

**URBAN BEAT PROGRAMMING**  
**January thru March 2020**

**PROGRAM: Urban Beat**

**HOST: Jerome Graham**

**TOPIC: Pathways**

**DATE: January, 2020**

**GUEST: Avis Files Pathways Brothers United**

**SYNOPSIS:** The mission of Brothers United Toledo is twofold:

- To alleviate the immediate hardships of poverty and,
- To help those in need get the skills and tools they need to thrive independently.

They work to achieve these goals through the provision of essential services: help with home maintenance and energy bills / in-home services for seniors and the disabled / job search assistance and training / classes, including GED completion. Avis Files is the director and she shares how the community can get involved with the program.

**From: C. Jerome Graham**

**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday January, 2020**

**Subject: Discussion of City of Toledo MLK Celebration at UT**

**Guest: Sarah Dastagir**

**SYNOPSIS:** Discussed with Sara Dastagir programming for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration held January 8 at the University of Toledo. Who benefits the most from the MLK celebration and what the objectives are for holding the annual MLK event? 2020 the event had a new format and that too was presented to the listening audience.

**From: C. Jerome Graham**

**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday January 19, 2020**

**Subject: Discussion of Human Trafficking and its influence in Toledo**

**Guest: Brenda Holsey and Amy LaGesse**

**SYNOPSIS:** "Toledo Getaway" as a getaway from mostly Las Vegas. It's just one of the getaway cities; others are: Pasco, WA , Portland, OR , Miami, FL. Many of the females that are in trafficking are runaways from parents that abuse drugs. 1,000+ victims of human trafficking whose parents were drug addicts were from Toledo. "Sex trafficking occurs when a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion if the victim is 18 years of age or older; & any minor who performs a commercial sex act, is federally defined as a victim of sex trafficking, regardless of the use of force, fraud or coercion. The term "commercial sex act" is the giving or receiving of anything of value (money, drugs, shelter, food, clothes, etc.) to any person in exchange for a sex act. Commercial sex acts may include prostitution, pornography, and sexual performance. Some forms of sex trafficking include pimp-controlled trafficking, gang-controlled trafficking, familial trafficking (trafficked by the family, generally for basic needs or drugs); and what is commonly referred to as "survival sex" (minor engaging in commercial sex acts without the control of a pimp in order to meet his/her basic needs such as food or shelter)."

**PROGRAM: Urban Beat**  
**HOST: Jerome Graham**  
**TOPIC: Moms & Babies First: Ohio's Black Infant Vitality Program**  
**DATE: January, 2020**  
**GUEST: Debra Hamilton and Neighborhood Health Association**

**SYNOPSIS:** The [Ohio Department of Health](#) is investing \$850,000 into a Healthy Lucas County project to combat infant mortality in Toledo's central city area neighborhoods that includes working with residents to determine what they need to improve health and well-being. Debra Hamilton addressed the roll of the "MOMS & Babies First" project to reduce infant mortality numbers in Lucas County.

**URBAN BEAT HOST: Jerome Graham**  
**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday February, 2020**  
**GUEST: Idell Watson**  
**SUBJECT: Widows Empowered Strengthened & I**

**HOST:** Widows Empowered Strengthened & I Inc is a program for women who have lost their loved one and we come together to help you get through the tough times. They partner with financial, legal, housing, and community organizations to offer assistance to widows and women who need education, services, and support in these areas.

Mrs. Idell Watson is the founder and CEO of W.E.S & I Inc. They have an axiom on their web page that says and I quote "We Are Women Rising above the Hurt, The Pain, and the Loneliness of losing a Spouse."

**From: C. Jerome Graham**  
**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday February, 2020**  
**Subject: United States Census Registration**  
**Guest: Deborah Barnett**

**SYNOPSIS:** As required by the United States Constitution, the U.S. Census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790. The 2010 United States Census was the previous census completed. Participation in the U.S. Census is required by law in Title 13 of the United States Code. In 2020, the United States population is projected to be 333,546,000, an 8.03% increase from the 2010 Census. The United States Census of 2020, will be the twenty-fourth United States Census. National Census Day, the reference day used for the census, will be April 1, 2020.

**URBAN BEAT HOST: Jerome Graham**

**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday February, 2020**

**GUEST: George Robinson**

**SUBJECT: Business opportunities to explore while off during COVID-19**

**ACCORDING TO AN APRIL 2011 FORBES MAGAZINE ARTICLE** natural disasters also present opportunities for companies to create goodwill, both in their communities and with the general public.

Apple seized such an opportunity with its stores in Tokyo during the earthquake. Frightened residents were invited into the stores to watch the news streaming on computers, e-mail their families, recharge their mobile phones and so forth. Stranded employees and their families were invited to sleep at the stores, or given paid hotel rooms and private transportation when possible. In effect, management converted the stores into makeshift shelters. The effort may have had only a minor impact, but it is unlikely to be forgotten.

**From: C. Jerome Graham**

**RE: REPEAT---Urban Beat Interview for Sunday February, 2020**

**Subject: Walk The Word Scholarship Fund**

**Guest: Linda Flowers and Pastor Tim Pettaway**

**SYNOPSIS:** The Total Purpose Scholarship fund is the vision of Walk The Word Ministries. It gives a helping hand to those in the community that may need a different route to assistance than the usual programs. Wherever people are in their life's journey, regardless of where you fall on the deep questions of faith, this scholarship opportunity is available and open to help pay defray the cost of their college education.

**From: C. Jerome Graham**  
**RE: REPEAT---Urban Beat Interview for Sunday March, 2020**  
**Subject: Fire Department 100 Anniversary**  
**Guest: Chief Bryant Byrd- Chief of the TFD**

Toledo Fire Department celebrated the 100 anniversary of Toledo Firefighters Museum, which opened as Station 18 on March 1, 1920. Chief Byrd spoke about the museum and the recruitment opportunities of the Toledo Fire Department.

**From: C. Jerome Graham**  
**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday March, 2020**  
**Subject: Board of Elections**  
**Guest: LaVera Scott- Director of the Board of Elections**

There is a major concern that this year the numbers for the general election will be effected by covid-19. Those who have already voted absentee ballot will count but polling locations may be closed due to the restrictions established to combat covid-19. LaVera Scott will provide an update on what people will need to do to have their vote count.

**From: C. Jerome Graham**  
**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday March, 2020**  
**Subject: Buck Hoops Magazine**  
**Guest: Dennis Hopson- NBA Professional and Co-Owner of Magazine**

Spoke about the time he spent in NBA, success he had at Ohio State where his scoring record is still intact. Let the community know that there is a magazine that can spot the achievements of student athletes and provide a platform for character development.

**From: C. Jerome Graham**  
**RE: Urban Beat Interview for Sunday March, 2020**  
**Subject: Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce**  
**Guest: Roy Hodge- Chamber President**

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