

6TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION HOSTED

Houston, TX (BlackNews.com) - Dubbed the largest Juneteenth celebration in the nation, the 6th Annual Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration, presented by Wells Fargo Bank, kicks off today, Monday, June 9 and will continue through Saturday, June 14, 2008.

The event's host, the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (MCJCF), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, will welcome 10,000 guests from across the country for the annual event highlighting education as a means to true freedom from poverty, abuse and stagnation in life.

MCJCF Founder Don Smith remarked, "Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.'" "This year, our goal is to focus on youth activities that build character. Also, four students will each be awarded a \$2,500

scholarship and we will seek internships for these students. Our youth no longer live in traditional environments. It truly takes a village to raise a child. We are all responsible for the success of the next generation," Smith said.

Events this year are designed to raise cultural awareness, build character in our youth and provide wholesome entertainment for the entire family regardless of background. 6th Annual Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration activities include:

June 9 ~ Celebrity Golf Tournament, Sienna Plantation Golf Club, One Waters Lake Blvd., Missouri City, Texas 77459. Fun and entertaining 18 holes of golf open to individuals of all skill levels and corporate teams. This annual event provides much needed revenue for scholarships. Highlights include: hole-in-one contest featuring a \$50,000 Mercedes Benz, mulligan "wayward ball" insurance, and awards for closest to the pin, longest ball, best scores, "Tiger" Hole Contest and a sports collectables silent auction. Shot gun start at 9 a.m.

June 12 ~ Freedom Tree Dramatization, James Hudson "Showtime Theatre".

June 12 ~ Picnic in the Park, Grand Lakes, Lake Olympia, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Youth enjoy games, prizes, and lunch.

June 12 ~ Community Service Awards Dinner, Sugar Land Marriott Town Square, 16090 City Walk, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Former U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Rod Paige is the featured speaker of the Community Service Awards Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Dr. Paige will deliver remarks on the changing culture of education and the potential impact of a new administration.

Several community leaders are being honored at the dinner for making significant contributions to the Fort Bend County community, including: Willie J. Alexander, founder, W.J. Alexander & Associates, P.C. and former Houston Oiler; Lauren Anderson, noted ballerina with the Houston Ballet; Judge Joel Clouser, Missouri City Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2; Rodney Harrell, president and CEO, Alpha Claim Service; George E. Johnson, president and CEO, George E. Johnson Development Inc.;

JFort Bend County Commissioner Precinct 2 Grady Prestage; Judge Clarease Rankin Yates, U.S. Immigration Court; Coach John Wilkerson, mentors youth through tennis and coached several top tennis players such as Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil; and Pastor Remus and First Lady Mia Wright, founders, Fountain of Praise Church.

June 13 ~ Director's Dance, Missouri City Civic Center, 1533 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas 77459, 8 p.m. to midnight. A free event to the public, the Director's Dance is a forum to say thank you to the community. Features include DJ Keith Bynum, a strolling magician, African folk dancers and more. June 13 & 14 ~ Houston Rockets Blacktop Battle 3-on-3 Summer Tour, Hunter's Glen Park, 1340 Independence Blvd., Missouri City, Texas 77489. On Friday, June 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hunter's Glen Park will turn into a street ball haven. City. To register, contact Chris Lord Templonuev, 713-758-7351.

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The G. W. Bradford All School Reunion

has been set for the weekend of
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