



THE URBAN VOICE

DABO DETROIT CELEBRATES 47 YEARS

DABO DETROIT will celebrate, and observe, its 47th Anniversary with a SOR Concert Saturday April 18, 2026, 8 pm, featuring STOKLEY, Karyn White, and Randy Hall, and will conclude its observances on Saturday April 25, 2026, 11 am, at The Bridge Center, with a Community Forum



DABO DETROIT was founded in 1979 with three principal goals in mind: (1) create power for the black community to control its own destiny; (2) effectively serve the important needs and interest of the Black and total community; and (3) build, and join with others, in building bridges and interracial

featuring Atty. Ben Crump, Angela Yee, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, and moderated by Alexis Kerr. Tickets for the Music Hall concert are available at the Music Hall box office or Ticketmaster, and tickets for the community forum are free and available on Eventnoire.

broad-based coalitions of business, labor, law enforcement, community and religious groups across Detroit and its environs to address the area's major problems and concerns.

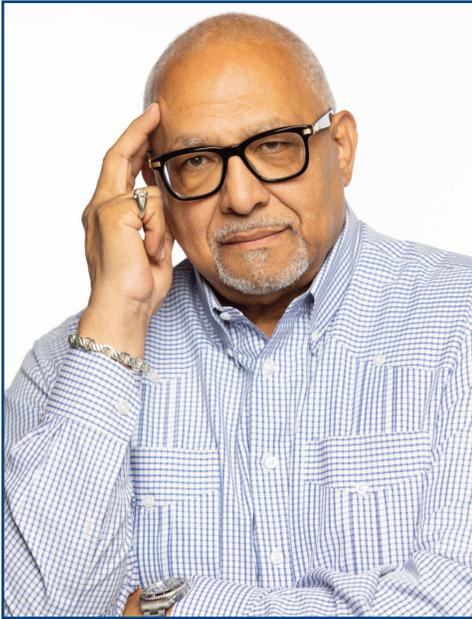
DABO is proud to have Andre Hughes, Big Heart Foundation, and Vivian Pickard, The Pickard Group, to serve as the General Chairs for the 47th Anniversary, and to also have Tiffany Albert, BCBSM, Dennis Archer, Jr., Sixteen42 Ventures, Carlos Cubia, Corewell Health, and Buzz Thomas, Activate Detroit, to serve as our Co-Chairs.

DABO has developed four major program components: (1) Providing basic needs to its clients; (2) Providing employment training and workforce development; (3) Providing access to free healthcare and addressing healthcare disparities; and (4) Organizing Black and non-Black organizations, community leaders, and neighborhood residents to both effectively community their needs and to collectively improve our ability to effectively address community issues.



340B Reform Now: Ending the Diversion of Discount Drugs from Michigan's Most Vulnerable

By Rev. Sheffield



(Rev. Horace L. Sheffield, III
DABO DETROIT, CEO)

Imagine a diabetic patient, uninsured and struggling to afford insulin, walking out of a safety-net clinic in Grand Rapids, Detroit or the Upper Peninsula. Unknown to her, the hospital purchased that life-saving medication at a 50% discount - a discount that was never passed on her.

This is happening in every region of Michigan every day. And it will continue if big hospitals and many in Michigan's legislature have their way. The federal 340B program was created to help safety-net hospitals stretch scarce federal resources to provide more comprehensive services to low-income and uninsured patients.

Congress has mandated-- via the 340B program-- pharmaceutical manufacturers sell medicines at discounts to safety-net hospitals to benefit our most vulnerable neighbors. Yet there is zero requirement for hospitals to pass any discounts onto patients. Hospitals can pocket the difference without passing on a dime to patients.

Simply put, the 340B loophole means there is no guarantee that uninsured patients of a 340B clinic will receive lifesaving drugs at the lowest possible price.

One would expect Lansing lawmakers would rush to eliminate this loophole. Yet, instead of working to improve 340B by increasing transparency and affordability, lawmakers and lobbyists are working overtime to preserve this loophole.

Why? Because capturing cost savings from 340B allows hospitals to fund lavish clinics and campuses in Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Traverse City and million-dollar salaries for hospital administrators.

If 340B is intended to help Michigan's most needy, why are only 13% of Michigan's 340B locations in zip codes with an average household income lower than Michigan's median of \$76,960?

But 340B abuse is not just an urban problem. Why of the 1,137 340B in-state contract pharmacy locations, just 19% are in rural areas, despite 43% of the state's zip codes being considered rural? Its a problem that affects the direct support patients could be receiving. This needs to change!



(DABO Chief of Staff Stephanie Pride,
Vice President Minou Jones, & CEO
Rev. Sheffield in Lansing testify on
304B.)

DABO Continues its 304B Fight

304B Editorial

By Chantel Watkins



(Chantel Watkins
Community Relations Coordinator
DABO DETROIT)

Lawmakers in Lansing have so far missed a chance to alter the 340B program to benefit patients instead of hospitals. But that may change. Michigan Speaker of the House Matt Hall has recognized the 340B program for what it is—a windfall for Michigan’s hospitals. Late last month, Speaker Hall told Michigan Information & Research Services (MIRS), “These are a very greedy group of people, these hospitals. They say that they are nonprofits, but we are going to look at the nonprofit status. Many of these hospital CEOs are making well over seven figures, some of the wealthiest people in the state.”

The speaker went on to say regarding the 340B program, “but it's not making things more affordable. There's a lot of waste and abuse, not fraud, in our healthcare system.”

I am sure Speaker Hall would agree hospitals should have the staffing and resources needed to care for vulnerable patients. That is what 340B was created for. But when those resources are redirected toward expansion into wealthier neighborhoods, the result is devastating for communities that have long been underserved.

As the Organizing Director of DABO Detroit, my colleagues and I are on the front lines of eradicating health care disparities and systemic inequities in health care. We can improve health care and help consumers by demanding our lawmakers mandate 340B discounts be passed on directly to uninsured and low-income consumers and require full transparency on how 340B funds are used by hospitals.

If we speak to our legislators in a clear voice, we can end the abuse of the 340B program. We can close the 340B loophole that has allowed hospitals in Ann Arbor and Traverse City to prosper at the expense of patients in Pontiac, Detroit or Grand Rapids.

DABO DETROIT and **Choose Healthy Life**, are engaged in ongoing efforts to achieve meaningful reforms to the 340B program. Our efforts would result in prescription savings for those economically challenged and underinsured in Michigan.



Chantel Watkins, DABO’s Organizing Director, addressing New Destiny on the fight to transform the use of 304B funds to help lower prescription drug costs for our residents

CONCERT OF COLORS



Fueling Community Power Through Arts, Conversation, and Economic Growth in 2026, the Concert of Colors—Detroit’s oldest and largest free global music and cultural festival—took its spirit of unity and creativity beyond the main stage and into the heart of Metro Detroit neighborhoods. Partnering with some of the city’s most dynamic community-based nonprofits, like DABO DETROIT, the Concert of Colors will deliver a robust lineup of neighborhood arts and cultural programs designed to inspire pride, spark conversation, and boost local economies.

This is where global music meets Detroit grit—where creativity drives connection and community empowerment. The festival’s impact will reach far beyond live audiences. Detroit PBS will broadcast three major programs statewide, bringing Detroit’s cultural energy to homes across Michigan. WDET 101.9 FM will amplify the movement with two weeks of on-air storytelling and promotion for each event. And Marx Layne & Company, a top-tier PR and digital agency, will lead a bold marketing campaign to share these stories across every platform.

Together, these partnerships will make sure Detroit’s community voices, cultural traditions, and local artists shine on citywide and statewide stages—showing the world the power and promise of Detroit’s neighborhoods. DABO hosted the Concert of Colors concert, Thursday, February 25th, 7 pm at DABO’s Bridge Center.

2026 DABO’s State of the Race Chairs and Co-Chairs



DABO DETROIT'S ENTERTAINMENT SERIES & OTHER BRIDGE CENTER EVENTS

THE NEW DESTINY
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

SPECIAL GUEST
PASTOR DR. JAMAL BRYANT

"ACKNOWLEDGING & CELEBRATING GOD'S AMAZING GRACE"
EPHESIANS 2:8-9

Pastoral + Church
ANNIVERSARY

HONORING OUR CHURCH & PASTOR
REV. HORACE L. SHEFFIELD, III.

25 WEDNESDAY
MAR SERVICE BEGINS AT 7:00PM

THE BRIDGE CENTER
9928 GRAND RIVER DETROIT, MI 48204

DABO DETROIT'S
COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

BRUISER WOLF
FEAT. WOLF

7-9PM DOORS OPEN 6PM

WEDNESDAY **MAR 11TH**

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS
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COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS
FEAT. WILLIAMS

7-9PM DOORS OPEN 6PM

WEDNESDAY **MAY 6TH**

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APR 8TH
WEDNESDAY

GET YOUR LAUGH ON!

COMEDIAN **JOE CLAIR**

COMEDIAN **RANDI SKYE**

COMEDIAN **HENRY WELCH**

COMEDY SHOW
DABO DETROIT PRESENTS

7-9PM DOORS OPEN 6PM

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DABO DETROIT'S
COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

DONNELL RAWLINGS
FEAT. RAWLINGS

7-9PM DOORS OPEN 6PM

WEDNESDAY **JUN 10TH**

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Driving Change: How DTE Energy Foundation Helps Families Put Food on the Table



The DTE Foundation is continuing its mission to strengthen communities by committing **\$300,000** to address rising food insecurity across Michigan.

The funding will support trusted partners like Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Food Gatherers, Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Community Food Bank, United Way, and Feeding America West Michigan – organizations that work tirelessly to provide nutritious meals and expand distribution efforts for families in need.

“Families across Michigan continue to face real challenges putting food on the table,” said Rodney Cole, president, DTE Foundation. “We’re proud to stand alongside our partners to make sure nutritious meals reach those who need them most. This is about caring for our neighbors and strengthening the communities where we live and serve.”

“Our fondest memories, strongest traditions and most heartfelt celebrations often have one thing in common: the meals we share with one another,” said Gerry Brisson, president and CEO, Gleaners Community Food Bank. “When we come together to solve hunger, the investments we make in our neighbors lift up the whole community, not just the people we’re helping. We’re grateful for partners like the DTE Foundation, whose support will feed families today and tomorrow.”

“With the support of amazing partners like the DTE Foundation, United Way’s Every Family Fed Fund will help ensure those harmed by disruptions in critical nutrition programs like SNAP can continue to put food on the table,” said Dr. Darienne Hudson, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. “We are grateful for all our donors and community partners like DTE who have answered the call and amplified their giving in this time of incredible need.”

This commitment builds on the Foundation’s year-to-date impact: **\$1,062,000 invested in 39 organizations fighting hunger statewide**. From the Upper Peninsula to Southeast Michigan, the DTE Foundation is helping ensure every family has access to healthy food.

Learn more about our partners and how you can support:

- Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
- Food Gatherers
- Forgotten Harvest
- Gleaners Community Food Bank
- United Way for Southeastern Michigan
- Feeding America West Michigan

By joining forces with local organizations and neighbors like you, we can ensure that no family goes hungry and every child has the nourishment they need to thrive.



Building a stronger, more reliable electric grid for you

We know how much it means to have your lights on, your home comfortable and your family safe — and not just during major storms, but every single day. At DTE Energy, we take this responsibility to heart and never take it for granted. Each day, our dedicated team works hard to provide the reliable power you expect and deserve.



2025: A breakthrough year for electric reliability

In 2025, we reached a significant milestone — it was the most reliable year for DTE customers in nearly two decades. Our customers spent 60% less time without power compared to 2024, building on the 70% improvement from the year before. This meant fewer outages and faster restoration when outages did happen.

What drove these improvements

These achievements weren't by chance — they're the result of thoughtful investments in technology, infrastructure and proactive maintenance. Our goal is to prevent service disruptions before they start and to respond as quickly as possible when they do. Here's what we accomplished in the past year:

- **29,000 outages prevented** by new smart technology that detects and stops problems before they happen.
- **6,500 miles of trees trimmed** to reduce the leading cause of power outages.
- **90 miles of power lines completely rebuilt** and more than **7,700 poles replaced** to strengthen neighborhoods across our region.
- **6 new substations completed** to support growing communities and long-term reliability.
- **Faster restoration**, using drones and advanced mapping so crews can respond quickly and safely, even in hard-to-reach places.

Building resilience for any weather

Reliable power isn't optional — it's essential, and we understand reliability is a responsibility we must deliver every day. That's why we're committed to building the grid of the future, to meet your needs today and into the future. Every mile trimmed, every pole replaced, and every smart device installed brings us one step closer to our shared goal: **a stronger, more reliable grid for every customer, no matter the weather.**

PROGRAM AND SERVICES

Ford Philanthropy

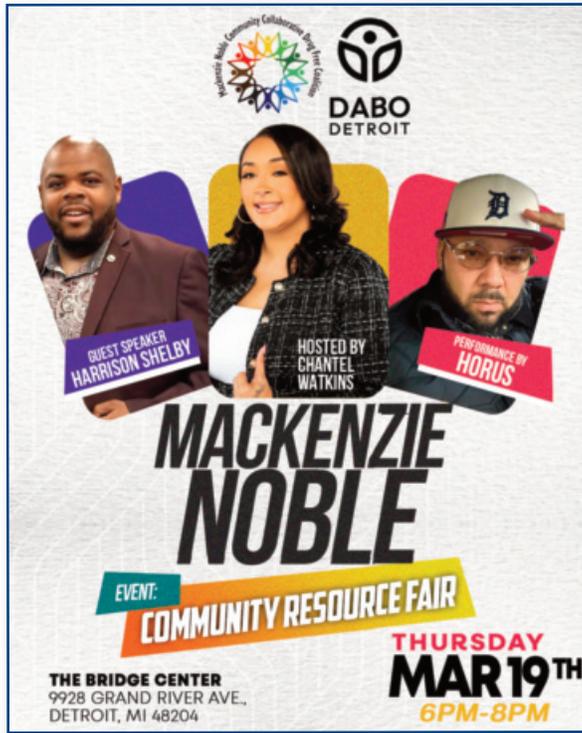
DABO DETROIT is pleased to announce that **Ford Philanthropy** has awarded DABO Detroit a grant of \$30,000 for DABO's efforts to provide fresh produce boxes to our neighbors in our community, as well as to sponsor the events of the organization throughout 2026.



DABO DETROIT, in partnership with **DTE & THAW**, and the City of Detroit's Department of Neighborhood, is sponsoring a Customer Resource Fair. Residents can get assistance with utility bills, water bills, free WCCCD tuition, workforce development & employment services, sign up for property tax exemptions, receive health screenings, receive free food, and sign children up for after school programs. **For more information please call 313-491-0003.**

This grant provides \$25,000 for Fresh Produce food boxes provided two times per month, serving over 200 households a month. DABO also maintains an in-house food pantry accessible for families on demand. **Every first Saturday of every month DABO, The Wake-Up Call, and Choose Healthy Life (CHL)** provides these monthly fresh fruit and vegetables boxes for neighborhood residents. To learn more, or to sign up, please call Ms. Jeniffer Hall on 313-491-0003.

Mackenzie Noble Community Collaborative



Please plan to attend our monthly **Mackenzie Noble Community Collaborative**, Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm and learn more about how we can better organize our neighborhoods to create a safer cleaner community. Please come out and enjoy a free meal and help us organize.

DABO Supports Scholarships for Students

Thank You!

On behalf of The Snowbirds Committee, we extend our deepest appreciation to our distinguished guests, dedicated sponsors, and valued partners who made our 5th Annual Snowbirds Golf Weekend a resounding success.

We offer special recognition to our Title Sponsor, Leon & Cheryl Richardson with The Chemico Group, whose visionary leadership, generosity, and steadfast commitment continue to elevate this experience and amplify our collective impact. Your partnership embodies excellence, purpose, and possibility.

Because of the support from our sponsors, value partners and guests, we remain steadfast in our mission to advance organizations and programs that cultivate youth development and expand access to the game of golf—an enduring platform that builds confidence, character, discipline, and lifelong opportunity.

With your support, over the last five years, we have donated approximately \$275,000. At this year's event, we were honored to present \$47,500 to the Michigan Women's Golf Association, Cass Technical High School Girls Golf, College Career and Beyond (Midnight Golf), First Tee Greater Detroit, and the NAACP Golf Program — organizations whose work continues to transform lives and strengthen communities. We also presented Staci Pia, an amateur golfer, with a donation to support her goal of becoming an LPGA Pro Golfer.

Despite the brisk temperatures, your warmth, enthusiasm, and unwavering spirit defined the weekend. What we experienced was more than a tournament—it was fellowship, purpose, and shared commitment in action.

As we reflect on five years of meaningful impact, we do so with pride in what we have accomplished together—and excitement for what lies ahead. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@TheSnowbirdsorg) and LinkedIn (@TheSnowbirds).

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2027.

Save the Date
February 4-6, 2027, PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,
The Snowbirds Committee

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Many thanks to all sponsors for your generous support!

www.TheSnowbirds.org

DABO supported students by sponsoring for the Snowbirds Charity golf outing.

DABO Launches Two Site Afterschool Programs



DABO DETROIT has launched two afterschool programs one at Bridge Center, 9928 Grand River, and at the Sheffield Center, which began **February 2nd** and will end **June 5th**. The program is from **4pm-6pm Monday-Friday, ages range 5-18**. Our staff include Jennifer Hall, Facilities Management, Chantel Watkins, New Destiny Site Manager, Raven Shelman, Bridge Center site, and Harrison Shelby and Yvonne Wilson, registration. **Registration is still open, please call 313-491-0003 to enroll your child.**

JANE FONDA VISITS DABO

Living Wages for All in Michigan!

Please join us for a special event with Academy Award winning actor and activist Jane Fonda and the Michigan Living Wage for All campaign, hosted by the Bridge Center and Riley Media Group. Come learn about an important campaign to address the affordability crisis in Michigan!!

Friday, January 9th, 2026, 3pm
The Bridge Center
9928 Grand River Ave.
RSVP : bit.ly/REVSHEFFIELD

DABO DETROIT OFW ONE FAIR WAGE ACTION RMG RILEY MEDIA GROUP

Jane Fonda visited DABO DETROIT to assist us in launching a petition to achieve a livable wage for Michigan families and workers. If you want to assist contact **Chantel Watkins** at **313-491-0003**.



DABO'S MAKE CHRISTMAS VERY MERRY 2025



This last Make Christmas Merry, December 2025, was the biggest and best ever with Atty. Berry Goodman, of Goodman Acker, and the General Chair. With Atty. Goodman lead we were able to raise over \$75,000 and provided toys and food to over 1,500 children. We want to thank our sponsors and look forward to their help again next year.



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MEDIA ADVISORY

December 20, 2025

DABO to provide Christmas gifts, groceries for more than 1,600 children

DETROIT – DABO Detroit will host its Make Christmas Very Merry gift pickup day, providing Christmas toys and a box of groceries to pre-appointed families from across metro Detroit. More than 1,600 children are being served through this year's program.

Media are invited to cover families picking up gifts and groceries and to speak with DABO Detroit leaders, volunteers and sponsors about the program's impact.

Media interested in covering this event must RSVP to teshayla@coates-communications.com or 313-363-6431 by Saturday, December 20 at 8 a.m.

WHO

- Families across metro Detroit selected for the Make Christmas Very Merry program
- Rev. Horace L. Sheffield III, CEO, DABO Detroit
- DABO staff, volunteers and community partners
- Representatives from sponsoring organizations (as available)

WHAT

Make Christmas Very Merry gift and grocery distribution day

WHEN

Saturday, December 20, 2025 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHERE

Bridge Center, 9928 Grand River Ave., Detroit, MI 48204

WHY

As many families face financial strain, Make Christmas Very Merry helps ensure children in metro Detroit still experience the joy and dignity of the holiday season. The program demonstrates how community organizations and corporate partners can work together to meet immediate needs and lift up local families.

MEDIA OP

- Families arriving to receive toys and grocery boxes
- Volunteers organizing and distributing age-appropriate gifts
- Volunteers loading groceries into vehicles and assisting families arriving by bus or on foot
- Interviews with DABO leadership, sponsors and participating families

SPONSORS

Make Christmas Very Merry is supported by Hollywood Casino at Greektown, Comerica, Amazon, Choose Healthy Life, New Destiny Christian Fellowship, Goodman Acker, UAW, DABO Detroit, LiUNA Local 1191 LECET, and Breakaway From Poverty.

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About the DABO Detroit

Since 1979, DABO Detroit has worked to improve lives and strengthen communities across the city. With a network of more than 130 partner organizations, DABO provides wraparound services that address health, housing, education, and economic stability.

Through its programs, events, and collaborative efforts, DABO ensures that every Detroiters has access to the resources they need to thrive—now and for generations to come.

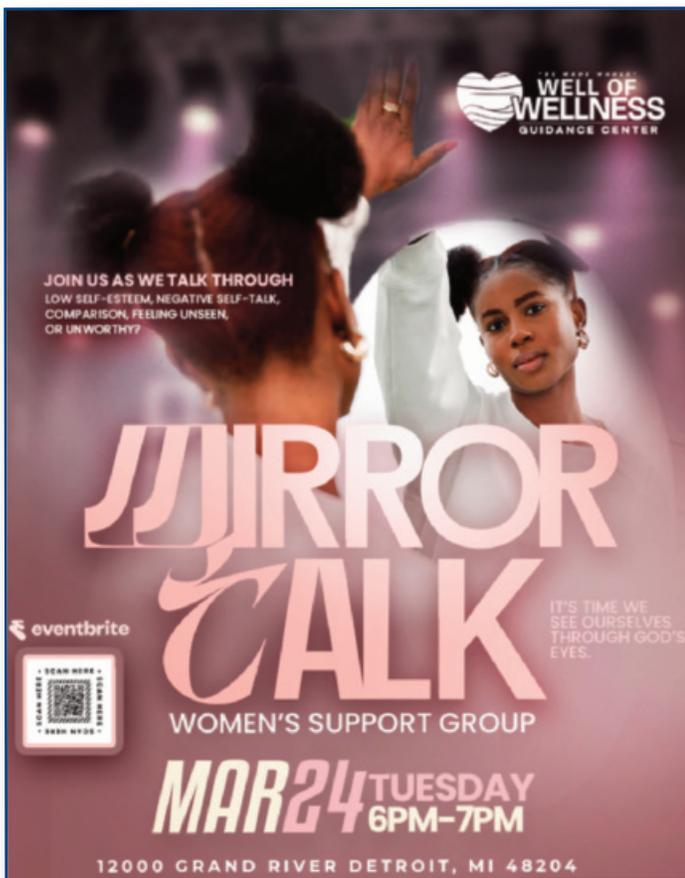
From free medical screenings and food distributions to empowerment workshops and cultural programming, DABO Detroit remains a trusted hub for connection, care, and community.

12048 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48204

THE WAKE-UP CALL RADIO SHOW



(Tune in to "The Wake-Up Call" every Saturday from 8-10 AM on 92.7FM and 1500 AM.)



Mirror Talk: Seeing Yourself Through God eyes women's support group. Women Support Group targeting individuals with: low self-esteem, negative self-talk, comparison, self doubt, feeling unseen or unworthy. This gathering creates a safe, nurturing space for women who may be struggling with self-doubt, negative self-talk, comparison, or feeling unseen or unworthy.



Join DABO for a Pre-Mothers' Day Jazz Brunch, which will benefit the 100th Anniversary of Cass Technical High School Harp and Vocal Program. Scan the QR code on the flyer above for more information.