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## **Celebrating Juneteenth and Continuing the Journey to Equality**



### **Letter from FAME-EAW**

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, commemorates the day in 1865 when the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. It's a powerful reminder of the resilience and strength of the Black community and has now become a nationally recognized holiday, celebrating the freedom of those that came before us.

While Juneteenth marks a significant historical milestone, it also highlights the work that still needs to be done. True equality remains elusive as systemic disparities persist in many areas, including education, healthcare, economic opportunities, and housing. Black Americans are still facing significant challenges: disparities in school funding and resources, higher rates of chronic health conditions and inadequate access to healthcare, wage gaps and unemployment rates that disproportionately affect Black workers, and housing discrimination that limits access to safe and affordable homes. The legacy of these inequalities can be traced back to centuries of systemic racism and oppression, which continue to impact the Black community today.

Recognizing Juneteenth as a national holiday is a step forward, but it must be accompanied by actionable efforts to uplift and support the Black community. Throughout this newsletter we have provided resources and tips on how to come together to make a positive impact in the black community. Let's honor our past by actively working towards a future where every member of our community can thrive.

# Unity for a Brighter Future: Strengthening Our Community

Juneteenth not only celebrates freedom but also serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing struggle for equality and justice in America. By fostering solidarity and collaboration, we can amplify our voices and advocate for meaningful change. To contribute to this cause, there are several actionable steps we can take:

## Actionable Steps to Uplift the Black Community:

- **Support Black-Owned Businesses:** Contribute to the economic empowerment of the Black community by patronizing Black-owned businesses. Websites like [Black-Owned Everything](#) and [WeBuyBlack](#) can help you find businesses to support.
- **Educate Yourself and Others:** Understanding the historical context of Juneteenth and the broader history of Black Americans is crucial. Books like "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson and "Stamped from the Beginning" by Ibram X. Kendi are great places to start.
- **Advocate for Policy Changes:** Engage with and support policies that address systemic inequalities. Organizations like the NAACP and the ACLU offer resources and action plans for getting involved in advocacy work.

Together, we can create a society where every individual has equal opportunities and access to resources. Our collective efforts today pave the way for future generations, ensuring they inherit a world where justice, dignity, and equality win.



## Quote of the Month!

“We will all, at some point, encounter hurdles to gaining access and entry, moving up and conquering self-doubt; but on the other side is the capacity to own opportunity and tell our own story.”

—*Stacey Abrams*

## Juneteenth Educational Resources

### Movies:

1. "**13th**" (2016) - Directed by Ava DuVernay, this documentary explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States, touching on the historical context of Juneteenth.
2. "**Miss Juneteenth**" (2020) - This acclaimed drama film follows a former beauty queen preparing her daughter for the "Miss Juneteenth" pageant while navigating the challenges of their lives in Texas.

### Books:

1. "**Juneteenth: A Novel**" by Ralph Ellison - This posthumously published novel explores the life of a black preacher who believes himself to be the reincarnation of Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth.
2. "**On Juneteenth**" by Annette Gordon-Reed - Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Annette Gordon-Reed traces the origins and significance of Juneteenth in this insightful book.

### Websites:

1. **Juneteenth.com** - This website provides comprehensive information about the history and celebration of Juneteenth, including articles, historical documents, and resources for educators.
2. **National Museum of African American History & Culture (NMAAHC)** - The NMAAHC website offers articles and resources related to Juneteenth, including historical background, educational materials, and event listings.



# FAME-EAW Updates

This Juneteenth, as we reflect on the progress and resilience of our community, we want to share the significant work we've accomplished and the vital importance of our upcoming fundraiser. At FAME-EAW, our hearts are deeply committed to building affordable housing for families of color, especially Black/African American families.

Over the years, we have offered support services tailored to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families, helping them set and achieve their goals, acquire essential life skills, and confront issues of internalized oppression. By offering educational classes and creating supportive environments, we empower participants on their journey toward personal growth and fulfillment. Our dedication has brought to life six housing projects—Monica's Village Place I, Elizabeth Thomas Homes LLC, Spruce Park Apartments, 110 Building, Bunk House, and Imani Village. These are huge strides that have upheld our mission, which transcends housing and encompasses empowering families and individuals with the knowledge and strategies needed to achieve economic growth and financial independence.

Our upcoming inaugural fundraiser this summer is a crucial event that will help propel this mission forward. This "Cotton Club Seattle Nights" themed event promises an unforgettable evening of exceptional music, dancing, and celebration. We call upon businesses and organizations of all sizes to join us in making a profound impact. Your participation is not just appreciated; it is crucial. The funds raised from ticket sales directly support our initiatives, enabling us to build more affordable housing, provide essential services, and create pathways to economic empowerment for Black families in Seattle. Mark your calendars for July 20th, and get ready to dance the night away and New Orleans style cuisine.

Also, we will be in attendance at the Summer of Soul celebration June 19th. Please join us for photos and to learn more about FAME-EAW at the Jimi Hendrix Park. Let's create a lasting impact and ignite positive change within our community!





# Empowering Our Community: Check out these Exciting Upcoming Events

- **Pride HipHop & RnB Bingo** | June 15 | Royal Esquire Club Inc
- **Seattle Caribbean Nights** | June 15 | Red Lounge
- **Juneteenth Jubilee** | June 15 | 2656 42nd Ave SW
- **NAAM Annual Skate Party** | June 15 | Judkins Park
- **Skyway Juneteenth Celebration and Festival** | June 15 | Campbell Hill Elementary School
- **The Village Market Juneteenth Pop-Up** | June 15 | Blakely Hall
- **Interrupting Privilege Exhibit** | June 16 | Northwest African American Museum
- **Celebrating Fathers: Juneteenth Celebration** | June 16 | Northwest African American Museum
- **Songs Of Black Folk 2024** | June 16 | Paramount Theatre
- **Healing African Drum Class** | June 17 | Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute
- **Black Arts Legacies Celebration** | June 18 | Washington Hall
- **Introverted Women Entrepreneurs Connecting** | June 18 | Online
- **Summer of Soul** | June 19 | Jimi Hendrix Park
- **Juneteenth Walking Food Tour** | June 19 | 2323 E Cherry St
- **Juneteenth Dinner & Movie** | June 19 | CÔBA - Viet Kitchen & Ales
- **Juneteenth Open Mic** | June 19 | Bellevue
- **Rooftop Networking Mixer: 90's vs. 2000's** | June 20 | The Wave at Stadium Place

## Be the Change: Become a Table Captain or Sponsor at Our Inaugural Fundraiser!



Join us for an unforgettable evening at our Inaugural Fundraiser on July 20, 2024. Every contribution directly fuels our mission to uplift Black families in Seattle, helping us build a brighter future where everyone thrives together. Grab your Early Bird ticket by June 15th and meet us there!

**Your support means the world to us! With your generosity and commitment to our cause, we can make a real difference in our community. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved.**