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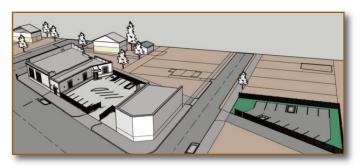




DABO Awarded \$1,000,000 Community Center Grant Renovation to Continue DABO's Legacy as the Pride on the West Side

By Kenyetta Wilbourn Snapp, DABO's COO

The Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$1,000,000 Community Center Grant through the State of Michigan. The grant will fund a two-site renovation project at the **Dr. Lavonne Sheffield Bridge Center**, a repurposed community library and multi-media hub for mixed-use located at 9928 Grand River Avenue, and the DABO headquarters facility located at 12048 Grand River Avenue.



The headquarters renovations will retrofit the current dwelling to support DABO's expanded services to the community. The space will have updated wiring, technology, restrooms, a free health clinic, multi-purpose space, client service spaces for advanced individual and family counseling, and co-working spaces for small organizations and entrepreneurs.

DABO was founded in 1979 by the late Horace L. Sheffield Jr. for the purpose of building a community that promotes the upliftment of marginalized communities, promotes unity among minority organizations for economic mobility, and provid service to residents in Detroit. Since then, its work has expanded to provide access to free health screenings, coordination of services, job training, reentry services, mental health and substance abuse disorder intervention, youth programs, food distribution, and emergency services. We are excited to offer the community a new space to support its everyday needs while continuing the legacy of its founder.

DABO is led by Reverend Horace L. Sheffield III, a social change agent with a spiritual mandate. Because the work of DABO is being refined to support generations for years to come, DABO believes that it is only halfway through, yet it is only halfway done. As DABO continues in the spirit of humanity, it plans to launch a capital campaign to support ancillary project costs, including a parking lot and to achieve the grant's matching fund requirements.

DABO Awarded \$1,000,000 Community Center Grant continued

The ceremonial groundbreaking tentatively scheduled to commence in late November. DABO has retained the services of Ron Edwards of EGI Architects and Mark English of



with your name or company name on it for \$1,000, or by donating the amount of your choice.

Mark English & Associates under a joint venture for the project. Aubin Williams of Ekklesia Building Corporation has joined as project manager, and construction will begin upon receiving the required building permits and assigning a construction company.

For us to complete this project DABO must raise \$300,000, of which \$150,000 has already been successfully raised. We are asking for the those that we have served, and those who have assisted us in serving, to help us raise the remaining \$150,000 by purchasing a brick, that will be included in the new building

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Governor Whitmer at DABO



(Governor Whitmer visited DABO and shares a moment with Rev. Sheffield's granddaughter Lauryn Mackenzie Scruggs)

DABO Petitions the City of Detroit For Horace L. Sheffield, Jr. Secondary Street Naming at Preliminary Hearing

On Thursday October 17, 2024, **Rev. Horace L. Sheffield, III**, DABO's CEO, **Mr. Ronald Lockett,** DABO's President, **Judge Greg Mathis** and **Rev. Wendell Anthony**, President Detroit Branch NAACP, both who submitted a letter, and numerous others testified at the preliminary hearing in front of the Detroit City Council's Planning and Economic Development (PED) members in support of my renaming a portion of Grand River Avenue in honor of DABO's founder Horace L. Sheffield, Jr.



(Those who came to support the street naming (front row, Left to Right) Sheriff Raphael Washington, Rev. Sheffield, Clark Durant, Gerald Smith, (back from, Left to Right), Nancy Jamerson, Dr. Carolyn Carter, Ron Lockett, Stephanie Pride, and Valerie Lamb)

Horace L. Sheffield, Jr., was a pivotal figure in Detroit's labor and civil rights movements, championing the rights of workers and underserved communities throughout his career. His leadership as a factory worker, union activist, political leader, and journalist earned him a well-deserved reputation as a tireless advocate for human rights. His influence extended beyond Detroit, making a significant national impact on labor rights and civil liberties. We believe it is fitting and necessary to recognize his contributions to our

community through the dedication of a secondary street in his name.

DABO is very grateful for the many who were present at the hearing and who also testified by zoom. We look forward to the larger community assisting us in helping us to ensure that Horace L. Sheffield, Jr.'s legacy, is honored in the city he served so devotedly. If you would like to support undertaking call **City Council President Mary Sheffield's office at 313-224-4505.**

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Statement Supporting the Naming of a Detroit Street after Horace Sheffield, Jr.
Detroit City Council
October 17th, 2024

Greetings, distinguished members of the Detroit City Council.

The time allotted this morning for remarks is short. Many will rightly offer great tribute to Horace Sheffield, Jr. as a man having lived a life worthy of a Detroit street to be named in his honor. I support those tributes. Sheffield was a factory worker, a labor and civil rights activist, a political leader and journalist, and, most importantly, he was a good husband, father, and grandfather, sometimes the most difficult of all undertakings! He is worthy.

But many folks, known and unknown to us, have lived lives in this great city worthy of street-named recognition. In fact, more folks than there are streets! So how do we distinguish Horace Sheffield, Jr. from the rest? What separates his life to be street-named worthy?

Let us see Sheffield's life in an historical context and in its fulfillment. This fuller understanding is seen in three things: the 1787 Northwest Ordinance, the city itself, and the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and Augustus Woodward, two men honored on two of our main Detroit streets. In such a three dimensioned light, Sheffield's Detroit life is distinctively worthy of being recognized with a Detroit street named in his honor.

How so?

The Northwest Ordinance, originally written by Thomas Jefferson, was a series of three Acts (1784, 1785, and 1787) passed by the U.S. Congress under our country's original Articles of Confederation. The Ordinance provided for the division and settlement of the wilderness territory beyond the Ohio River, territory that would one day become the five States of the Midwest, including Michigan, with Detroit its most prominent city already thriving.

What makes the territorial provisions of the Northwest Ordinance so significant and relevant? These things: the establishment of self-government, the encouragement of public education, the specific outlawing of slavery, the support of the freedom of religion, and the provision of civil liberties. As you have heard from

APHA PANEL

Using 21st Century Communication Tools to Combat the Centuries Old Tobacco Use Problem Rev. Horace L. Sheffield, III, MA, MPA

Monday October 28, 2024 - Minneapolis, Minnesota

To save Black lives, we must end the sale of menthol cigarettes. Researchers estimate that prohibiting menthol cigarettes would save up to 654,000 lives within 40 years, including the lives of 255,000 Black Americans.

The tobacco Industry makes billions off the addiction of mostly Black smokers of menthol cigarettes. When you hear false claims of freedom of choice or fears of policing the Black community for menthol smokers, remember these facts - Menthol cigarettes kill Black lives and Big Tobacco profits billions from our deaths.

The industry is paying Black spokespersons to project false claims to protect profits, as they have with Feb. 19th's columnist, MoReno Taylor. How do I know? Because the tobacco industry offered me a quarter million dollars to promote their lies and false fears in my community. But I will not sell my soul to the devil. I will always just tell the truth.

After spending decades targeting us with their menthol cigarette ads, now they are exploiting our real fears regarding policing in this country. This is exactly why the menthol rule will apply only to manufacturers and retailers, not individual consumers. This FDA rule to end menthol will not make it illegal for any individual to either possess or consume menthol cigarettes. This law enforcement argument is just another tobacco industry lie, and it must stop.

For decades, the industry relentlessly targeted us, and it worked. 85 percent of African American smokers use menthols. Now, working with our nation's most respected, unbought Black health, social justice, and community leaders, we are fighting for our lives to end the sale of menthol cigarettes.

It is time for our community to pronounce capital punishment, and a death sentence upon the manufactures and the distributors of menthol cigarettes – cigarettes that are destroying the health of our families and our children – and cigarettes that are simply killing far too many of us.

Truthfully, since the trans-Atlantic slave ships landed on these shores, the tobacco industry has used us and our pain for their profits. If we are to be truly free in this great land of opportunity, we must do away with corporate greed that keeps us in chains, allows us to purchase our deaths a package at a time, and encourages us to partake of their poisonous products.

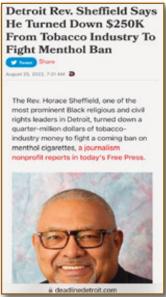
The tobacco industry uses our lives as pawns to produce profits for them even if it cripples us and causes us and our loved ones to die. And then they pander their poison by paying people who try to persuade us that individual choice is more important than any harm their product may cause us.

And Let's be Clear WHEN IT COMES TO MENTHOL CIGARETTES, It is dividing Us -- It's Using Us -- and it is devastating and exploiting our already marginal communities. And the tobacco industry is KILLING US A PUFF AT A TIME. It's time to BURY MENTHOL CIGARETTES BEFORE THEY BURY ANY MORE OF US!

We must Understand the tobacco industry is the largest killer of African Americans. This is the Unfiltered truth. A truth that devastates our families, our communities, and our country. If we are going to talk about saving Black Lives, then we must repel preemption that keeps communities chained to weak laws that don't protect us. We must repel possession use penalties that criminalize the youth hooked by the tobacco industry

Today I also suggest that we bury the paid pallbearers who have knowingly participated in killing us with menthol cigarettes. Pallbearers who manufacture and profit from this targeted killer and who pay others to protect their right to pillage us; pallbearers, those politicians who refuse to enact a ban of menthol cigarettes; pallbearers, advertisers who glamorized the very menthol cigarettes that terrorizes us; and, pallbearers, parents of a son died saying "I can't breathe" but then was paid to tell your children it's alright to consume them. So today I say we must, we must bury this known and targeted killer, menthol cigarettes.

IF BLACK LIVES MATTER - THAT BLACK LUNGS DO TO!!



A Drug Safety Net Program is Leaving Black Michiganders Behind By Rev. Horace L, Sheffield, III, DABO's CEO

Across Michigan, and our country, Black individuals suffer from chronic illnesses and disability at a greater rate. Black Americans are twice as likely to develop diabetes or die of a sudden cardiac arrest compared to White Americans. In Michigan, the mortality rate from heart disease and stroke is 1.4 times higher for Black residents than for White residents.



It's why I led efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic to bring Choose Healthy Life to Michigan. Choose Healthy Life is a national program that funds Black churches to hire a trusted health navigator from within the local community to address the health inequities that exist. Programs like Choose Healthy Life are truly having an impact on the health of those who need it most.

For the Black communities we serve, federal safety nets, such as the 340B Drug Pricing Program, are vital to enable our neighbors to afford and access their medications. This is especially true as more Michiganders navigate the challenges of inflation and struggle to put food on the table and pay their bills. That's why it's so discouraging to see the Michigan legislature consider reforms to 340B that would allow for uncontrolled exploitation of the program, rather than ensuring that the most vulnerable among us benefit from drug discounts.

The 340B program was established with the intent to help vulnerable low-income and uninsured patients access their prescription medicines. The program requires drug manufacturers to give discounts on prescription medicines to certain health organizations, often called "covered entities" and for-profit "contract pharmacies." The intent was – and still is – for these organizations to pass 340B drug discounts on to patients to help them afford their medications. In concept, 340B has good intentions to ensure treatment access and eliminate inequities in care for those in Michigan and beyond.

Instead, the 340B program has become a huge profit driver for corporate pharmacy chains and big hospitals in Michigan. Walgreens and CVS account for 60% of the contract pharmacies in the program today, and a 2020 report found that the average profit margin on 340B medicines dispensed through contract pharmacies was 72%, compared with just 22% for non-340B medicines. Meanwhile, most patients are receiving 0% in prescription medication discounts even though the medication was purchased at a 340B discount.

To make matters worse, access to contract pharmacies has decreased in the low-income, predominantly Black and Hispanic communities the program was intended to serve. In Michigan, 13% of residents live below the poverty line, relying on federal safety net programs like 340B to access essential health services. Yet in Michigan, only 28% of contract pharmacies are located in medically underserved areas and 92% of 340B hospitals are below the national average for charity care levels. One study found that there is a disproportionate divide between 340B profits and charity care as 340B hospitals in Michigan make more than 8.5 times as much from 340B as they spend on charity care. All the while, the most vulnerable patients among us are struggling to afford their care.

While the evidence tells us a scathing story about 340B, Michigan legislators have proposed H.B. 5350, which would only fuel these abuses from big hospitals and big pharmacies instead of prioritizing underserved patients in Michigan. The unintended consequences of this legislation could put community health, especially in our Black community, at risk across the state.

This June, Choose Healthy Life joined numerous other advocacy groups in testifying in strong opposition to H.B. 5350, urging the Michigan House of Representatives to instead focus on patient-centered reforms that would help the most vulnerable in Michigan access their medicines. In our work in Michigan, we focus on providing Black churches – the oldest and most trusted institution in the Black community – with the necessary resources, training, and support to address health disparities in hard- to-reach communities. Frankly, H.B. 5350 would do more harm to the Black community than good and is not a solution that will help our neighborhoods in need. The intent of the 340B program when it was founded was to help communities like the ones we serve at Choose Healthy Life. If this program was run correctly, the people most in need would actually benefit from it.

Michigan legislators should oppose H.B. 5350 and instead focus on patient-centered reforms that will help the most vulnerable people in Michigan manage their health.

DABO & CHOOSE HEALTHY LIFE

Meet in Washington to Press for Funding to Address Health Disparities



(Mrs. Jefferson, Rev. David Jefferson, Congressman James E. Clyburn, Rev. Kimberly Williams, & Rev. Sheffield)



(DABO's Vice President David Felton and Congressman James E. Clyburn)

The Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative weekend took place September 11 -15th and Choose Healthy Life hosted a reception on Capitol Hill the night prior to the opening of the conference on Tuesday, Sept. 10th from 5 to 7 pm in the Russell Senate Building. Rev. Sheffield, DABO's CEO, and David Felton, DABO's Vice President, were both in attendance. The event featured a session with leading congressional members to raise awareness and support for the Health Equity Innovation Act, a bill that's been introduced in both the House and the Senate to fund organizations like CHL. The proposed act was the outcome following our summit meeting with the HHS Secretary of Health and Human Services.



(Dr. Reed Tuckson, Rev. David Jefferson, Jacques DeGraff, Rev. Sheffield)

An invitation to attend was extended to the CHL's Board of Directors, the National Black Clergy Health Leadership Council and Medical Advisory Board, Co-Chair Rev. Sharpton, Founder Debra Fraser-Howze and Congressional leaders including Senator Raphael Warnock, Kirsten Gillibrand, Corey Booker, Rep. Nikema Williams, Rep. Yvette Clarke and others for this special event in Washington, D.C. Detroit's Representative Rashida Talib was in attendance.

DABO Works with DTE to Make Homes Energy Efficient in the 48227 Zip Code







Join us!

Your community qualifies for free home improvements and upgrades.

DTE Energy is committed to helping our customers lower their energy usage while improving home comfort. Customers in your neighborhood have told us about the challenges with keeping up with home improvements to maximize energy savings, which is why we want to help you stay comfortable and manage energy costs.

We're working with the Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) to spread the word about an exciting opportunity for residents in your neighborhood to receive FREE energy-efficient upgrades through our Energy Efficiency Assistance (EEA) Program.

Who is eligible?

Customers who live in the Plymouth-Hubbell neighborhood qualify for this special program. You must live south of I-96, west of Greenfield, north of W. Chicago, and east of Freeland.

Free improvements may include:

- · Energy-efficient insulation
- · New water heater
- Smart thermostats
- · New furnace
- New refrigerato
- · ENERGY STAR* certified LED light bulbs
- · Advanced power strips

Great benefits you'll enjoy:



Reduced energy use



Increased home comfort



Better air quality

Contact us today to learn more and sign up!

Call 313.491.0003 or email homeimprovement@dabodetroitinc.com.



(Aaron Truitt, DABO, DTE Representatives, and Dr. Carolyn Carter at an open house for those who wanted to participated in the program.)

The Time is Now – DABO Joins DTE in Championing Change for Michiganders

All of us at DTE are keenly aware – just as all of you are – that nearly everyone has been affected by the rising costs of living, from groceries to everyday services, but especially the most vulnerable in our communities. According to a recent report by the Michigan Association of United Ways, 39% of Michigan households struggle to afford the basics like housing, childcare, food, transportation, healthcare and utility bills. Many of those that fall within this 39% are considered part of the asset-limited, income-constrained and employed - or ALICE – population. Customers in ALICE households work every day in essential, but lower paying jobs, and do not make enough to cover basic needs. For example, today, a family of four making \$50,000 a year doesn't qualify for many assistance programs. Something has to change.

Many Michigan households have long relied on the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), however the need for these programs has grown significantly in recent years. According to data from United Way's 2-1-1 helpline, energy assistance consistently ranks among the top three requests every month in any given year, however, the majority of the state's programs today require customers to be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines – many in the ALICE population fall just above that. Even still, most energy assistance initiatives are not effective at sustainably reducing energy bills to an affordable level, leaving customers in a continuous cycle of crisis.

Additionally, state and federal assistance programs are often quickly depleted. Just earlier this year, State Emergency Relief funding ran out in June when it is intended to last through the end of September.

It's important that we act now to support the vulnerable among us. That's why at the state and federal level, DTE is working to remove structural barriers to get help to those who need it.

Through the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm – a group of more than 120 human service agencies, religious organizations, and businesses from across Michigan – we are continuing to work on several legislative and policy actions, including the passage of three bills that will increase funding and expand eligibility for bill assistance programs.

- Senate Bill 880 proposes doubling MEAP funding from \$50 million today to \$100 million in five years, allowing the funds to serve twice as many customers.
- Senate Bill 353 will increase the eligibility of MEAP funds so that any Michigander at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level would be eligible. Today, that threshold is 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Senate Bill 881 ensures that if the MEAP fund is not spent in a fiscal year, it will result in a lower surcharge for the following year. It also ensures that as much as possible, MEAP funds will go back to low-income customers of the geographical area where the funds were generated.

These bills have passed the Michigan Senate and are now in the hands Michigan House of Representatives. We ask you to join us in creating change by urging your representatives to vote yes on these bills to ensure everyone who needs assistance receives it.

DABO Names Stephanie Pride the CEO's Chief of Staff



October 1, DABO name **Stephanie Pride**, former Executive Assistant as **DABO's CEO Chief of Staff**. The Chief of Staff is a key strategic partner and advisor to DABO's CEO, and is responsible for overseeing the organization's operations, implementing strategic initiatives, and ensuring the effective functioning of DABO.

Ms. Pride will play a crucial role in managing staff, coordinating projects, and driving organizational excellence while promoting DABO's mission and values, and will also be overseeing DABO's large, cross-functional projects or initiatives spanning the entire organization. As the CEO's Chief of Staff Ms. Pride will:

- Facilitate efficient communication and collaboration among staff, board members, and stakeholders.
- Develop and implement operational policies and procedures to enhance organizational effectiveness and project management.
- Lead key projects and initiatives to ensure timely delivery and measurable outcomes.
- Coordinate cross-departmental efforts to achieve organizational goals.
- Collaborate with other organizations and community leaders to advance shared goals.
- Represent DABO at community events, meetings, and partnerships to strengthen relationships with stakeholders.
- Support recruitment, training, and professional development of staff members.
- Assist in budget preparation and financial management to ensure the sustainability of the organization.
- Represent the organization at community events.

We welcome Ms. Pride to this position and are planning a reception soon to introduce her to the community and to our stakeholders. Ms. Pride can be reached at 313-491-0003 or by email at sbennett@dabodetroitinc.com.



DABO Recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month: The Importance of Early Detection and Knowing Your Family History October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to increase understanding of a disease that affects thousands of lives each year.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is estimated that 42,500 women in the United States will die from breast cancer this year alone. To put that into perspective, that's equivalent to filling up Detroit's Little Caesars Arena twice.

This sobering statistic reminds us why breast cancer awareness and early detection are crucial. With the right knowledge and proactive measures, many lives can be saved, and the impact of this disease can be reduced.

The Power of Early Detection Early detection is one of the most effective ways to combat breast cancer. Regular screenings, such as mammograms, play a significant role in catching the disease in its earliest stages when treatment options are most successful. When breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is much higher, offering patients a greater chance of living a long and healthy life. Self-examinations and being vigilant about changes in your body are also important. If you notice any unusual changes in your breasts, such as lumps, swelling, skin changes, or discomfort, it is critical to seek medical advice promptly. The earlier breast cancer is detected, the more treatment options are available, and the better the outcomes.

Knowing Your Family History Understanding your family history of breast cancer can be a powerful tool in managing your risk. If you have close relatives who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, you might have a higher risk of developing the disease. It's essential to share this information with your healthcare provider, as they may recommend earlier or more frequent screenings based on your family history.

Genetic factors, such as mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, can also significantly increase the risk of breast cancer. If you have a strong family history of breast or ovarian cancer, your doctor may suggest genetic testing to help determine your risk level and guide your next steps. Taking Action: What You Can Do This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, take charge of your health and encourage your loved ones to do the same. Here are a few steps to get started:

- 1. Schedule Regular Screenings: Talk to your healthcare provider about when to start and how often to get mammograms based on your age and risk factors.
- 2. Perform Self-Exams: Regularly check your breasts for any unusual changes, and report them to your doctor if you notice anything out of the ordinary.
- 3. Know Your Family History: Discuss your family's medical history with your healthcare provider to understand your risk and develop a personalized plan for early detection.
- 4. Adopt a Healthy Lifestyle: Maintain a healthy diet, exercise regularly, limit alcohol consumption, and avoid smoking to reduce your risk of breast cancer.
- 5. Support the Cause: Participate in local events, fundraisers, or support groups to raise awareness and contribute to the fight against breast cancer.

Conclusion Breast cancer affects more lives than we realize, but with increased awareness, early detection, and a better understanding of risk factors, we can make a difference. Knowing your family history and being proactive about your health could be life-saving. This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, let's commit to spreading the word, supporting one another, and taking steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones from this disease. Together, we can turn awareness into action and make a meaningful impact in the fight against breast cancer. *For questions please call 313-635-5978*

DABO to Launch Detroit Community Network Digital Platform and Mobile App: "Our News, Our Views"

By Andre Ash



The Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) is advancing its mission to inform, empower, and uplift the community with the creation of a new digital platform and mobile app, **Detroit Community Network (DCN)**, set to launch soon. With the tagline, "**Our News, Our Views,**" this platform will be a dedicated destination for community news, events, and stories that highlight Detroit's Black history and culture.

Rev. Horace Sheffield III, CEO of DABO, draws inspiration from his father, the late Horace Sheffield Jr., a journalist and TV show host who understood the power of media to inform and influence. Following in his father's footsteps, Sheffield III is committed to shaping the narrative for the Black community in Detroit through platforms that push community-centered news and stories. He believes that the Detroit Community Network will provide a much-needed space for authentic voices and stories that represent the Black community.

"The media is a tool for shaping narratives. This mobil app and digital platform will allow us to control our story, our way," Sheffield III said. "Our communities have been too often misrepresented, and DCN will change that."

The DCN mobile app is currently in the internal testing phase and is expected to be available soon on both the Apple App Store and Google Play. The app will offer not only news and event listings but also a rich archive of Detroit's Black history, celebrating the culture, contributions, and resilience of Detroit's Black residents.

This mobile app and digital platform is just the beginning of a larger media portfolio Rev. Sheffield is building. In 2025, DABO will break ground on a new multimedia development that will house studio spaces for audio and video programming. This studio will add to the growing Detroit Community Network platform, further solidifying DABO's vision of a community-led media presence in Detroit.

Stay tuned for more updates as the Detroit Community Network prepares for its full public launch and continues its mission to inform, engage, and empower the community through media.

For more information contact Andre Ash at media@dabodetroitinc.com.

DABO Celebrates & Honors Oscar Awardee Erika Alexander

On Friday October 4, 2024, the Detroit Association of Black Organizations, at One Mike Detroit with comedian DC Curry, celebrated the recent bestowal of an **Oscar** to our long-term friend **Erika Alexander**. Over the last several years Erika Alexander has come to Detroit to assist DABO with our Project Rainbow Suicide Prevention Project, to share her story with youth and parents from DPSCD, and to assist in our Question, Persuade, and Refer Suicide Prevention Program.

The event, which was held at One Mike Detroit, was well attended with over one hundred guests who were delighted to spend time with Ms. Alexander, and who appreciated, her sharing her story of how she endured some difficult days before she enjoyed her current success. Also, on hand to celebrate this momentous occasion was former FOX 2 anchor **Huel Perkins**.



(DABO Celebration of Erika Alexander)



(Erika Alexander being honored by Rev. Sheffield and Huel Perkins)



(Oscar Winner Erika Alexander, Rev. Horace Sheffield, & Laval Perry)

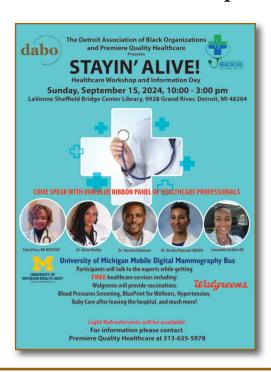


(Erika Alexander being honored by Rev. Sheffield and Huel Perkins)



(DABO's Wake Up Call Billboard)

DABO Sponsored Activities





(DABO's Bingo Every Thursday at the Bridge Center)







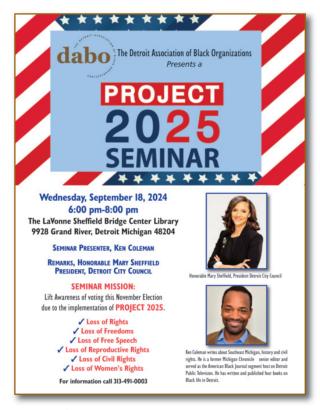


(DABO & FAN at Bridge Center's Community Health Fair)



(Monthly Mason Health Check Up October 30, 2024)

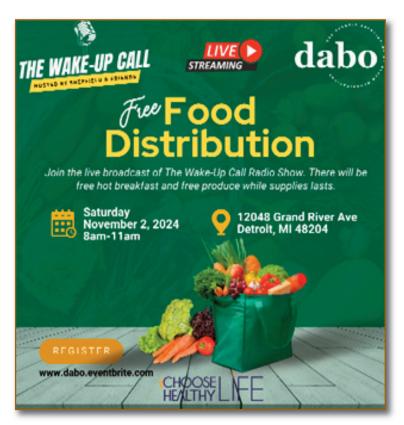
DABO Sponsored Activities



(DABO Sponsored Project 2025 Community Forum)



(DABO Annual Hollowed Eve Event)



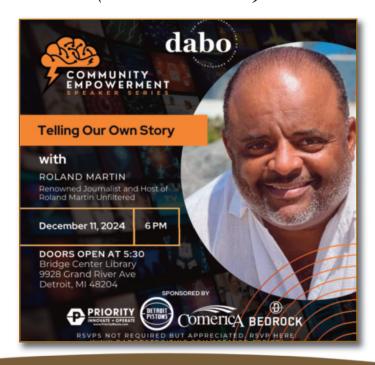
(DABO Monthly Food Distribution)

DABO's Community Empowerment Speakers Series (October 2024)



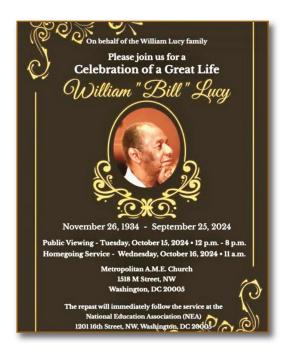
WDIV's Darnell Blackburn and speaker Tiffany Kirk

DABO's Community Empowerment Speakers Series (December 2024)





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(DABO mourns the loss of William "Bill" Lucy, long term friend of DABO and Horace L. Sheffield, Jr.)

Special Announcement



(Rev. Sheffield's 70th Birthday Celebration which will raise funds for Premiere Quality Health and Making It Count)