustration and put it to something positive so that all this can work out to the benefit of everyone in the room, and that’s why I got up when I did because I felt I could do that. I especially felt good about the people who responded when the young man said, ‘Don’t forget the youth.’ Oh my God, I could’ve got up and shouted.”

Where Do We Go From Here?

Perhaps rehashing the tragic loss of Dorr Street is cathartic. If so, it is something we should never forget. In any event, we have forgotten something about Dorr Street that we should have remembered.

An exceptional Dorr Street Revitalization Plan from 2009 is already in existence and part of the City’s Plan but has never been acted upon. It is for Dorr Street as a gateway project into downtown, just as the gateway constructed in South Toledo. It states:

“The Dorr/Detroit intersection serves as a central focal point for the surrounding neighborhoods and should offer a retail mix that meets the needs of those residents. The center section should have the feel of a traditional downtown for the east side of Toledo, creating a sense of peace, place, and community pride. The intersection has the potential to be an entertainment hub. In addition to the entertainment venues, like a potential theatre, comedy club, or bowling alley, this could serve as a center for the local music

industry, similar to Music Row in Nashville. This intersection can be used to connect several diverse neighborhoods between downtown Toledo and the University of Toledo.”

In addition, the gateway for South Toledo was funded by the annual district improvement dollars; each district council member receives 1/6 of a \$750,000 pot. My math figures are that Councilwoman Vanice Williams and Councilman John Hobbs III each have (or will have) \$125,000 to implement the existing plan.

In addition to those easily accessible funds, some grace is needed to say okay, “There was good intent but a poorly executed process. So let’s try again because we all want a good and respectful outcome. There’s willingness all around to revisit and to get it right.”

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Lawrence and the Mbari Club” and “Africa Unmasked.”

Since 1972, Toledo (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has served the community. As one of 299 chapters, membership is comprised of business and civic leaders, role models, mentors and activists. They work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946 consisting of more than 16,000 professional women in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom. To learn more, www.thelinksinc.org.

Holler, Child: Stories by LaToya Watkins

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

So why didn't you...?

Your life wasn't random, there was a plan of some kind somewhere. Why didn't you pick this path instead of that other, make this choice a priority, decide in favor of something else? Surely, you didn't simply fall headlong into every opportunity. Now, as in *Holler, Child* by LaToya Watkins, a collection of short stories, you'll always wonder *what if...*

Ever since her son, Hawk, died, news reporters have been sniffing around Mrs. Hawkins' house, asking questions. She wants to explain why she gave her son away, why he told people he was God's son before he ended up in Abilene, and why he hurt that little girl. But in "*The Mother*," lies come easier than the truth.

After Lettie found her husband, Chuck, dead on the floor, her Momma moved in, though Lettie didn't want her there. Momma was never loving, like kids need their Mommas to be. She liked to remind Lettie that Chuck was no good. In "*Tipping*," Momma'd hurt too many people for too long, but what could Lettie do?

Opal never wanted that dog, but they got the ugly cur for Nate, who'd always wanted an Old English Bulldog. After he had his stroke, though, it seemed like that dog was all he cared for and Opal despised it. In "*Moving the Animal*," that dog stood for everything wrong.

Clayton had done nothing but cheat on Lotrece for years and she retaliated in so many petty ways that even she began to think it was silly. One day, she might forgive him but until then, it was more fun to poke him in a dozen little ways, to make him mad and make him feel some sort of way – like wearing lingerie, when he knew darn well that their love life was over. But when she reached for her thong, Lotrece felt the gun in her dresser drawer, the one Clayton said never worked. In the high-tension story, "*Sweat*," Clayton lied.

Does it seem like you don't have enough time to read a book, with all you've got going on this time of year? Then you want *Holler, Child*, because none of these eleven short stories will take long to read, but they're long on enjoyment.

Using tiny slices of life and cool-as-ice prose, author LaToya Watkins brings readers a series of snap decisions and bad ideas in tales that will keep you guessing. But these are not mystery-like whodunits; instead, they're everyday tales, brilliantly set in a single afternoon or overnight or two, but with enough back-story inside the set-ups to make you care about each character and to make you have an opinion on what those characters should do. It's like having a ring-side seat up next to the people you know and love to gossip about.

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Holler, Child author, courtesy C. Rene Photography

This is a book for anyone who likes surprises in their stories, for short-story fans, or for people who are

time-crunched now and always. Find *Holler, Child* and enjoy, or you'll always wonder why didn't you...?

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Bible is political, referring to Exodus as a Civil Rights movement. As he continued, he listed infamous stories from the Bible such as Daniel in the lion's den. Using the third book Numbers, chapter 13, Sharpton compared the work of Civil Rights leaders to Moses, the prophet who led the Israelites out of slavery.

"People will [say] 'I don't believe in marching' and 'I don't believe in all that agitation' and 'I go by my own merit,'" he said. "Well that's good, because some of us marched so your merit would be considered."

However, the reverend insisted there is still work to be done. He pointed to current political tension that suggests regression such as the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision to strike down Affirmative Action and the recent killing of three Black people in Jacksonville, Florida. As people celebrated the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington, a white man walked into a Dollar General killing three people before killing himself.

"Before we could even rest and say, 'We made a great statement; now we're gonna see the president and vice president at White House,' hate jumped back up again to remind us that we're not there yet," he told the audience.

Mackenzie Williams, a senior broadcast journalism major from Chicago, attended the sermon and the 60th anniversary for the March on Washington. Like Sharpton, Williams was taken aback by the news of the shooting in Jacksonville.

"Injustice is very much alive and well," Williams said. "It really should make people be more aware of their choices in this next election."

Williams said she isn't really into politics, but his speech at the anniversary march on Saturday and his sermon on Sunday made her want to pay more attention to the politics happening around her.

Annabelle Jules, a senior television and film major from outside of Philadelphia, was also touched by Sharpton's message, especially about the gunman.

"It just happens way too often," Jules said. "We have such glaring progress as a community. All the things that we're doing and overcoming, even the fact that it was the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington shows how much time has elapsed, but nothing has changed in a grander scheme."

Jules, who attends chapel often, had never heard Sharpton speak in person. His speech, she said, really touched her and resonated with her journey here at Howard.

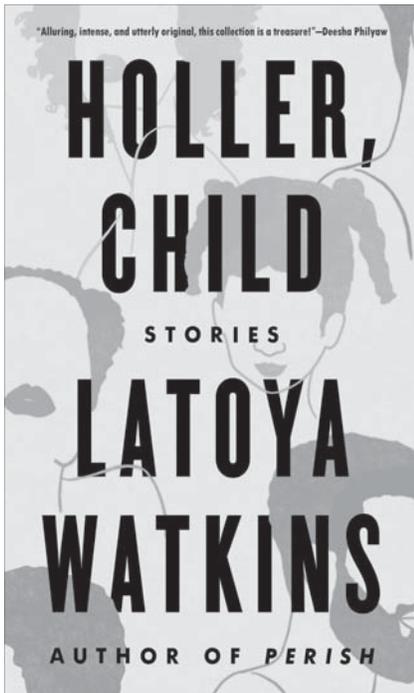
One of his talking points used Numbers 3:13, where the author Moses refers to the Israelites as grasshoppers and the sons of Anak as giants, signifying that the Israelites felt inferior. Sharpton used the analogy of some people feeling like grasshoppers compared to other people whom they see as giants.

Sometimes Jules feels like a grasshopper at Howard, but Sharpton's message reassured her that she, too, is a giant.

"It's so many 'giants' that come out of Howard. Even while you are in undergrad, there's so much talent here. ... Everyone's always doing something," she said. "It's very easy to feel like a grasshopper compared to the giants around you. It's really a time to introspect and really understand that you are a giant among giants."

As Sharpton closed his speech, he spoke directly to Howard students about

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TARTA SEEKS FEEDBACK ON UPCOMING SERVICE CHANGES

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) has scheduled a series of public events to collect community feedback on upcoming proposed major service changes. Proposed changes, which would go into effect in January of 2024 if approved by TARTA's Board of Trustees, include:

- The extension of Route 2 to Walmart in Oregon via Downtown Toledo

- Increased weekend frequency of Route 52

- Removal of Route 51

These events will include two in-person forums and one virtual feedback session. These forums will focus on the Title VI equity analyses surrounding the service changes. Public meetings are scheduled for:

- In-person meeting, **Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023**, 12-1 p.m., Lucas County Shared Services building, 3737 W. Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (accessible by TARTA routes 3 and 19)

- In-person meeting, **Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023**, 6-7 p.m., Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Main Branch, 325 N. Michigan Avenue, Toledo (accessible by TARTA routes 20, 22, 27 and 33)

- Virtual meeting, **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023**, 10-11 a.m. Register at tarta.com/publicmeetings.

TARTA will also host public informational meetings in the Oregon area specific to extending service to Oregon, with dates and locations to be announced soon.

All language assistance services for TARTA programs are provided to the public at no charge. In-person translation services for events can be provided and should be requested at least 5 business days prior to the event.

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Taylor Hyundai Hosts "Art Night"

By Angie Hayes

The Truth Reporter

August 24, 2023, Taylor Hyundai of Perrysburg hosted the "Art Night," a supportive event for Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio. The event was established to support and provide benefits to The Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Art Night began with networking, socializing opportunities and music entertainment by live performers. In addition to socializing opportunities, food and drink were provided at no charge for guests. Many volunteers created art to be included in the event and all art items were created by local artists who were committed to providing their skills and time to support Ronald McDonald House with an art auction.

Ronald McDonald House has been active in Northwest Ohio for 40 years. Recently the facility has upgraded from 14 rooms for guests to 28 rooms.

Tom Cole, Taylor Automotive Community Outreach coordinator, provided the following information: "Steve Taylor loves Ronald McDonald House. Thank you all so much for being here. We appreciate all of you. We appreciate Ronald McDonald House and what it's meant for this community. Helping kids that are sick, helping their families when maybe they don't have the financial means to take care of their youngsters and worried about 'how can I pay these medical bills?'. Which is an incredible burden, but Ronald McDonald House is there for support. The worst days of their lives, they show up at Ronald McDonald House. Chad and his incredible crew at Ronald McDonald House change the paradigm: Give them hope, give them a place to stay, give their children a chance to get better. Can't have a better organization than that! With that being said I want to introduce an extremely talented man, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Chad Bringman."

"Thank you everyone that came out, appreciate the support." Said Chad Bringman. "We thank Tom and all the staff here. The opportunity for us to get out and do something a little different. This is something we haven't done before. You guys did a great job setting it up. We are super thankful. Our one funding source for Ronald McDonald House is donations from our community. Just know, the dollars we raise today are going to help the families that are with us today."

The event provided extreme knowledge to the attendees to see the positive

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former mayor Owens. "We have to use our voice and these ladies have used their voices."

"You have the power," Ohio senator Hicks-Hudson told the mothers' group. "This journey is just the beginning. Think about what we can do with that power. This is love in action due to these mothers ... do not be weary ... the prize is we are going to have peace. Do not stop."

"These women are unbelievable," said former mayor Bell as he spoke of the months he and the other mayors have worked with and connected with the Sisters 4 Unity. He also noted that their sacrifices would be of enormous benefit to the rest of the community. "We don't want to have more people joining this sorority."

In an impressive display of comity and goodwill, current Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, with whom the former mayors have expressed disagreement on how to best handle the uptick in violence over the past couple of years, was also present for Saturday's march.



Adam Simpson of Ronald McDonald House with Terry Crosby, Taylor Automotive Outreach



impact Ronald McDonald House has in Northwest Ohio and also the support that Taylor Hyundai of Perrysburg provides for the atmosphere. The event also brought recognition and appreciation of the artists who donated their skills and time to create the artwork.

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their collegiate journey, using the grasshopper-giant analogy. He reassured students that they may find themselves like grasshoppers, but they are giants, like their predecessors who marched 60 years ago.

"Some folk 60 years ago didn't have a grasshopper complex," he said. "They kept on fighting and kept on marching and kept on going till 60 years later, we've elected and re-elected a Black president."

Alecia Taylor is a reporter for HUNewsService.com and covered the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington.

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Sisters 4 Unity Host Communities Against Gun Violence March

By Fletcher Word
The Truth Editor

Sisters 4 Unity – a group of mothers who have lost their sons to gun violence – brought together several hundred concerned citizens, elected officials, religious leaders, former mayors and youth participants to hold a march protesting

gun violence on Saturday, August 26.

The march started at Smith Park, led by a Toledo Fire and Rescue Department vehicle, and arrived back in the Park in order to present participants the

opportunity to hear the mothers, the former mayors (Donna Owens, Carty Finkbeiner, Mike Bell, Paula Hicks-Hudson) and a few others comment on the city's struggle to bring gun violence under control.

"The work these mothers have done to unite us, to support us, to support other mothers who have lost their children to gun violence cannot be overstated," said Malcolm Cunningham, director of the Mayor's Office on Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. "They are working to ensure these sorts of things never happen again."

"These mothers are the heartbeat of our community," said Toledo City Councilman Nick Komives noting that he admires "the drive they have to make sure nobody else feels the way they do."

The Sister 4 Unity have joined forces over the past seven to eight months with Toledo's four former mayors in an effort to focus the community's attention on gun violence and to address ways to bring an end to the violence and homicides that have increased so dramatically since the pandemic started in 2020 – much as in the rest of the country.

The Sisters 4 Unity – Aviance Hill, Lashawnda Kinnebrew, Abena Rowland – began working with the Coalition for Peaceful Toledo Neighborhoods (an organization comprised of the four former mayors and various religious leaders) in January of this year.

"How proud I am of each and every one of you here today," said

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Aviance Hill - with bullhorn - organizes the march



The Sisters 4 Unity ready to lead the march



The march begins



Lisa Sahadi-Davis (center) with the four former mayors - Carty Finkbeiner, Ohio Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson, Mike Bell and Donna Owens



Mike Bell, Rev. Willie Perryman, Mayor Wade Kapszkiewicz



Sisters 4 Unity speaking after the march



Rev. Willie Perryman, president of the Toledo Chapter NAACP, and his youth corps



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