



HEROES & HOPE 2024





MEAGAN DUNN

Executive Director, Covenant House Michigan

"My goal is to always leave a conversation with something I can do for the next person."

This philosophy has served Meagan Dunn well. As executive director of Covenant House Michigan, servicing both Grand Rapids and Detroit, Dunn advocates for young adults experiencing homelessness, human trafficking, and exploitation providing them an environment rooted in unconditional love, absolute respect, and relentless support.

She values giving back in a way that follows what you believe.

"Find the mission and organizations that align with who you are as a person. That way it never feels like an extra thing or extra work – it becomes part of who you are."

JANUARY

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6 EPIPHANY
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14	15 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	16	17	18	19	20
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DR. CULLIAN W. HILL
Founder and Pastor
Greater Concord Missionary
Baptist Church

"I'm grateful and thank God that He placed on my heart to organize Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church, and I'm truly blessed to see how God has sustained us through the years."

Dr. Hill's creation, Greater Concord Church, has been a beacon of light in the community and has been a place where its members have found refuge, hope and help. Through this vessel, Dr. Hill continues to be a voice in educating the community with job readiness, voting, academics and education.

In addition, Dr. Hill founded the Commonwealth Community Development Academy, a K-8 elementary school, chartered by Eastern Michigan University. The school recently celebrated 27 years of helping students succeed at their maximum potential and providing consistent support to the community.

"God has called me; empowered me; anointed me."

FEBRUARY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3
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11	12	13	14 ASH WEDNESDAY VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17
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BISHOP CORLETTA J. VAUGHN

Senior Pastor, Holy Ghost Cathedral Church

Despite a long and varied career, Bishop Corletta Vaughn is best known for and most proud of her social justice work for women and girls.

She was one of the first female Missionary Baptist pastors in the City of Detroit – of many firsts in her pastoral career as well as being consecrated a Bishop in 1985.

She has had opportunities to travel and lift women from five continents and 40 nations. She represents faith based concerns in the Detroit Public Schools Community District as an elected official to the school board.

"I have trained and equipped women in ministry and marketplace work – through schools and education. Churches are still a difficult place to navigate for women in ministry."

She's personally brought 900 women through the seminary process to become bishops and join the international ministry as leaders and is known as a guidepost mentor and sage voice for women and girls.

"I've worked hard and lived through a lot of storms to become an accomplished female in ministry. I love the Lord. Everything I do is because of that. Everything I do glorifies God and comes from my intimate walk with Him."

MARCH

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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3	4	5	6	7	8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NATIONAL FREELANCE BUSINESS DAY	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 SPRING BEGINS	20	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY CESAR CHAVEZ DAY	25	26	27	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30
31 EASTER	NOTES					



Judson Center

LENORA HARDY-FOSTER
President and CEO, Judson Center

Lenora Hardy-Foster's life took a turn 30+ years ago. She graduated college with a finance degree and had plans to join corporate America. Yet, she was offered a position at a nonprofit she realized her true calling – helping others change and improve their lives.

Through her role as CEO at Judson Center, Hardy-Foster is committed to treating the mind and body of those in need throughout Southeast Michigan. The nonprofit provides autism, behavioral health, foster care and disability services for children and adults and recently expanded into primary health care. She's been instrumental in introducing the centers integrated health platform, combining mental and physical health treatment for optimal results.

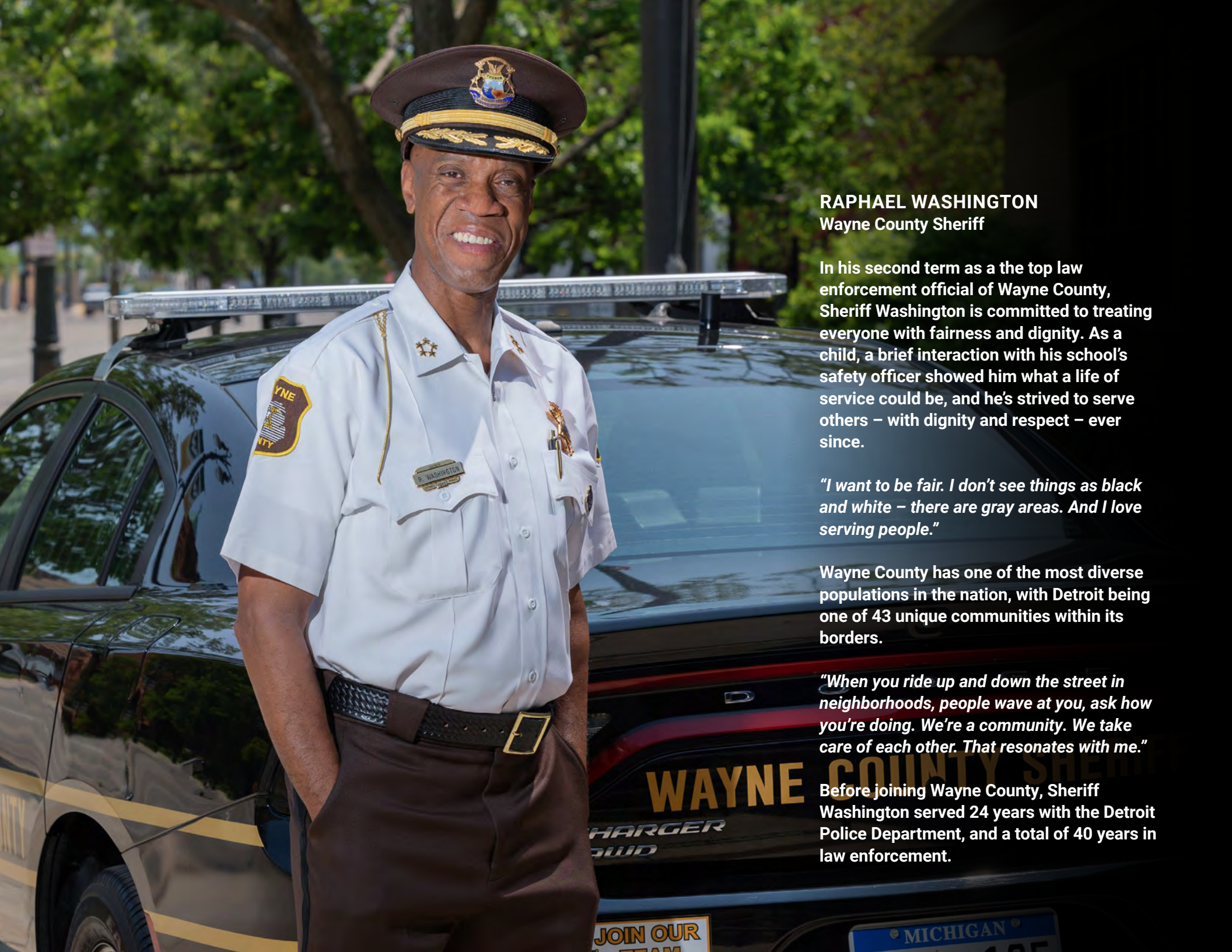
"I am a service leader – it comes from my strong. I like to work with people to help them define the best within themselves so they, too, can be successful in life."

APRIL

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 EASTER MONDAY APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY	3	4	5	6
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RAPHAEL WASHINGTON
Wayne County Sheriff

In his second term as the top law enforcement official of Wayne County, Sheriff Washington is committed to treating everyone with fairness and dignity. As a child, a brief interaction with his school's safety officer showed him what a life of service could be, and he's strived to serve others – with dignity and respect – ever since.

"I want to be fair. I don't see things as black and white – there are gray areas. And I love serving people."

Wayne County has one of the most diverse populations in the nation, with Detroit being one of 43 unique communities within its borders.

"When you ride up and down the street in neighborhoods, people wave at you, ask how you're doing. We're a community. We take care of each other. That resonates with me."

Before joining Wayne County, Sheriff Washington served 24 years with the Detroit Police Department, and a total of 40 years in law enforcement.

MAY

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION MONTH

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ANTHONY WHITE
Artistic Director
Detroit Youth Choir

“America’s Got Talent” may have put The Detroit Youth Choir (DYC) on the national stage, but Anthony White has been driving the organization toward personal and musical success for more than 25 years — and he refuses to let fame change that winning dynamic.

“The importance of what I do is on a massive scale.” “Shaping and molding lives through music is very important to me, it’s my life’s work. We’re changing lives through the arts.”


The DYC consists of approximately 150 students between the ages of 8 and 18, who perform around the city of Detroit, nationally and internationally. Its goal is to teach and develop students through music education, dance, and theatrical arts.

“These students have the possibility to be anything they want to be in life. My job is to help them get there.”

JUNE

NATIONAL BLACK MUSIC MONTH

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A photograph of David Woods, a man with a mustache and tattoos, sitting on a large, dark-colored sculpture of a hand holding a pen. He is wearing a black t-shirt with the 'Enjoy Detroit' logo and black pants. The background shows a city street with tall buildings and an American flag hanging from the sculpture's structure.

DAVID WOODS

Founder, President and CEO
Enjoy Detroit

David Woods has a passion for contributing positive change to the city of Detroit.

Enjoy Detroit was established in 2013, but it existed long before that though David Woods' commitment to helping people better their lives one personal connection at a time.

"I do the work that I do because I needed a person like me when I was younger. Doing this work feels right. It gives me abundant life."

Woods has always been an entrepreneur by heart – as a youth starting a print company inside his dad's dollar store. That initiative blossomed and now, through Enjoy Detroit, he is able to connect with youth through consistent involvement in city rehabilitation activities and initiatives.

"It's going to take a village, each and every one of us, to save our world, save our youth and make the world a better place." "We all need to come together collectively to make a difference. Giving is an essential need, like food. We will not survive without giving back to community."

JULY

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
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MONIQUE MARKS
President and CEO
Franklin-Wright Settlements

Giving back is not something Monique Marks thinks about; it's innate. Working at Franklin-Wright Settlements, a leading Detroit human services organization, Marks is able to continue her altruistic ways in service of others. Her mother often says she was born doing it.

When she was little, it wasn't uncommon for Marks to sneak canned goods out of the house and give them away. Serving at Franklin-Wright Settlements – a leading Detroit human services organization – allows her to be her authentic self.

As a licensed clinical therapist, Marks role at Franklin-Wright extends beyond the boardroom and into courtrooms, classrooms and communities where she is committed to fostering the social and emotional growth of those she serves.

"I don't take days off; seven days a week I'm in the community. It's not work. It brings me joy. Food baskets on Saturday, flowers on porches on Sunday."

And it's a family affair with Marks' daughter, son and husband frequently joining her. "We're all involved in the community and enjoy serving at the highest level."




AUGUST

NATIONAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL MONTH

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18	19 WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY	20	21 WORLD ENTREPRENEURS' DAY	22	23	24
25	26 WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY	27	28	29	30	31

NOTES

A photograph of Fred Hunter, a Black man with a balding head, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He is standing on a baseball field with green artificial turf and brown dirt base paths. In the background, there are stadium seating, a scoreboard, and city buildings under a clear sky. The Detroit Police Athletic League logo is visible on the field.

FRED HUNTER
Chief Executive Officer
Detroit Police Athletic League

Fred Hunter is where he is today because of the support and belief of others. He knows everyone has greatness within them, but it doesn't come out without caring people that help bring that out.

People can provide support in the form of time, talent, and treasure – and this should be given freely.

“I’m where I am today because of the people who chose to help me along my journey, including my Little League and high school coaches. Their support gave me the confidence to walk on to the University of Michigan basketball team. So many people poured into me, prayed for me, and wanted the best for me.”

Hunter now works every day to plant and nurture seeds among Detroit’s youth at the Detroit Police Athletic League, which supports 10,000 young people each year and helps them find their greatness through sports and enrichment programs.

“It’s all about paying it forward.”

SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6	7
8 NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' DAY	9	10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12	13	14
15 NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH	16 NATIONAL HEROES' DAY	17	18	19	20	21
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ZALONYA ALLEN, PH.D.
Founder, President and CEO,
National Entrepreneurs Association

ZaLonya Allen, PhD, founder, president and CEO of the National Entrepreneurs Association, has always had a passion for entrepreneurship. Using principles of psychology, Dr. Allen helps entrepreneurs master their mindset and achieve their goals.

"I believe people should have the ability to freely express themselves. Entrepreneurship offers an opportunity, not only for self-expression but economic empowerment and true freedom."

Allen currently works as a leadership and entrepreneurial speaker and coach, hosts two entrepreneurial conferences each year, three entrepreneur bootcamps, two pitch contests and has formed partnerships with major companies including Dell Technologies and Comerica Bank to elevate her programming and reach more people.

"Sometimes in a job you're in a box. As an entrepreneur you can express your creativity – you can go as far as you want. With our organization, you have somewhere to go where people support you and get you the training you need to achieve your entrepreneurial goals."





OCTOBER

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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13	14 COLUMBUS DAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY	15	16 NATIONAL BOSS' DAY	17	18	19 SWEETEST DAY
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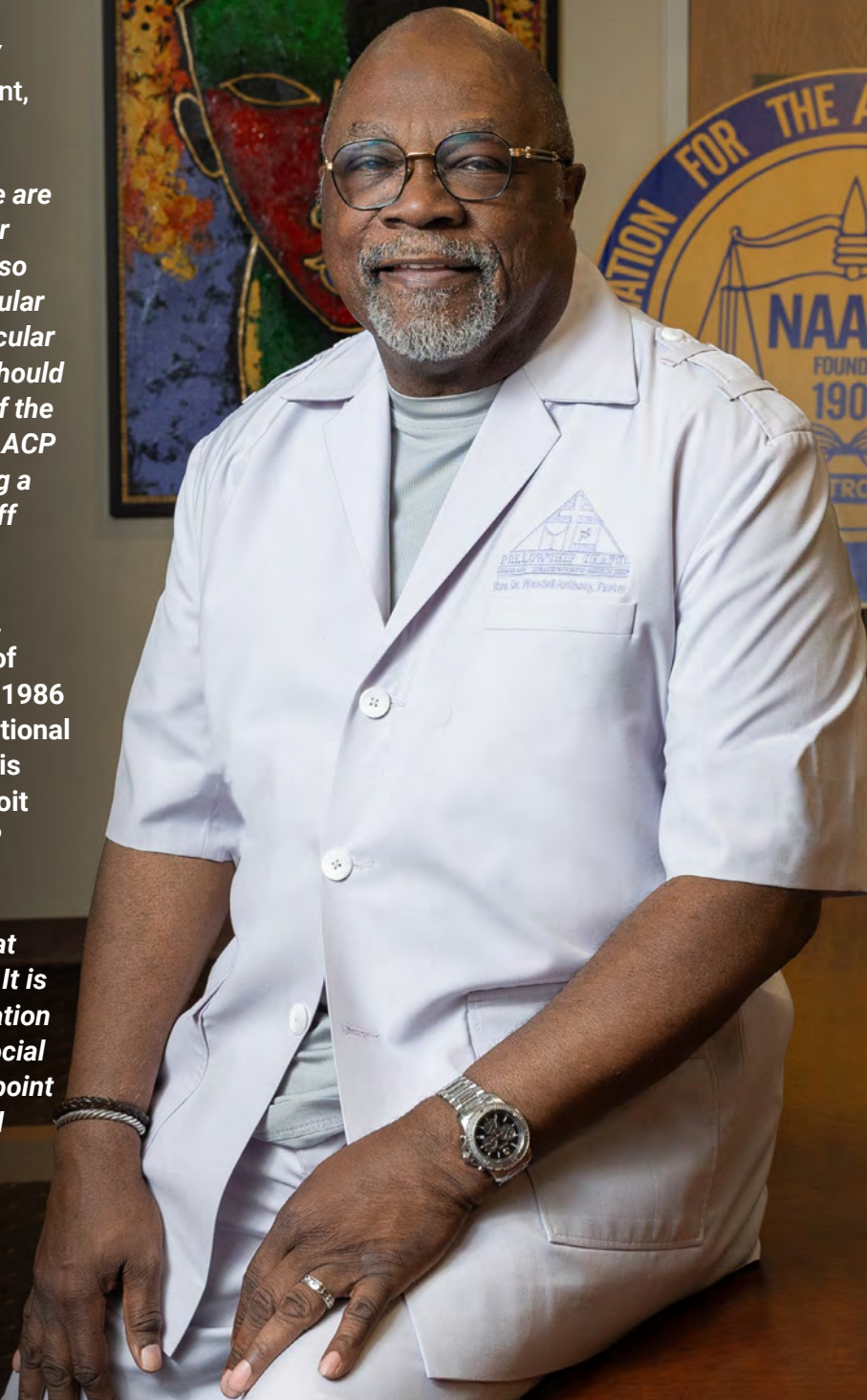
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REV. DR. WENDELL ANTHONY
Pastor, Fellowship Chapel; President,
Detroit Branch of the NAACP

"I believe, preach and teach that we are Christ-rooted, to the degree it is our focus and faith. However, we are also African-centered. We have a particular culture, a particular history, a particular view of the world, and everything should be connected. I don't see the role of the black church and the role of the NAACP as antithetical; I see them as having a symbiotic relationship that feeds off each other."

As both preacher and activist, Rev. Dr. Anthony has served as Pastor of Fellowship Chapel in Detroit since 1986 and is a member of the NAACP National Board of Directors. He is serving his 15th term as President of the Detroit Branch NAACP, the largest NAACP branch in the country.

"It is not my political affiliations that determine my spiritual orientation. It is my spiritual and theological orientation that determines my political and social affiliations. It is from this vantage point that I engage in social, political and organizational activism."



NOVEMBER

NATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE MONTH

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**HERBERT C. SMITHERMAN JR.,
MD, MPH, FACP**

As president and CEO of the nonprofit Health Centers Detroit Medical Group, Professor of medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine, and a practitioner of medicine in Detroit for 37 years, Dr. Herbert Smitherman wears many hats. But one thing remains steady in all his pursuits, and that is advocacy for his community.

Medicine and education have been Dr. Smitherman's path toward that work. He is well-known for his recent work bringing the COVID vaccine to homebound Detroiters. He also worked on an advisory committee for President Obama and now works with Governor Whitmer, advocating support for resources and policies that bring more justice and fairness to often marginalized, undeserved communities.

"Things don't happen spontaneously; they happen through intention. Therefore, one's educational attainment should not just be used for one's own personal gain, but also used to contribute to the betterment of one's community and society in a meaningful way."

DECEMBER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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THE JAMES H. COLE LEGACY FOUNDATION

Making a difference every day.

The James H. Cole Legacy Foundation's mission is to provide opportunities for economic empowerment, assist underserved children and schools, and support people who serve to make Detroit a great place to live. Every year, the Foundation highlights iconic heroes who go the extra mile to make a difference in the community. The individuals featured in this year's calendar truly take this mission to heart.

From training the stars of tomorrow, to founding non-profit health centers, to helping those who are less fortunate, these individuals are real heroes, and we thank them for their daily dedication to serving their community members.

We're proud to honor these 2024 Detroit heroes. As our heroes have offered their support, so have we. We're serving our community through our Legacy Foundation and the Stevie Award winning "Love Thy Neighbor" initiative. We've partnered with other local nonprofit organizations to do the following:

- Reward students at Common Wealth Academy with backpacks and other school supplies for their intellectual efforts and award Mrs. Angela Moore with the Principal's Award for helping her students remain on the honor roll all year
- Host a family festival for over 50 families at a local housing shelter to foster relationships between the residing families and provide the children a memorable experience
- Curate a relief effort through which 500 food donation boxes were distributed to the community, including several nonprofit organizations and local neighbors of our W. Grand Blvd. location.

Each of the individuals featured in this year's calendar has been chosen because of the impact he or she has made on the community. They are the embodiment of Heroes and of Hope, sharing their passions and talents to enrich our world and improve our society. They make a difference each day, and we thank them.

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