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THE URBAN VOICE

DABO DETROIT EXPANDS THE REACH OF THE WAKE UP CALL

DABO DETROIT'S nearly thirty yearlong Saturday morning radio show, previously known as OTL (On The Line w/ Rev. Sheffield), now **The Wake Up Call** will continue to be heard on Salem's 101.5 FM and 1500 AM every Saturday at the same time. Please come and enjoy our free breakfast every Saturday, or what we all our Biscuits, Grits, & Salmon Croquettes. If you are interested in being on the show, please email us at hsheffield@dabodetroitinc.com.

DABO DETROIT is also pleased to announce that it will be simulcasting on **Detroit Sports Radio**, 107.51 digital, every Saturday from 8-10 am on WGPR 107.5 HD2 in Detroit and streaming worldwide through their Sports Rap mobile app and sportsrapnet.com. **Sports Rap Network** will have a Powerhouse On-Air Lineup Sports Rap which will feature; The 2 Live Stews — Former ESPN Announcers of the Year, **Ronnie Duncan & Mary Jo Sanders**, **Bullseye Sports with Mark Jones** (Detroit), and the Reverend Horace Sheffield's "Wake Up Call".



The Wake Up Call *continued*



(Wake Up Call Guest Lt. Governor Gilchrist and Governor Whitmer)



(Wake Up Call Guest CP Mary Sheffield)



(Wake Up Call Guest Harry Lennix)



(Wake Up Call Guest Mike Epps)

DABO DETROIT & CHOOSE HEALTHY LIFE OPPOSED HOUSE BILL 4878

DABO DETROIT'S partners at Bristol Myers Squibb recently reached out to us and Choose Healthy Life concerning a hearing in the Michigan Legislature on 304B. Their letter was to address DABO DETROIT and CHL's ongoing efforts to achieve meaningful reforms to the 340 B program. Their inquiry would result in prescription savings for those economically challenged and underinsured in Michigan. Toward that end, we sent a letter to all the leadership, on both sides of the aisle, and to the Detroit delegation. Please find our letter to the Members of the Michigan House of Representatives.



September 22, 2025

The Honorable Matthew Bierlein
1286 HOB, Michigan State Capitol
100 N Capitol Ave
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: Oppose House Bill 4878, Protect Michigan's Vulnerable Communities

Representative Bierlein:

Choose Healthy Life is a national program that has supported Black churches in Michigan and across the nation by providing resources, training, and support to improve health outcomes in hard-to-reach communities. By empowering Black churches – the oldest and most trusted institution in the Black community – to deliver health services, Choose Healthy Life is making a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most.

For the Black communities we serve, federal safety nets like the 340B Drug Pricing Program are essential to ensuring access to affordable medications and critical health services. However, House Bill 4878 threatens to undermine the very purpose of the 340B program, leaving Michigan's most vulnerable residents at risk.

Originally, the 340B program was designed to help low-income and uninsured patients access life-saving medications by requiring pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide discounts to certain health organizations. These discounts were intended to be passed on to patients, ensuring equitable access to care. Unfortunately, the program has been exploited, and HB 4878 does little to address these abuses.


In Michigan, the number of 340B contract pharmacy arrangements has skyrocketed by 4,000% since 2010, with purchases at the 340B discounted price reaching \$66.3 billion in 2023 alone. Yet, over 50% of Michigan's 340B contract pharmacies are located in affluent neighborhoods, and some are even based out of state. Meanwhile, Michigan hospitals provide less charity care than the national average, with just 0.69% of operating expenses compared to 2.28% nationally. This disparity highlights the urgent need for meaningful transparency and accountability in the 340B program.

HB 4878 fails to deliver the oversight necessary to ensure that 340B dollars are used to support the vulnerable communities the program was intended to serve. Instead, it preserves a system that allows large hospital systems and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to profit at the expense of Michigan's underserved populations. The bill's weak enforcement mechanisms and generalized reporting structure do little to prevent misuse of funds or protect the patients who rely on this program.

Michigan legislators have an opportunity to stand up for their constituents by opposing HB 4878. Instead of advancing this flawed legislation, we urge you to focus on patient-centered reforms that prioritize transparency, accountability, and equitable access to care for all Michiganders.

Choose Healthy Life remains committed to advocating for policies that improve health outcomes and address critical lack of access to health services. We hope you will join us in protecting the integrity of the 340B program and ensuring it serves those who need it most.

Sincerely,



Rev. Horace Sheffield III
Detroit Clergy Leader, Choose Healthy Life
CEO, Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO)

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DTE is Strengthening Electric Equipment to Keep Detroit's Power On!

Mother Nature is bringing unpredictable weather and more powerful storms to Detroit. That's why DTE Energy is upgrading and strengthening the electric grid to withstand this extreme weather.

In Detroit, the company has created a program to specifically address and update the city's aging infrastructure to help keep customers' lights on. Since 2018, DTE has inspected and upgraded more than 1,600 miles of electric equipment that delivers power to the city and plans to upgrade an additional 260 miles this year.

The work includes:

- Using drones to inspect electric equipment. The drones can view hard-to-reach locations, which helps speed up work. Plus, drones are less disruptive to customers because DTE workers don't have to enter customers' yards.
- Trimming trees away from power lines. Trimming allows crews to make repairs, while ensuring limbs and branches don't fall onto lines or electric equipment and disrupt power.
- Inspecting and replacing poles and pole-top equipment, crossarms and other power delivery equipment with stronger materials.
- Removing old, unused wires and organizing the remaining wires to ensure they are safe and less likely to fall during storms or windy days.

When work is completed, customers served by the upgraded equipment are expected to experience up to an 80% improvement in electric reliability.



This upgrading work is part of our plan to build the electric grid of the future, which also includes transitioning to a smart grid, rebuilding significant portions of the grid and trimming trees. This work also helps DTE deliver on its commitment to reducing the number and length of power outages.

To learn more about work happening in your community, visit empoweringmichigan.com or the DTE Power Improvements Map at dteenergy.com/powermap.



DTE Energy presents
Hallelujah for Heat



Enjoy a performance by
John P. Kee

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025
6 p.m. | Doors Open
7 - 9 p.m. | Concert

Fellowship Chapel
7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48235



SPECIAL
PERFORMANCE BY
Jeremiah Townner
& Highest Praise



Randi Myles of
The Detroit Praise Network
as emcee

FREE General Admission
Limited seating is available on a first
come, first serve basis.

To register: DTEH4H2025.Eventbrite.com



DABO Detroit is “Feeding the Working Poor” by Expanding Food Assistance Efforts



DABO Detroit continues its commitment to fighting food insecurity by hosting two monthly food distributions that serve hundreds of families across the community. On the first Saturday of each month, residents can access fresh fruits and vegetables, purchase directly from LaGrasso Brothers located in the Eastern Market.

On the fourth Friday of each month, the center distributes a wider selection of items, including canned goods, non-perishable foods, proteins (such as chicken, ground beef, hot dogs, and deli turkey), and fresh vegetables, sourced directly from Gleaners Community Food Bank.

In addition to these scheduled distributions, DABO Detroit also maintains an in-house emergency pantry to support families experiencing unexpected food crises.

Through these ongoing efforts, the organization assists more than 300 families each month, and the demands continues to rise. We recently distributed over 4,000 pounds of food to those in need.

Upon arrival, all clients are asked to sign in and complete an intake form to ensure services are provided efficiently and fairly. DABO Detroit remains dedicated to supporting families, promoting food access, and strengthening the community—one meal at a time. For more information, please visit www.dabodetroitinc.com or call 313-491-0003.

DABO DETROIT **THE WAKE-UP CALL** **CHOOSE HEALTHY LIFE**
HOSTED BY SHEFFIELD & FRIENDS

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

JOIN THE LIVE BROADCAST OF THE WAKE-UP CALL RADIO SHOW. THERE WILL BE FREE HOT BREAKFAST AND FREE PRODUCE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

LIVE STREAM

NOV 1ST SAT 8AM - 11AM

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DEC 6TH SAT 8AM - 11AM

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DABO NEWS, EVENTS, & HIGHLIGHTS

DABO DETROIT Continues to Partner with Choose Healthy Life & Premiere Quality Health Center

Presented by:
Rev. Horace L. Sheffield, III

LUNG CANCER

SCREENING TO TREATMENT
FRI, AUG 22, 2025

6 pm - 9 pm
DINNER ON US! Screening Navigation Tobacco Cessation Shared Decision Making
doors open at 5:30 pm

SAT, AUG 23, 2025

11 am - 2 pm
LUNCH ON US! Mental Health Support Nutritional Support Financial Health Literacy 340B Program Policy Discussion
doors open at 10:30 am

***FREE EVENT!**
*Registration is required



LET'S HEAL.
Bridge Center Library
9928 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48204

AMGEN

(DABO DETROIT'S Lung Cancer screening)

Corewell Health™ DABO DETROIT CHOOSE HEALTHY LIFE THE NEW DESTINY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Health CHECKUP DAY

Your Health, Your Future—Get Checked!

**WED - October 22
6AM - 10 AM**

**12048 Grand River Ave
Detroit, MI 48204**

FREE HIV Testing | FREE Blueprint for Wellness | FREE Blood Pressure Screenings | FREE COVID Vaccinations
FREE Breakfast

\$25 VISA Cards for Blueprint for Wellness screenings.

www.dabodetroitinc.com

105.9 KISS FM LIVE

(Mason in the Morning Monthly Health Check Up Day)



(Premiere Quality Health Center, DABO DETROIT, & CHL at Perfecting with Mrs. Darnetha Harbin providing BluePrint for Wellness screening)

DABO DETROIT

SIZZLING SENIORS PROGRAM

We have everything you need to stay active and engaged including hustle classes with Fast Freddy, Zumba and chair aerobics with Ivy, and much more.

Weekly Monday to Thursday
11am to 1pm
**Bridge Center Library
9928 Grand River Ave
Detroit, MI 48204**

**More Information
313-491-0003**

Come Out and Join DABO DETROIT'S Sizzling Seniors

DABO NEWS, EVENTS, & HIGHLIGHTS *continued*



*DABO Detroit & Baby Smoove's
2025 Backpack Giveaway*



*DABO Detroit Supported the
Detroit College Expo*



*(DABO DETROIT is partnering with the
Detroit City Clerk's Office to boost
voter participation)*



*(Our Annual Hallowed Eve is Saturday
October 25th, 1:00 pm)*

DABO NEWS, EVENTS, & HIGHLIGHTS *continued*



(DABO DETROIT'S Detroit Council Candidates Forum was organized by Chantel Watkins)



(DABO held its Entrepreneur Academy headed by Kenyetta Snapp, COO)



(Registration Begins November 1, 2025)

NSO Honors DABO Detroit and Rev. Sheffield



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September 16, 2025

Rev. Horace Sheffield III
CEO
Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO)
12048 Grand River Ave.
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Dear Horace,

On behalf of Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO), it is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I write to share a very special announcement. As we celebrate our 70th Anniversary Gala (with a 70's theme) on Friday, October 17, 2025, at the MotorCity Casino Hotel Sound Board, we will be recognizing three outstanding partners whose impact has shaped lives, strengthened communities, and advanced our mission of housing, health, and hope.

It is my honor to inform you that DABO will be recognized with the Legacy Impact Award during this milestone celebration. This recognition reflects not only your unwavering partnership with NSO (especially during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic) but also your decades of commitment to uplifting Detroit's most vulnerable residents.

Your leadership and advocacy have created lasting change, and this honor is a testament to the powerful legacy you continue to build. We look forward to celebrating your contributions with our community, supporters, and friends on this unforgettable evening.

Additional details regarding the program and logistics will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please accept our deepest thanks and congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Please notify me of your acceptance and whether you will be able to attend to receive this award.

With gratitude and admiration,

Linda Little
President & CEO
Neighborhood Service Organization

We facilitate dreams by promoting equity for all, using innovative solutions.

Dear Rev. Sheffield,

I hope this message finds you well. Please see the attached letter from our President & CEO, Linda Little, with exciting news regarding NSO's 70th Anniversary Gala on **Friday, October 17, 2025**, at the MotorCity Casino Hotel Sound Board.

It is our privilege to share that DABO will be recognized with the **Legacy Impact Award** during this milestone celebration. This honor reflects your incredible leadership and DABO's long-standing commitment to uplifting Detroit's most vulnerable communities, especially during critical times such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are truly grateful for your continued partnership and look forward to celebrating this well-deserved recognition with you.

With gratitude,

Katrina



Providing Housing, Health, and Well-Being Throughout
Metro Detroit Neighborhoods

Katrina McCree
Chief Community Impact Officer

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025
MotorCity Casino Ballroom
2901 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI

Celebrate 70 years of service and impact with NSO.
Join us for a Motown-inspired gala benefiting NSO featuring dinner, live music, and an Artist Market.
70's theme attire encouraged.

VIP TICKET: \$250
Cocktail Reception: 6:00 P.M.
Featuring Larry Lee and Back in the Day Band
Dinner: 7:30 P.M.
Includes Ticket for
70th Anniversary Concert (October 10)

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$175
Dinner: 7:30 P.M.

To purchase tickets or to sponsor,
please scan QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/NSOGALA

Celebrating
70
YEARS OF HEART WORK
Neighborhood Service Organization

Welcome to the DABO Detroit App From Rev. Horace L. Sheffield III



Welcome home. This app is more than a tool—it's a doorway to community, connection, and care. Here you'll find health resources, housing support, education and job opportunities, events, and stories that lift our city. My hope is simple: that you feel seen, supported, and strengthened every time you tap in.

Let's use this space to build each other up. Share resources. Encourage a neighbor. Ask for help and offer it. Lead with kindness, respect, and truth. When we show up for one another, Detroit rises.

Thank you for walking with us. Together, we are meeting needs and restoring hope—one family, one block, one breakthrough at a time. With gratitude and resolve, Rev. Horace L. Sheffield III, CEO, DABO Detroit.

DABO DETROIT is working with WCCCD to provide free tuition for academic and vocational programs at the college. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please contact **Ms. Valerie Lamb**, CHW, at 313-491-0003.

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Automotive & Manufacturing Technology	Commercial Drivers License (CDL)	Entrepreneurship Training Academy	Information Technology	Skilled Trades
8/24/24 ASE Brakes & Suspension	8/26/24 CDL 201 Range (AM)	9/9/24 Entrepreneurship ETA And Dream at Work	9/20/24 Computer Basics Workshop – Digital Literacy	8/21/24 Safety – OSHA 10 & First Aid/CPR
8/24/24 FANUC Intro to Robotics	9/30/24 CDL 101 Intro Lecture	9/20/24 Business Networking Workshop	9/20/24 Computer Numerics Controls Intro to CNC	8/24/24 Core Testing
9/30/24 FANUC Certified Robot Technician	9/21/24 CDL 301 Test Prep			9/30/24 Carpentry Trades Training Program

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11/11/24 Diesel Motors & Transmission	11/11/24 Small Business Development Workshop		11/11/24 Google DSU	11/11/24 Construction Trades Training MIC

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DABO Renames Its Entertainment Series “The Luther Keith Entertainment Series”



DABO DETROIT still remembers our long-time friend and supporter the late Luther Keith, the founder of Detroit Neighborhoods Day. Detroit Neighborhoods Day has been successful in reminding us that as important as downtown development is, so are our neighborhoods.

Our friend Luther Keith performed for us several times including membership gatherings, special events, and most recently, and his last time for us, was when we kicked off our Entertainment Series at The Bridge Center. While we all miss him, we have decided to honor him by renaming the entertainment series to *“The Luther Keith Entertainment Series”*. Stayed tuned for 2026!



DABO DETROIT'S 2025 Entertainment Series concludes on **Wednesday November 9th** with famed comedian **Donnell Rawlings**, and with **Ezinma**, violinist on **Wednesday December 10th**. All tickets are available on line at www.dabodetroitinc.com or at Eventnoire.

JUDGE GREG MATHIS IS BACK AT DABO DETROIT



(Judge Mathis at a meeting with dabo founders and Ismael Ahmed and Rev. Horace Sheffield organizing against the Dearborn Parks Ban)

In the early 1980's DABO DETROIT was blessed and grace to have Judge Greg Mathis to serve as the Executive Assistant to its founder Horace L. Sheffield, Jr. As such Judge Mathis was a major force in DABO's response to the Dearborn Parks Ban Ordinance, which was intended to exclude Black Detroiters from their parks, and in building its affiliate base to over 200 Black Organizations belonging to DABO, and are creating unparalleled community support for various DABO efforts.



(Judge Mathis, Mike Epps, CP Mary Sheffield, and Rev. Sheffield at a recent event)



DABO Supports “Don’t Judge Me”