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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

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3RD QUARTER, 2015

(July-August-September)

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**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
3rd Quarter 2015
(July –September))**

ISSUE: Housing

**Power In the Community with Beatrice Thompson
July 18 & 19
6am-7am
16 minutes of 60 minute program**

Segment looked at housing for the homeless in the Charlotte community. Program started by Jeff Hood, who works as a mentor for youth in Charlotte. The program helps youth find shelter and essential daily needs from housing to clothing and food.

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
July 18 & 19
6am-7am
15 minutes of one hour program**

In support of the elderly and homebound, Friendship trays provides daily meals and solicits volunteers to help distribute food to homebound individuals.

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
July 11 & 12
6am-7am
15 minutes of 60 minute show**

The Family unit—the North Carolina Museum of History held a weekend focused on the 15th annual African American Cultural Celebration at the museum in Raleigh.

**Power in the Communtiy with Beatrice Thompson
August 15 & 16
6am-7am
11 minutes of 60 minute program**

In November of 2014, the city of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County announced a plan of ending homelessness for Veterans in the community by 2015. This segment took a look at the efforts to reach that goal.

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ISSUE: Crime & Violence

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

July 25 & 26

6am-7am

15 minutes of 60 minute program

Mecklenburg County community support Services provided a forum for women on avoiding violence and safe exchanges of children during visitation with non-custodial parents-how to have an exchange and avoid violence

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

July 25 & 26

6am-7am

12 minutes of 60 minute show

Segment of the show dealt with local concerns about shootings in South Carolina (in church)—shootings in Louisiana (movie theater),and local pastors having armed security in churches

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

July 25 & 26

6am-7am

16 minutes of 60 minute program

Social Security and African Americans—statistics show only 1 in 10 African Americans use retirement planning products—social Security experts point out what to do before retirement

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

July 18 & 19

6am-7am

13 minutes of 60 minute program

Exodus Foundation.Org provides support for formerly incarcerated people. Segment looked at finding housing, jobs and helping former inmates return to the community

ISSUE: Crime & Violence

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
August 8 & 9
6am-7am
15 minutes of 60 minute program**

**The beginning of the trial for officer Randall Wes Kerrick in Charlotte was the topic—
reactions from city leaders and the community to the trial of the white officer who killed
an unarmed black man—Jonathan Ferrell**

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
September 12 & 13
6am-7am
12 minutes of 60 minute program**

**The anniversary of 9/11—and subsequent issues—from health to safety—that has
changed American lives**

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
September 26 & 27
6am-7am
10 minutes of 60 minute program**

**To increase its diversity and to assist first responders in recruitment, Charlotte
Mecklenburg Police Department held a recruit fair for women, designed to get more
women, minorities to apply to the police department and to first responder agencies like
MEDIC**

ISSUE:

Health

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

August 22 & 23

6am-7am

9 minutes of 60 minute program

The mental health of those who have lost a loved one—in particular—widows. Segment looked at how support groups can assist young widows (many war widows) with rebuilding their lives.

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

September 19 & 20

6am-7am

11 minutes of 60 minute program

The American Psychological Association's 2015 Work-Life Survey took a look at the U.S. workforce and how well current work arrangements fit with employee's other life demands, as well as the implications for working Americans and their employers.

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

September 19 & 20

6am-7am

23 minutes of 60 minute program

September is Hunger Action Month and Second Harvest Food Bank, along with Feeding America Network use the month as a way to raise awareness of the issue of hunger thru-out the month.

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

September 19 & 20

6am-7am

12 minutes of 60 minute program

Local church leaders, led by Minister Modesty Dunbar began a drive to collect personal hygiene items for the homeless and for the shelters. The drive continues thru November.

ISSUE:

Health

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

September 26 & 27

6am-7am

13 minutes of 60 minute program

Preview of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the efforts in Charlotte to combat the ailment. Recent updates about the Susan g. Komen race for the Cure efforts in Charlotte.

Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson

September 26 & 27

6am-7am

10 minutes of 60 minute program

Update on Obesity in America, based on a national report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—information on Obesity Rates in North & South Carolina

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Issue: Education

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
August 1 & 2
6am-7am
10 minutes of 60 minute program**

The start of school means many parents cannot afford back to school items—Goodwill Industries provides cost effective clothing and supply sources for parents

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
August 1 & 2
6am-7am
10 minutes of 60 minute program**

In South Carolina, efforts were made to get first time students (kindergarteners and parents) ready for the change with education. Events were held by the Museums of York county to prepare students and parents.

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
August 15 & 16
6am-7am
11 minutes of 60 minute program**

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools held a Literacy Fair—designed to help returning students and new parents and students understand the school system—and how to utilize school resources for the best outcome this year.

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
August 22 & 23
6am-7am
10 minutes of 60 minute program**

August 26th is National Women's Equality Day—the segment took a look at the history of the event and the contributions of women to the equality movement in America

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Issue: Education

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
September 5 & 6
6am-7am
15 minutes**

Segment looked at the history of Labor Day—and the impact in America on its workers and the workers movement

Issue: Education

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
September 5 & 6
6am-7am
14 minutes**

The Bethlehem Center has operated Mecklenburg County’s Head Start program for several decades, and in the fall of 2015, it received more than 31 million for the next five years to expand the program to include more children from low-income families.

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
September 19 & 20
6am-7am
16 minutes of 60 minute program**

The 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March takes place in October 2015—this segment looked at the legacy of the March—and efforts to get women and children to be a part of the Anniversary event

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
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(July -September)**

ISSUE: Transportation and Technology

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
August 8 & 9
6am-7am
8 minutes of 60 minute program**

The question of convenience over safety was the topic of the segment, designed to help people understand what they should never do on a public Wi-Fi access

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
August 8 & 9
6am-7am
9 minutes of 60 minute program**

Charlotte has begun a light rail system with much success—this segment looked at public meetings to get community input on the next stage of the rail line in the city.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
3rd Quarter 2015
(July-September)**

ISSUE: Politics

**Power in the Community with Beatrice Thompson
September 12 & 13
6am-7am
5 minutes of 60 minute program**

The Charlotte Primary for the November 2015 election was held on September 15th. This segment gave voters information on early voter sites and candidates.

Community Involvement—Third Quarter 2015

Stations WBAV 101.9FM & WPEG/Power 98FM and its on-air personalities make it their business to be active in their communities. Below are listed just a sampling of events where the two stations have been involved and made a difference.

Adrian Lake—AKA “Vonyetta” on Power 98FM

For the month July

Arms Around Charlotte Peace Rally

August

Moderator for the CMPD Cops and Barbers Townhall Meeting

Walk for Mommy 5K

September

Guest speaker for the Myxx & Mingle Womens Empowerment

Guest panelist and speaker for the Charlotte Womens Empowerment Brunch

Volunteer with Big Dreamz

Moderator for the CMPD Cops and Barbers Townhall Meeting

No Limit Larry & the Morning Maddhouse on Power 98FM

Morning Maddhouse - Friday Night Football (High School Football Games)

Morning Maddhouse - Power It Forward. (We go to various restaurant and pay for people's meals)

Ms. Jessica and DJ LP - School Spirit (We went out to schools and hosted their EOG Pep Rallies)

Ms. Jessica and DJ Tab - Champ of the Camp (we went out to various summer camps and played games with the campers.)

No Limit - Anti Bully Rally with the Charlotte Hornets

No Limit - Thomas Davis Leadership Academy (Board Member and Facilitate Programs)

Public Affairs Director Beatrice Thompson

--Moderator for American Institute of Architecture Candidates' Forum

--Health Care Panel Moderator—Cardinal Health Innovations of N.C.

--Recipient of the Mosaic Award—The Behailu Academy of Arts

Power 98FM Community Events:

--Power 98 Block Parties every week in July./August at various community locations, including the Erwin park & Pool in Gastonia, N.C.

--Power 98's "King of the Streets" Car and Bike Show at Metrolina Expo

Church Announcements—3rd Quarter 2015

Each week, WBAV 101.9FM provides a forum for church announcements on its Sunday morning gospel program with host Tonya Rivens.

Below is listed a sampling of some of the events that received Sunday morning exposure on WBAV 101.9FM

Fellowship Tabernacle Church—Statesville, N.C.

2nd Annual Sickle Cell Run—Charlotte

Gethsemane Baptist Church

Interfaith Deliverance Ministries—Statesville, N.C

Radiant Church-Charlotte

Torrence Grove A.M.E. Zion Church

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church—Charlotte

Macedonia Baptist Church

New Faith Trinity Church

Kingdom Building International Ministries Inc.

Hopewell AME Church

Steele Hill Camp Meeting

United Baptist Church

Morning Star First Baptist Church

Public Service Announcements

3RD Quarter 2015

(July-September)

Throughout the quarter the station aired [daily/periodic] PSAs providing information on a variety of local community activities and issues. These were also listed on our station websites. The following are listings of Public Service Announcements that aired or were published during the third quarter of 2015.

August 1 (Saturday)—The NC Alliance of Black School Educators will co-sponsor a public community forum and panel discussion with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on plotting the path thru HBCU's for African American Males. The event is Saturday, August 1st from 9am—12:30pm. The church is located at 3400 Beatties Ford Road. For information & details, contact Dr. Betty Howell Gray at (704) 817-9341.....

August 8 (Saturday)— The 2015 Brooklyn Heritage Reunion takes place on Saturday, August 1st. It's the 10th anniversary of the Reunion of neighbors and friends from the former Brooklyn Neighborhood in Uptown Charlotte (Marshall Park area). The event takes place from Noon-7:00pm at Pearl Street Park—1200 Baxter Street in Charlotte. Bring your lawn chairs, photos and souvenirs of the “Historic Brooklyn Neighborhood.” For more information on this event, contact Frank Manago (704) 598-0544 or fmanago88@yahoo.com or John Pettis (704) 532-8880 or pettisjn@bellsouth.net

June/July./August—do you know a high school or college student who would like to earn a \$1,000 scholarship? Community blood Bank of the Carolinas is giving away five \$1,000 scholarships to local students who hold a successful blood drive between now and September 2015. To find out more, call (704) 972-4727 or email kljones@cbcc.us.....

August 15 (Saturday)—Charlotte's first Purple Heart Recipients Recognition Dinner will take place on Saturday, August 15 at the Le Meridien Hotel in Charlotte. All Purple Heart recipients plus two family members will receive free tickets to the large scale event, which includes a private reception, a military walk of honor, dinner and a very special recognition. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$35. To register for the event, contact Lindsey Mehring (704) 347-8254 or (704) 927-7941 or email purpleheartdinner@gmail.com or www.purpleheartfoundationofnc.org

August 28 (Friday)—the Center for the African Diaspora and rural Hill Plantation invite you to a special discussion of African American history, sharing the stories of blacks who escaped from the Mecklenburg county plantation and serving as a background for the discussion topic, “what came from the Plantation?” The program includes music, slave readings, re-enactments, the story of the rural Hill escapees’ photo exhibit and a plantation style meal. For more info, contact Amadou Shakur at (704) 464-1137

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July/August – for the first time in years, there is a waiting list for delivery of Friendship Trays (meals for the shut-in) for the Davidson./Cornelius/Huntersville area. If you live or work in that area and can help deliver meals on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Martha at mcochrane@friendshiptrays.org to learn more and sign up.....

July/August—the New Growth Hair Magazine and CAABJ (Charlotte Area Association of Black Journalists) has started its annual School Supplies Drive July 20th thru August 21st. Supplies will be delivered to students on Monday, August 24th. Donations will be made to Thomasboro Academy in Charlotte, which serves the highest number of documented homeless families. Organizers are soliciting additional barbers to volunteer to cut the student’s hair. For more information, contact Tina at (704) 363-5420.....

August 5-9(Saturday-Wednesday)—Join the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated for their 109th Anniversary General Convention. The convention will focus on the Future: Investing in our Community, Health, Wealth and Self. Events will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center. Several events are free and open to the public.....

August 8 (Saturday)—Walking by Faith Community Church with Blessed Assurance Day Care & Novant Health will host a “Keep Your Mind, Body and Soul in check”—a FREE day of health screenings and more. The event is Saturday, August 8th from 10am—2pm at Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care—13001 Idlewild Road. There will also be a FREE Back to School Extravaganza with School Supplies, fun and games.....

August 13 (Thursday)—the Charlotte Mecklenburg County NAACP will host a Candidates Forum on Thursday, August 13th at 6pm at Little Rock AME Zion Church Sanctuary—401 North McDowell Street. Come out to meet, hear from and question local candidates and elected officials running for office in this year’s fall elections. Questions may be submitted in advance to: naacp@charlottenaap.com

August 22 (Saturday)—Christ Missionary Outreach Ministries and Fran’s Boys & Girls Center present a Back To School Blast with a Little Holy Hip-Hop on Saturday, August 22nd at 10am. Come out for the fun, games, and more. The event will be held at Fran’s boys & Girls Center—2600 West Trade Street in Charlotte. For more information, contact Pastor Wendall Neal (704) 858-0105.....

August 7-16(Friday-Sunday)—Charlotte Pride Week is set for August 7th thru the 16th. The event is held annually before the Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade as a celebration of Diversity. For more information, go to www.CharlottePride.org/PrideWeek

August 14 (Friday)—The York Road High School Grand Reunion takes place August 14 & 15. Friday, Aug. 14th @ 7pm a Meet & Greet and on Saturday, Aug. 15th a Banquet @ 7pm. The speaker is Dr. Eddie Hoover—Retired Surgeon-Class of 1962. All events take place at the Crown Plaza Hotel—5700 West Park Drive in Charlotte. For more information, contact Joe Talley at (704) 921-0092 or Margaret Ross at (704) 366-6871.....

August 13 (Thursday)—Charlotte Area Transit system (CATS) will hold several information and information gathering sessions to get public input on rail/transit opportunities and bus routes for the Southeast Corridor, a study area of approximately 13.5 miles from Uptown Charlotte to the border of Mecklenburg & Union counties, including the town of Matthews. Thursday, Aug. 13th from 11:30—1:30pm a workshop will be held at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library 310 N. Tryon Street. Thursday evening, Aug. 13th from 6pm—7:30pm, a session will be held at Midwood International & cultural Center—1817 Central Ave. For more info, visit www.ridetransit.org

August 14 (Friday)—Come out for a FREE concert in Gaston County! Out of Gastonia, Image GTown will be in Belmont takes the stage on Friday evening, Aug. 14th at 7pm @ Stowe Park. Bring your lawn chairs, water and snacks and enjoy the evening.....

August 15 (Saturday)--Little Rock A.M.E. Zion church invites you to their 10th Annual Friends and Family Weekend. On Saturday, the 15th, a cookout will be held at Ramsey Creek Park (Lake Norman) in Cornelius. For more information on the weekend, contact the church at www.littlerockamezion.org or call (704) 334-3782.....

August 15 (Saturday)—Get a close up view of Hummingbirds at Reedy Creek’s annual Festival. The FREE event takes place at the Reedy Creek Nature Center 9am—3pm, rain or shine. It is recommended to arrive early as the best time to see the hummingbirds is between 9-11am. To learn more, go to www.parkandrec.com

August 15 (Saturday)—Know Your rights and Responsibilities. On Saturday, August 15th, come out to a FREE seminar on “How to respond when approached by Law Enforcement”—a panel discussion with Judges, District Attorneys, Police Officers and lawyers. It takes place at 10am at the Plaza church—5600 The Plaza in Charlotte.....

August 15 (Saturday)—Calling all alumni of Winchester Avenue School in Monroe—the Winchester Alumni Association is set to install the Buffalo –which was the school mascot—on the grounds of the former school—1049 Winchester Ave in Monroe-- on Saturday, August 15th at 11am. The Mayor of Monroe, School Board Chair and the Superintendent

will take part in the ceremony. It all takes place as part of the four day reunion. For more information, contact robert Heath at (704) 882-5651 or rlhpar@yahoo.com

August 18 (Tuesday)- You can Bridge the gap between employment and disability. Come out for a comprehensive forum that will discuss employment options and programs for individuals with disabilities. It takes place on Tuesday, August 18th , from 8:30am—5:00pm at the Partners Behavioral Health Auditorium—901 S. New Hope Road in Gastonia. This forum is geared to Providers, and consumers, educators, teachers, LINKs Programs and more. To register for the event, contact Katie Munger at (704) 481-8637...

August 22 (Saturday)—Can You help for two hours? If you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday, August 22nd , Friendship Trays can use you. They are looking for volunteers to pass out food & drinks, register cyclists and sell t-shirts for their cycling fundraising event. For more information, go to www.TourdeTurns.org or msegal@friendshiptrays.org

August 22 (Saturday)—It's a FREE Back to School event in Spartanburg. Come out on Saturday, August 22nd from 10:00am—1:00pm, Edward C. Stewart Park—500 Highland Avenue in Spartanburg South Carolina. 300 Backpacks will be given away on a first come basis. For more information on the all day event, contact Reaching Outside The Walls Ministries (864) 461-7178 (church phone).....

August 23 (Sunday)--Da Lucky spot Barbershop will host a FREE kid's haircut event on Sunday, August 23rd from 11am—7pm at the Wal-Mart located at 7735 N. Tryon Street...

August 28 (Friday)—The Charlotte Post will host a Mayoral Contenders forum on August 28th called "Pancakes and Politics Forum". It will be held at the Carole Hoefener Center from 8am—10:30am. The Center is located at 610 East Seventh Street. Admission is \$25. Four Democrats and two Republicans, all seeking the mayor's job, will take part in the forum.....

September 12 (Saturday) – Team TrueBlue invites you to the second annual Stop the Violence Charity Motorcycle Ride takes place on Saturday, September 12th. A Balloon Release at 3:30—Kick stands up at 3:45pm—donation is only \$5. It's a FREE cookout and Day Party. It all takes place at 200 French Street in Charlotte. All motorcycle & social clubs, car clubs are welcome. If you have lost someone to violence, you are asked to ride in this special event. For more info, contact Will Adams at (704) 230-9018.....

September 12 (Saturday)—Come to Historic Brattonsville's African American program, "By the Sweat of Our Brows" which offers an authentic interpretation of African American life on a Carolina plantation. The one day event presents the way of life for the plantation's enslaved thru reenactments and storytelling. The event is Saturday, September 12th from 10am—4pm. The historic site is located outside of Rock Hill—1444

Brattonsville Road, McConnells, S.C. (Hwy 322). Admission is \$6. For more info, call (803) 909-7244 or go to www.chmuseums.org

September 19 (Saturday)—The Chocolate Rose Ball is set for Saturday, September 19th at the Crowne Charlotte Executive Park. The event raises funds for women and men who have been challenged with Breast Cancer. Funds will be used for treatment support for medically underserved women. For more information on the event and to purchase tickets, contact Jeannette Tyson Gregory at (704) 606-7621 or go to www.celebratelife08.org ...

September 25 & 26 (Friday & Saturday)—The National Family empowerment conference and Expo will be held in Charlotte September 25 & 26th. For more information, contact Sylvia Grier at slg@genesisproject1.org

September 26 (Saturday)—the first Lake Norman Get Paddled Kayak Event will be held Saturday, September 26 in support of the mission of the American Cancer Society to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. The event registration begins at 7:00am at Kings Point Marina, the race starts at 8:00am. To register or more information, contact Chris Higgs at (704) 892-3223 or go to www.getpaddledkayakevent.com.....

August 25 (Tuesday)—You are invited to a Tour and Dialogue on African-American History, as presented thru the stained glass windows of the church. It takes place August 25th at 11am in the sanctuary of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church—3400 Beatties Ford Road. The event is FREE and open to the public.....

August 27 (Thursday)—The Watch For Me Campaign—designed to keep pedestrians and bicyclists safe on Charlottes streets, will kick off on Thursday, August 27th at 10:30am at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police & fire Training Academy—1770 Shopton Road in Charlotte. Speakers include city Council members Police and “professional pedestrians. The program will focus on safety in Charlotte

August 29 & Sept. 12 (Saturdays)—You are invited to a forum, “Islam in Africa”—the arrival, settlement and penetration of the story of Islam and how it came to Africa and the myths about the Moors and misunderstandings about black African Muslims. The event will be presented in two parts on Saturdays from 11am—1:00pm. It takes place at the Masjid Ash Shaheed 400 West Sugar Creek Road.....

August 29 (Saturday)—The Ubuntu Institute for Community Development presents its “One Nation, One Destiny Reggae Party”, Saturday, August 29th at Conway Park located at 103 Pendelton Road in Spartanburg, S.C. The family friendly event runs from 1pm—9pm, and features vendors, storytellers, African and Caribbean cultural information and other cultural activities. The non-profit organization host annual human rights conferences in Greenville & Spartanburg. For more information, call (864) 252-8823 or go to the website: www.ubuntuinstitutesc.org

September 1 (Tuesday)—Its time to Tee Off for a good cause—a golf tourney to benefit Youth Sports Scholarship Fund—the Mecklenburg County Dr. Charles Sifford Memorial Youth Sports Scholarship Fund golf Tournament. The event is October 23rd . Registration must be completed by September 1st. For more information, call (704) 529-3273 or email Preston Buckman at Preston.Buckman@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov

September 5 (Saturday)—Join the residents of the Cherry community for their Annual Cherry Reunion—celebrating 124 years of History, Heritage and Community on Saturday, September 5th from 11am-6pm at the Cherry Neighborhood Park—1509 Baxter Street in Charlotte. There will be lots of food, fun, family and friends so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, contact(704) 954-0045 or HistoricCherry1891@gmail.com.

September 7 (Monday—Labor Day)—the Grier Heights Community will be celebrating its Annual Reunion on Labor Day, September 7th . This year marks the 50th Reunion, and will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly restored and renovated Billingsville School building (now the community Center). The events begin with a parade at the corner of Orange St. and Fannie circle at 9:30am for more info and details, contact Gloria Green at (980) 254-0944 or glo_loveme50@yahoo.com

September 2015—In commemoration of National Sickle Cell Month in September, the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) and the Carolinas Sickle Cell Collaborative are raising awareness of the need for blood donors—in particular African American donors—to help treat area sickle cell patients. To make an appointment at any center or mobile drive, visit www.cbcc.us or call (704) 972-4700.....

September 9 (Wednesday)—In the wake of five (5) murders over the weekend, the Million Youth March of Charlotte and Mothers of Murdered Offspring will host a community Prayer Vigil—Wednesday September 9th , 7:00pm at Marshall Park—800 East 3rd Street...

September 10 (Thursday)—In honor of World Suicide Prevention Day, Mental Health America of Central Carolinas is offering two separate QPR, suicide prevention trainings at no charge. QPR stands for Question—Persuade and Refer. Two time periods: 11:30am—1:00pm or 6:00pm—7:30pm. Register at www.mhacentralcarolinas.org or call (704) 365-3454.....

September 11 (Friday)—the Gastonia Fire Department will be holding two services in observance of the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorists attacks. On Friday, Sept. 11th, services will be held at the Gastonia Fire Dept. station—260 N. Myrtle School Road and at Fire Station 4—900 Armstrong Park Road in Gastonia. Both services start at 9:00am.....

September 11 (Friday)—The 4th Annual Patriotism Bowl—a High School Football Gamebetween rivals Myers Park and South Mecklenburg, celebrating Patriot Day and National Service and Remembrance Day (a.k.a 9/11). It benefits Carolinas Freedom

Foundation, Purple Heart Homes and Operation Homefront and the USO. Takes place Friday night September 11 at South Mecklenburg High School-8900 Park Road in Charlotte. Gates open at 5:00pm, pre-game show at 7:00pm and kick off at 7:30pm—tickets for the event are \$8.00

September 12(Saturday)—firefighters from Gaston County Firefighters Association will hold their annual Boot Drive to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, September 12th. Firefighters from all departments will be stationed thru out the area with boots to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy

September 12 (Saturday)—Latibah Collard Green Museum in partnership with ImaginOn is offering a “Cultural Evolution” workshop especially designed for teens. The event provides teens with the opportunity to explore African and African-American Culture through interactive performing arts. It takes place from 2pm-3pm at ImaginOn—300 East 7th Street. Registration is required. For information on registration, call (704) 416-4600...

September 12 (Saturday)—African American descendants of the Bratton Family will unite to tell their story at this year’s “By the Sweat Of Our Brows”—a one day event at Historic Brattonsville that tells the story of the Plantation’s enslaved from colonial times through the reconstruction. The event takes place Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am—4:00pm. Historic Brattonsville is located at 1444 Brattonsville Road, McConnells, S.C. (outside of Rock Hill on Hwy 322). For directions & ticket prices call (803) 684-2327....

September 13 (Sunday)—Charlotte based Headlines Barber Shop will hold its 3rd Annual Cookout for a Cause on September 13th from 1:00pm—5pm at Reedy Creek Park. The cookout is a fundraiser to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. The event is FREE to the public. Money will be raised through the sale of raffle tickets, a silent auction and donations.....

September 15 (Tuesday)—Exodus Foundation.Org invites you to a Lunch & Lead chat with the Founder, Rev. Dr. Madeline McClenney-Sadler on Tuesday, September 15th from 12 Noon—1:30pm, at the Charlotte Diocese—1123 South Church Street. Please RSVP to exodus@exodusfoundation.org

September 15 (Tuesday)—Come out for the GospelSHOUT 2015—the annual concert of “a capella” choirs plus the high energy trombone “shout band” tradition found only in the United House of Prayer. It takes place Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30pm at the United House of Prayer—2321 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte. The concert is FREE and open to the public.....

September 16-19 (Wednesday-Saturday)—Sample local art, science, history and heritage for FREE September 16-19 through ASC’s Cultural Free For All, presented to the community by Wells Fargo. The Free for All kicks off at 6pm Sept. 16th with Symphony on

Tap—a FREE hour long season preview concert by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra at Belk Theater in the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. On the 18th—Cultural Feast will be an evening of dinner, drinks and unique cultural experiences open to the public, ages 21 and older, on Tryon Street between ML King boulevard and Levine Avenue of the Arts in Uptown and many more events. Some events do require tickets. A full schedule is available at www.ArtsAndScience.org or call (704) 333-2272.....

September 17 (Thursday)—All Roads will lead to Washington for the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March. To support the effort, come out to a Party with the Poets on Thursday, September 17th at the Nile Lounge—5741 N. Graham Street in Charlotte. Doors open at 7pm—the show begins at 8pm. All proceeds will benefit the 20th Anniversary of the Million Many March. For more info call (980) 888-2084.....

September 21 (Monday)—The Charlotte Rescue Mission is hosting its inaugural Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Monday, September 21st at the Golf Club at Ballantyne—10000 Ballantyne Commons Parkway in Charlotte. For details and to register, go to www.charlotterescuemission.org or call (704) 333-HOPE.....

September 26 (Saturday)—The EBC Culinary Ministry (Ebenezer Baptist Church) invites you to the Black & white Gala to benefit the National Kidney Foundation,. The event is set for Saturday, September 26th , reception at 5:30pm and the Dinner at 6:00pm, to be held at the Ebenezer Hall of Elegance—2020 W. Sugar Creek Road. For details on tickets and reservations, call (704) 598-2219 or www.ebccharlotte.org