

Jarvis Christian College Receives UNCF Grant To Strengthen Fundraising

Hawkins, TX—Jarvis Christian College, a member of UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—has been accepted to participate in a program designed to help strengthen the Hawkins, Texas college's institutional advancement activities. The grant will be awarded by the UNCF Institutional Advancement Program, a component of the organization's Institute for Capacity Building, which is funded by the Kresge Foundation.

"I congratulate Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Sebetha Jenkins and her team for the plan and proposal that won them this grant," said Michael Lomax, Ph.D., UNCF president and CEO. "Jarvis Christian College has a great tradition and a bright future, and their participation in this program will lend them a hand in giving their students the education they deserve and tuition levels that don't price

donations from their alumni and trustees, and a cash grant to help it implement the new approaches. The Kresge Foundation and UNCF see the Institutional Advancement Program as an investment not only in Jarvis Christian College, but in supporting the determination of the entire UNCF network of schools to become stronger and more self-sustaining.

"Improving fundraising capabilities requires an investment in staff development and computer capabilities that would strain the budgets of most small colleges, like those that belong to UNCF, working alone," said Dr. Lomax. "But working together through UNCF, and thanks to the Kresge Foundation's investment, they can afford capacity building activities that larger and wealthier institutions take for granted," noted Lomax.

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The deputy never said a word. She stepped back and started spraying me in my face and hair with pepper spray! Another deputy had walked up behind the female deputy. He reacted to her when she began spraying my face. He grabbed me by my hair and started to sling me from left to right. I had both hands stretched out to my front trying to keep the kids (my sons) back. He would pull my head back, using my hair to hold on to me. The female

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officer would spray my face with pepper spray. He slung me around and let go of me. I still had my hands outstretched, but hit the ground face down just missing a large electric pole nearby. Drenched with pepper spray, sweat and dirt they handcuffed me and put me in the back of the police car. They left the windows up. The more I sweated, the more the pepper would run into my eyes and nose taking away my breath. They went back to my sister and handcuffed her. My brother-in-law was coming out of the stadium. He asked, "Why are you handcuffing my wife?" They began tasing him. They knocked

him to the ground knocking out his front teeth. They charged me with resisting arrest. Joyce was charged with insiting a riot. My son was charged with resisting arrest and impeding an officer. When you are arrested you must stay locked up until you go before a judge. We got out the next day all bruised and injured. My 13 year old was locked up in a youth facility until Monday.

My sister and her husband, me and my sons got an attorney to address the criminal charges brought against us by Cherokee County and the city of Jacksonville. We won the cases against Jacksonville Police Department and the county dropped their charges.

We filed civil suits and won. It took two years from the night of the incident to finish the civil suits. My youngest son is all grown up and now modeling for Stepping Stone Productions out of Plano, New York, and Las Vegas.

She says the boys who attacked her son were never punished. The uniformed officers of the law who traumatized them and nearly devastated their lives were never punished as far as she knows.

Leisha Dennis Mosley is celebrating this fifteenth year in business with much enthusiasm. She has what her friends call "an entrapreneurial spirit" and enjoys what she does. She is ready to share her knowledge with young people who are thinking about starting a business or are in business and just want to talk. She is ready and willing to lend support by sharing that knowledge. 903 586-8756

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