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Black Family Reunion Celebration set for 5th year

The Black Family Reunion Celebration, which attracted over 1½ million participants during five weekends last summer, is returning for its fifth year with six cities on its slate of 1990 events, said Dorothy I. Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women.

Grammy Award - winning singer James Ingram and his wife Debbie will serve as National Chairpersons for the 1990 Celebration.

Conceived by Dr. Height and the NCNW in 1986 in response to the growing negative projection of Black families, the Black Family Reunion Celebration has been lauded by such publications as *Newsweek*, *Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times* for its visionary approach to contemporary problems in the African - American community.

The weekend festivals featuring workshops, exhibits, talks by experts and celebrities, and entertainment by top - named musical artists, is a celebration of African-American family culture, tradition and history in a context of self - help oriented approaches to contemporary issues.

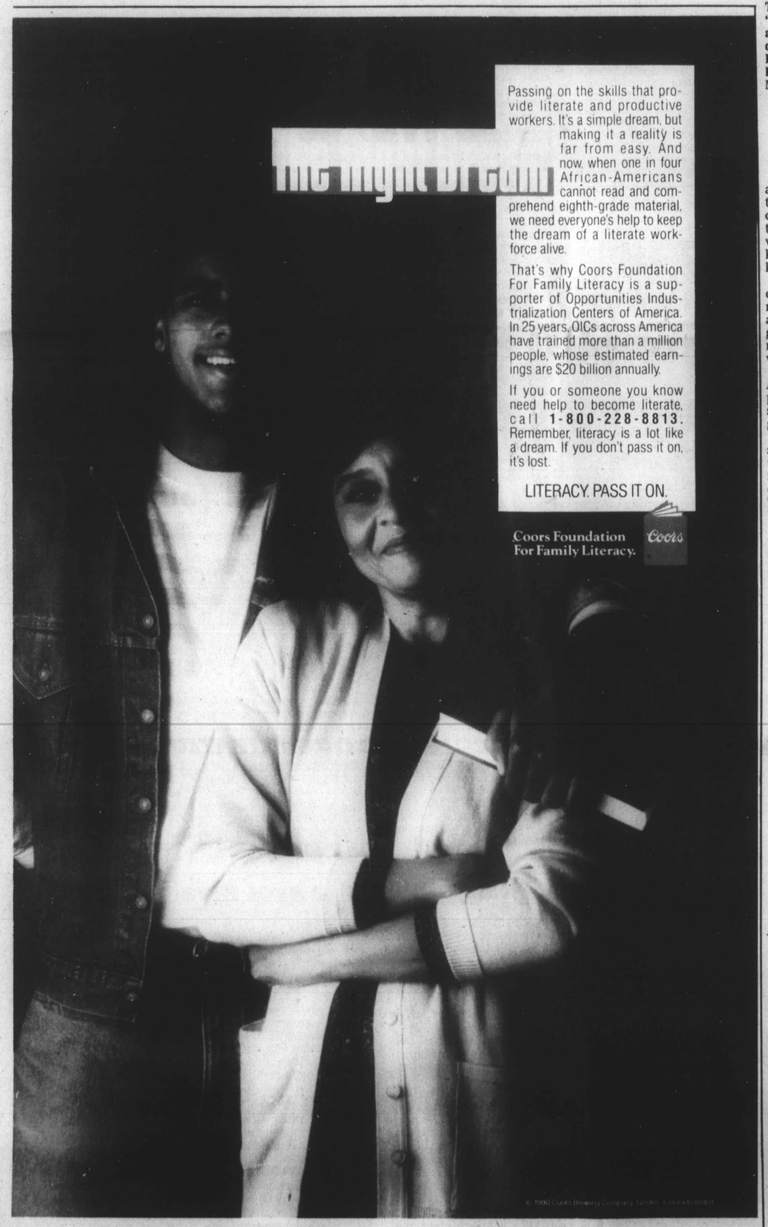
Participants can get the latest information concerning youth programs for prevention of teenage pregnancy and drug abuse, have their cholesterol level, eyes and blood pressure checked, voice their concerns with experts about community problems at workshops, learn about job opportunities, sample foods from local vendors or purchase hard - to - find books on Black related topics, have a family portrait taken, among the hundreds of activities each weekend.

"What has been most gratifying to the NCNW has been the overwhelmingly positive feedback at almost every conceivable level we have received," explained Dr. Height. "Dozens of people have met their spouses at a Black Family Reunion Celebration. people have written us about how the information they had received on-site had dramatically changed their lives. And community services people have been very pleased at their ability to disseminate information and reach a new and appreciative public in this atmosphere. In every city The Black Family Reunion Celebration has generated a genuine sense of community spirit."

Thanks to corporate underwriting, most notably by the Procter & Gamble Co., the event has always been held free to the attending public. "It has been important to us that no family or individual should feel excluded," said Dr. Height.

Since the first Black Family Reunion Celebration event in Washington, D.C. in September of 1986 (which attracted 250,000 participants), over 3½ million people have attended the combined fifteen weekend events held annually in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Washington, Atlanta and this year's new city, Memphis.

THE COMMERCIAL and critical success of works such as "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Golden Girls" are indications of a growing acceptance among both producers and movie audiences of more mature actors and actresses in leading roles. In a scene from "Daisy" Jessica Tandy and her chauffeur, Hoke, played by Morgan Freeman, pause on the road to Mobile.



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—Talks with Beans

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away from me as if they thought I was some kind of criminal or something. When they saw me coming they would shut their doors. Their kids wouldn't play with my kids anymore."

Beans felt that negative comments printed by an Annapolis newspaper, and his inability to respond due to the gag order, was the reason his neighbors treated him this way.

"A local newspaper, the *Evening Capital*, seemed to print every negative thing said about me. Because of the gag order I could not respond.

"After my acquittal they still didn't print any retractions of their previous remarks. Their actions in this case has caused community leaders to begin organizing a boycott of this publication.

The community is also upset about the way Chief Schmitt was paid off by the City. They could've charged him criminally, instead they gave him $75,000 and a pension, and the people of Annapolis have to foot the bill."

Sgt. Beans stated that the work of the DELTA Force established a positive interaction with the Black community, which was helping to overcome severely strained community/police relations.

"From October 8, 1988 to September 24, 1989 we had 321 drug arrests, recovered over $16,693.57 in U.S. currency and $301,120 of street value Control Dangerous Substance (CDS)."

"We were also responsible for breaking up two of the largest drug rings in the country, the Jose Rodriguez New York connection and a Los Angeles connection.

"Many people in the community looked at what was happening to the supposedly good guys and said, if this can happen to them it can happen to us just as well"

According to Mike Malinoff, assistant to Mayor Hopkins, "We've taken quite a bit of criticism for not dismissing the cases much earlier. We inherited an ongoing investigation by the Special Prosecutor and decided that dismissal of the case was not an option that seemed readily available."

According to sources within the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus, who were key supporters of Beans and Powell, "It was within the realm of authority of Mayor Hopkins to totally dismiss the case at any time."

When asked why the Hopkins administration allowed the case against Beans to drag on for seven months of his administration, only to be hastily refuted as a farce by the May 31 trial board, Malinoff replied:

"Why did Dennis Callahan let it proceed at all. He said a lot about it but this may have been something that he was too much of a coward to address.

Malinoff stated, "We could have gone through the trial board with Officer Powell, but at the first opportunity to end this situation, we did."

In a June 4 press release Annapolis Mayor Alfred Hopkins dismissed all charges of administrative discrepancies against Officer Chandler Powell of the Annapolis Police Department (APD).

According to Mike Malinoff, this action was taken as a direct result of the acquittal of Sgt. Robert Beans, of the APD, on May 31. Sgt Beans was acquitted without having to present a defense.

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1990 FREEDOM BABY CONTEST.

The Baltimore Branch NAACP will hold its Annual Human Dolls on Parade Baby Contest on Saturday, June 9, 1990, 2:00 p.m. at the White Stone Baptist Church, located 3001 Baker Street. The contest is one of the oldest baby contests in the city and is a fundraiser to support NAACP Programs. Any child up to six (6) years of age is eligible to enter. The baby who receives the most votes, (votes cost 25 cents each) will win $200, $100 or $50 savings bonds. All entrants receive a certificate and loving cup. This year's contest is co-chaired by Mrs. Edelle Marcus of John Wesley United Methodist Church and Mrs. Mattie Love of First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill. The portraits were taken by ***FLEET PHOTO SERVICE. WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE 1990 FREEDOM BABY CONTESTANTS. REMEMBER TODAY'S FREEDOM BABIES ARE TOMORROW'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS!***

INDEPENDENT FREEDOM BABIES

JUSTIN BERNARD BARNES, age 2 yrs., pictured with Bonita Barnes (mom)

JOHN MICHAEL BOLAR JR., age 4 mos., pictured with Cozlei James (mom)

JOHN EDWARD BRITTON IV, age 4 yrs., pictured with Regina Lee (mom)

RAMON LAMAR BROOKS, age 3 yrs., pictured with Melody T. Chase (mom)

BRITTANY NICOLE BROWN, age 2 yrs., pictured with Yolanda Conner (mom)

TIERRA ASHLEY BROWN, age 16 mos., pictured with Betty Brown (mom)

JOI ELAINE BUNTIN, age 3 yrs., pictured with Gail Buntin (mom)

DANIELLE LYNNETTE BYRD, age 8 mos. pictured with Carolyn Byrd (mom)

KEIANA DIANE CANTY, age 3½ yrs. pictured with Minyon Canty (mom)

BRITTANY C. CARR, age 5 mos., pictured with Jacqueline Carr (mom)

RESHEED LAMAJ COLES, age 4 yrs., pictured with Janice Brooks (mom)

DONTE' NICHOLAS CURTIS, age 1 yr., pictured with Trevor Curtis (mom)

MAXXWELL ANTHONY DAVIS, age 2 yrs., pictured with Marilyn Davis (mom)

ADRIANNA MARIA EBRON, age 1 yr., pictured with Darren Ebron (dad)

JULIA DA'KARA GINGLES, age 1 yr., pictured with Santosha Harris (mom)

CIERRA IMAN GLOVER, age 4 yrs., pictured with Cynthia Glover (mom)

GENEEN GODSEY-SMALL, age 2 yrs., pictured with Rachel Godsey (mom)

ROBERT S. GREAVES, age 11 mos., pictured with Gean McElveen (godmother)

DANTE' DEMETRI GREEN, age 4 yrs., pictured with Nancy A. Green (mom)

ROBERT ALLANTE' GRIDER, age 16 mos., pictured with Sharon Grider (mom)

TAAVON KYLE GRIFFIN, age 4 yrs., pictured with Rose Squire (mom)

TYLER CAMILLE GRIFFIN, age 10 mos., pictured with Thomas Griffin (dad)

SHUNTINA NIKIERA HEARN, age 19 mos., pictured with Darlene Crockett (mom)

KRISTEN DANIELLE HILL, age 5 yrs., pictured with Glenda Prince (mom)

TIANE' SHANELL HILL, age 4 yrs., pictured with Julie Greene (mom)

GRACE ASHLEY HOVINGTON, age 3 yrs., pictured with Nannette McCann (mom)

CHANTELLE MONIQUE JAMES, age 1 yr., pictured with Angela Minor (mom)

JERI MONIQUE JONES, age 5 mos., pictured with Tanya Jones. (mom)

LISA CINEA JONES, age 6 mos., pictured with Cynthia Marine (mom)

TAMIKA NICOLE JONES, age 19 mos., pictured with Joyce Nicholson (grandmother)

ARIANE SHANTEL MATTHEWS, age 2 yrs., pictured with Gail Matthews (mom)

BRIELL BRITTANY McCOY, age 3 yrs., pictured with Elizabeth Godsey (mom)

DANIELLE DEVON MISSOURI, age 6 yrs., pictured with Juliette Ghee (mom)

DESMIN PARTLOW, age 2 yrs., pictured with Annette Ingram (mom)

JEREMIAH GERMAINE PASCO, age 1 yr., pictured with Veronica Newmius (mom)

TIERA TENNILE PATTERSON, age 14 mos., pictured with Donna Patterson (mom)

SHALAINE VANISE PETERSON, age 3 yrs., pictured with June Johnson (godmother)

VICTORIA INDIA PRIVITT, age 1 yr., pictured with Annabel Jenkins (aunt)

ANTHONY DEVRICK ROBINSON, age 2 yrs., pictured with Gwendolyn Durrah (mom)

DOMINEAQ SHANTIECE RUTH, age 2 yrs., pictured with Stephanie Ruth (mom)

AARON JOSHUA SCHOEFIELD, JR., age 5 mos., pictured with Crystal Schoefield (mom)

KIARA JANAY SCOTT, age 8 mos., pictured with Sheria Scott (mom)

CHANTEL M & CHANELLE L SIVELS, age 23 mos., pictured with Jozette Sivels (mom)

RICHARD SMOTHERS, age 3½ yrs., pictured with Lynette Smothers (mom)

THEODORE DELEASTER SPRUELL III, age 3 yrs. pictured with Toiona Spruell (mom)

DESIREE A. & DIEDRA A. THOMAS, age 13 mos., pictured with Cassandra Thomas (mom)

ROLLIN DONOVAN TOLLIVER III, age 8 mos., pictured with Tyrese Threat (mom)

EDDIE BONSOL TOMBS IV, age 6 yrs., pictured with Willie Delores Tombs (grandmother)

LINDSAY A. WALKER, age 23 mos., pictured with Linda Dawkins (mom)

RYAN KENDALL WHITE, age 10 mos., pictured with Saundra L. Rusk (mom)

NICKOLE MICHELLE WILLIAMS, age 2 yrs., pictured with Sharon Williams (mom)

ARNITA BRITTANY WILSON, age 2 yrs., pictured with Brenda Wilson (mom)

JEMIA ANE-YOUNG, age 4 yrs., pictured with Debbie Young (mom)

KRISTIN LAHREN YOUNG, age 7 mos., pictured with Melanie Lawson (mom)

1990 FREEDOM BABIES NOT PICTURED

INDEPENDENT

KELLEN ALLAN CARTER, 3 yrs.
ROBERT JAMES COLLISON, 2 yrs.
PATRICK LARRY DAVIDSON, 6 mos.
JOSEPH DOUGLAS GARRETT, 4 yrs.
SHANAE MARIA GOLDER, 7 mos.
JORON WESLEY HARRIS, 2 yrs.
MELIK DAMON HARRIS, 8 mos.
CLIFTON SHERROD HAWKINS, 4 yrs.
JAWAUN MAURICE HILL, 3 yrs.
JASMINE DENISE HOLLIS, 1 yr.
KIRSTEN ALEESHA LEWIS, 6 mos.
JENNIFER LYNN MURRAY, 5 yrs.
IAN ALEXANDRIA NEAL, 7 mos.
RAY HENDRI RALEIGH, 3 yrs.
JOHN BERNARD ROBINSON, 10 mos.
ERICKA TIERRA SALTER, 5 yrs.
ANGEL TIAWONA TIMMONS, 1 yr.
SHANIRA SHANA TYLER, 3 yrs.

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DANIELLE ARIANA SPENCER, 6 mos.
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
DONNIE CHARLES WILLIAMS JR., 3 yrs.
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FREEDOM BABIES SPONSORED BY CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS

JOHN KEEGON ADDISON, age 2 yrs., pictured with Betty Addison (mom) sponsored by Concord Baptist Church

TENNARA MARIE BARNES, age 22 mos., pictured with Carmelia Jones (grandmom) sponsored by Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church

CHQUITIA ANTUIENETTE BROWN, age 5 mos., pictured with Danielle Brown (mom) sponsored by New Pilgrim Baptist Church

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BURROUGHS, age 1 yr., pictured with Rudolph Holley (grandfather) sponsored by Wayland Baptist Church

EVAN RASHAD HOWARD, age 3 yrs., pictured with Nadean Paige (mom) sponsored by Whitestone Baptist Church

BRIAN A. ANTHONY JEFFRIES, age 17 mos., pictured with Vanessa A. Jeffries (mom) sponsored by First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill

BRANDON L. JOHNSON, age 3 mos., pictured with Patricia Johnson (mom) sponsored by New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

SIERRA SHARDAY JONES, age 2 yrs., pictured with Maryn Jones (mom) sponsored by John Wesley UM Church

ASHLEY RENEE' MOORE, age 4 yrs., pictured with Leslie Moore (mom) sponsored by Southern Baptist Church

GARRETT LEE PITTS, age 14 mos., pictured with Deborah Pitts (mom) sponsored by Fulton Baptist Church

SEAN CAMERON RANDALL, age 1 yr., pictured with Prince L. Randal (dad) sponsored by Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc Alpha Omega Chapter

FRAN-SHON MARIEE REID, age 2 yrs., pictured with Chaion Melton (sister) sponsored by Bethel AME Church

TANYSHA THELMA SIMON, age 15 mos., pictured with Hilda Carr (grandmom) sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church

BRIA RENE' WALKER, age 11½ mos., pictured with Felicia Walker (mom) sponsored by Act-So Committee

RASHAD WHITEHURST, age 3 mos., pictured with Rhonda Whitehurst (mom) sponsored by Morning Star Baptist Church

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