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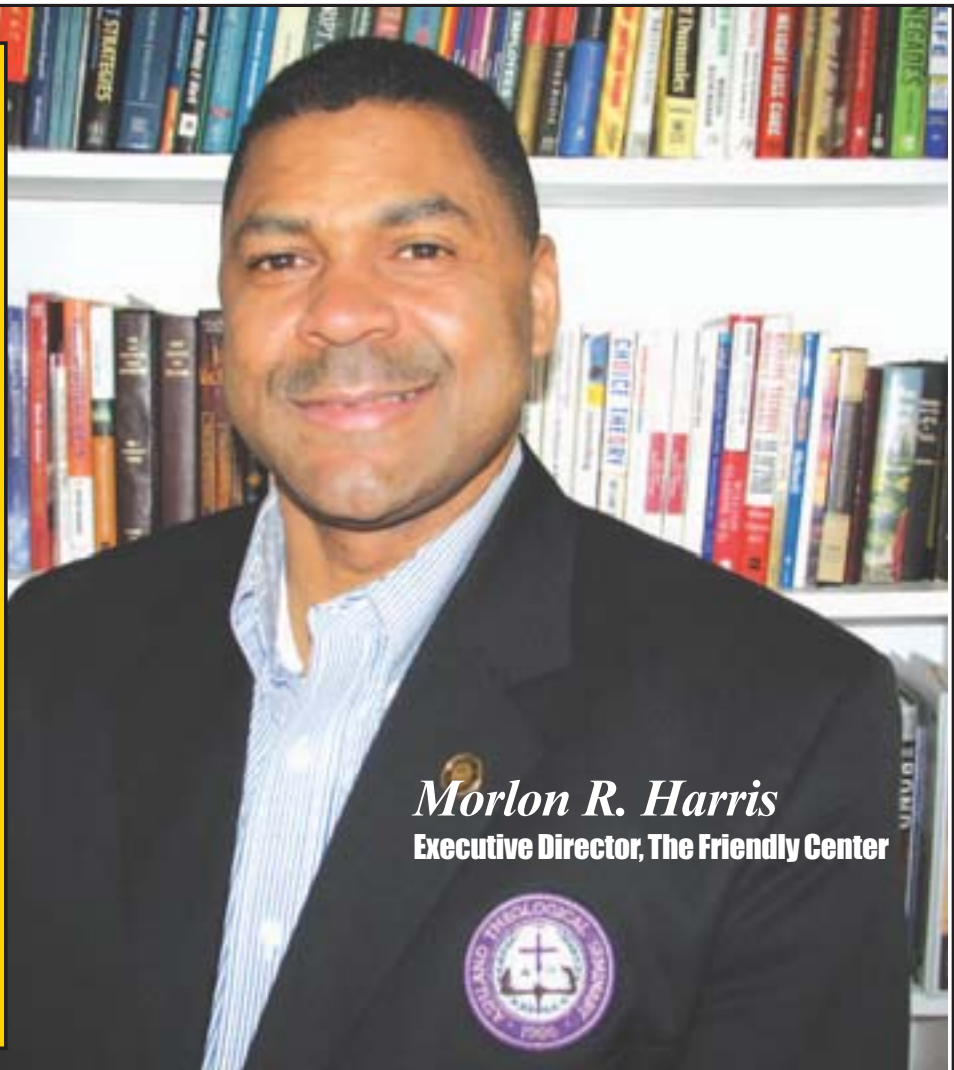
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*Morlon R. Harris*  
Executive Director, The Friendly Center

*"The Friendly Center is a community resource center that provides basic needs – food and clothing – to residents of north Toledo, specifically the zip codes of 43611, 43604 and 43608."*

## This Strikes Us ...

*A Sojourner's Truth Editorial*

Things are never as bad as they seem ... and they seem pretty bad now.

Toledo is facing what might grow into a \$27 million deficit that has to be closed either by cutting services, raising taxes or a combination of both. It's growing daily until we find a way to close the gap.

Unemployment is soaring in the Glass City – it's around 14 or 15 percent at the moment and, as usual, unemployment figures only include those who are still looking for work, so the figure is undoubtedly much higher.

Central city public school kids are dropping out of school at the rate of 50 percent.

The Marina District, Southwyck Mall, the Toledo Steam Plant projects are all stalled.

The Big Three automakers are, well ... we know all about that dire situation.

And, the potholes, the flooding ...

Here's the good news.

Toledo may very well win an award – given annually by the National Civic League – as an All American City. We have won this award three times in the past, the latest in the late 90's. All we need do is file an application documenting three projects that address local challenges such as job creation/economic development, environmental sustainability, neighborhood revitalization or disaster recovery.

Admittedly such documentation may challenge the imagination but, hey ... Akron won last year. How difficult can it be? (Note: Akron's median per household income in the most recent census was about 75 percent that of Ohio's – which is about 90 percent of that of the U.S.)

Actually Toledo is big on awards as we all know. We have been named one of the three most livable communities in the world in 2007, the most business friendly city in North America (take that, all you naysayers who are constantly griping about how hard Toledo makes it on businesses) and a top 10 city of the future by FDi Magazine.

In spite of the fact that young people leave the place in droves, Toledo has actually been named one of the 100 best communities for young people. We certainly hope that when they *do* leave it is at least for one of the other 99. It's always nice to be recognized as one of the top 100. We'd hate to be left out of that exclusive list, eh?

Our personal favorite is the fact that Toledo was named by the U.S. Conference of Mayors as being one of the top five cities with the best drinking water in 2007. We are still stunned that that honor doesn't seem to have cut into the sales of bottled water around town.

Even better news is that in the midst of the budget crunch and rising unemployment, Mayor Carty Finkbeiner has announced that no public funds will be used to lobby the National Civic League for the prize. Private donations only ... starting with that of Hizzoneer.

While city accountants can breathe a sigh of relief, there are probably a few folks running food banks in town who are not at all amused that anyone's money is being spent on such frivolity.

We certainly recognize the fact that part of the mayor's function is to market and sell the town. Gathering awards and honors is part and parcel of that responsibility. However, at times like these, singling out Toledo as an All America City is fooling absolutely no one. There isn't a businessman or entrepreneur in the world, looking to relocate or start up a venture, who going to ignore the obvious – budget problems, an unfriendly bureaucracy, a not very highly educated workforce – when making a decision about where to do business.

Want to see a realistic list? Check out what Forbes has to say about the nation's most livable cities based upon criteria such as income growth, cost of living index, culture, crime rate and unemployment. We are not going to make that list.

Want to check out another list, one that Toledo did make? See Forbes list of downsized cities. Four Ohio cities made that list, Toledo among them. Those are the cities that are hemorrhaging population, in Toledo's case, says Forbes because the town lost 16 percent of its manufacturing jobs between January 2008 and January 2009.

We think it makes more sense to devote as much time and money – when possible – to correcting the job situation than in trying to win meaningless awards. Quite frankly, if we do win this one – All America City – we have to wonder who the competition was.

## Community Calendar

### March 21-April 18

Marvin Vines Art Exhibit: The Truth Art Gallery; Opening reception on March 21 from 6 to 9 pm: 419-243-0007

### April 8-9

Scott High School presents "Children of Eden;" 6 pm: 419-283-8303

### April 10

Historic Third Baptist Church: "The Seven Last Words of Christ;" Voices of Unity, David Carter Symphonic Choir; 7 pm: 419-248-4623  
Mt. Nebo MBC Good Friday Service: Noon to 3 pm

### April 11

HIV/AIDS Training: Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral; 10 to noon and 1 to 3 pm: 419-944-0984

### April 12

St. Mark Baptist Church Annual Easter Concert: Featuring St. Mark's Mass Choir and guest; 6 pm

### April 15-17

Calvary MBC Revival: 7 pm nightly; Guest Bishop Clifton Jones of Agape Love Ministries of Sandusky

### April 17

Lagrange Street's Customer Appreciation Day: 11 am to 5 pm; Shops and stores sidewalk sales, raffles and give-aways: 419-255-8406

### April 17-18

Evangelistic Crusade: Se' Lah Ministries; Services nightly at 7 pm; Power House Tabernacle; Host Pastor Nelson Clark; Guest speakers include Sis Freda McCoy

### April 18

West Toledo Bereavement Support Ministry: Community Center Port Lawrence Homes; 10 am: 419-241-2133

Fifth "Annual Health in Motion" Health Fair: Warren AME; 10 am to 2 pm; Free healthy lunch for attendees; Screenings for vision and hearing, blood pressure, diabetes and more: 419-243-2273

Baggage Free Luncheon for Women: Presented by Free N Christ Summit; Hosted by Church of the Living God; 10 am to 2 pm; Guest speakers Min Helen Talbert of LA and Min Tabatha Williams of Perfecting Word Church of Detroit: 419-754-4071

### April 19

Indiana Avenue MBC: 44th Anniversary celebration for Pastor John Roberts and Mother Bernice Roberts; 4 pm; Guests Rev. Jerry Boose and Second Baptist Warren AME Lay Witness Sunday: 10:45 am worship service; Guest speaker is former Scott band director Edward Dixon: 419-536-9204

Shiloh MBC: Celebration of Pastor Theodis Horton's 23 years of service; "Pastor Shepherding the Lord's Sheep;" Guest Rance Allen and New Bethel: 419-693-6698 or 419-535-0615

### April 25

"Take Back The Night:" End violence against women rally; Start High School; 6 pm – resource fair and displays; 7 pm – community rally: 419-530-3432 or [tbntoledo@yahoo.com](mailto:tbntoledo@yahoo.com)

11th Annual Free Prostate Screening Program: Toledo Council of Black Nurses and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Cordelia Martin Health Center; 10 am to 2 pm: 419-531-4310

Warren AME Oral Health Workshop for Youth: Noon to 2 pm: 419-243-2237

Abundant Joy Ministries: Youth Biblical Rap Session; "It's OK to Say No;" Kent Branch Library; 2:30 to 5 pm: 419-787-3732 or 419-699-0586



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# Four Escaped Thoughts That Defy Re-Capture

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq.  
Guest Column



(1) Is there someone out there who is willing to start a Saturday program for our youth that speaks to public conduct and manners? I could not do it because I would get "seized up" with all of the foolishness I see when I observe too many of our black youth walking around with the pants hanging down their legs as if they either have a "load in them" or they do not have a belt or they enjoy walking like penguins or lastly, imitating jail house behavior wherein 'pants dropping' indicates that you are a male prisoner's 'woman.'

I am proposing an eight-week Saturday program (three hours max...even

serve refreshments) wherein we could tutor our kids in: (a) speech habits that make a difference (b) wear your clothes, don't let them wear you (c) as you think...so are you (d) are you your momma's boy or what? (e) testing out various hamburger spatulas - which one works best for your future job? (f) she said No!...what don't you understand? (g) learning and reading...it's a black thang' afterall! (h) how to make a jail your home away from home.

Just need a place (church, union hall or a big house) and some willing volunteers and we can make a difference, even with just one youth. Interested? Email me at: Tolliver@Juno.com. and leave your name and address and phone number and suggestions for a meeting place.

(2) I am still waiting for some of the progressive (?) black pastors of some of the larger congregations to bite the bullet and call an economic convocation of

their brethren to plan a funding program wherein each church would contribute 10 percent of their gross weekly income to a common pool for the expressed purposes of economic development and family strengthening in the black community.

With churches developing both their immediate communities and their membership, the rewards of both giving and receiving will be apparent and thus this concept is a no brainer. Any takers?

Anyone ready to get out of his comfort zone and travel a different path of energizing his base? Any one willing to take on the slings and arrows of his fellow pastors when he calls upon them to make an ongoing investment in their parishioners and their families?

Hello! Anyone out there? Surely if pastors can ask their members for a tithe from them, that they can in turn give a tithe and cast it upon the waters and watch and wait for its return. O ye of little faith, how much

longer must I contend with you!

(3) Kudos are in store for the Parker Electrical Academy! They are training and engaging students to become electricians and/or to get their journeyman's card.

They purportedly have a two-year and a four-year training program.

A great idea and sorely needed so that our youth can learn a skill, stay in the area and work. Hopefully such a concept will catch on with others and we can have similar academies/institutes in carpentry, ironworks, plumbing, HVAC, cement workers, glass finishers/glaziers, roofers, tool and die, fabricators and bricklayers.

If the unions lock you out with their nonsense, start your own accredited training institutes, then join their unions and take them over.

(4) Well, it seems that

John Foley, superintendent of the Toledo Public Schools and TPS are up to their tricks again. This time they want to bulldoze Libbey High in spite of Libbey's recent academic successes of rising performances by both the teachers and the student body.

One can never understand the obtuse logic or lack thereof of administrators who are ruled by the book and not by the spirit. It is incomprehensible that Libbey would be treated in such a shabby manner.

Libbey deserves life and deserves to live. I hope and trust that this is not another crass assault of both class and race upon a populace which seemingly cannot yet reach the gears and shifters of public policy and opinion and thus derail this impending train wreck.

This is a shameless grab that is being done under the guise of student population allocation and the affected communities need to arouse from their slumber and fight

the fight. Question: why are most of the black students being "bused" to Scott and not the other area high schools?

They need to mobilize and stand toe to toe against 'Foley's Folly' and take back their school and not go slouching off into the sunset and be victimized by this act of urban removal.

The people of Libbey have got to come together, organize, raise funds, apply public pressure, go door to door and make their case. Call Columbus and threaten to withhold their votes when TPS coddles up to them for more levy monies.

They need to march en masse on the TPS board meetings and demand justice.

People of Libbey...this is your time! Don't delay. Press the battle on! In organized numbers you can avoid this beat down. The slogan: LET LIBBEY LIVE..!

But, if you do not have the guts and heart to fight...simply shut up and take the beat down.

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## Commissioner and Mayoral Candidate Ben Konop Disagrees with The Truth's Ford

Although I have always respected former Toledo Mayor Jack Ford and even consider him a mentor, I disagree with his view that I haven't done anything "substantive" in my time as a Lucas County Commissioner.

Since taking office in January 2007, I've led successful campaigns to change the leadership, structure and success indicators of the Lucas County Improvement Corp., the county's publicly funded economic development wing. I have also pushed for all campaign finance reports to be placed on the Internet, to end the practice of awarding no-bid contracts in the county, to require all applicants for appointment to boards and commissions to disclose their county campaign contributions, to establish one of the most aggressive anti-sweatshop purchasing policies in the nation and to halt taxpayer-funded, non-essential travel for county employees.

These accomplishments were not only substantive, but were in the interests of the taxpayers and of accountability and openness in government.

I have also created and partnered with others to form programs that not only promised help to the needy but delivered on those promises. Through such programs and partnerships, over 1,500 free cell phones have been given to senior citizens and over 3,000 working families and individuals have had their tax returns prepared for free. We also distributed gas cards to low-income families and produced 60 volunteers from the county's workforce to pitch in at Cherry Street Ministries.

Some of my accomplishments - like appointing the county's first poet laureate, hosting a four square tournament, supporting local artists and providing oversight of the dog warden's office - have been dismissed by my critics. But one of the reasons our young people leave this area is a lack of entertainment and culture, and to support those things is to support the long-term goal of keeping our youth in Lucas County after they graduate college. Also, overseeing the dog warden is my responsibility as commissioner, and everyone loves their pets.

In addition to this list of accomplishments, I have repeatedly stood up for diversity on the county's various boards and commissions - one of the few if not only local elected leaders to do so. Earlier this week, I appointed Jim Snodgrass, Jr. as my alternate on the Lucas County Planning Commission and I will send him to the meeting each month in my place.

I have also offered many job-creating, education-promoting, taxpayer-protecting proposals that were not adopted by my colleagues. Such is life in governing by democracy. But I am proud to say I have used my time as commissioner to bring real, substantive change to county government.

Ben Konop  
Lucas County Commissioner



## The Civil Justice Gap

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.  
The Truth Contributor



The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees all Americans a right to counsel in criminal cases. However this basic right is not extended to those persons who need representation in civil cases, even those in which the basic needs of food, shelter, health, safety or child custody are at stake.

Reports indicate that between 80 percent of low-income persons and 40-60 percent of middle-income persons cannot afford legal representation and many face civic legal crises such as eviction or custody cases at a serious disadvantage in spite of the merits of their cases. As a result, those without adequate counsel are essentially deprived of meaningful access to the courts since they receive less favorable (and often devastating) outcomes dramatically more often than those with counsel, regularly losing cases that they should be winning.

The Legal Services Corporation, represented locally by its independent affiliate Advocates for Basic Legal Equality and ABLE's partner organization Legal Aid of Western Ohio, is the single largest provider of civil legal aid for the poor in the nation but has to turn away roughly 50 percent of those in need of legal representation.

The situation is even more dire in northwestern Ohio where according to Joe Tafelsky, executive director for ABLE whose 2009 funding is expected to decrease by at least \$1.5 million, "Only 20 percent of the legal needs of the poor are met in civil cases and half of the cases that are taken on are not served optimally as we are essentially providing a triage approach to the dramatic rise in the request for legal services. There is a misunderstanding that Legal Aid serves everyone, however we can't do that."

While ABLE received over 30,000 requests for assistance in 2008, there are over 400,000 low-income clients who are eligible. Of the 20,000 cases that they were able to address - many by coaching rather than providing an actual attorney to appear in court - nearly 55,000 received some residual and tangible assistance including approximately \$10 million in monetary benefits such as social security, healthcare or child-support.

In addition their work reduces many social costs that fly under the radar such as the collateral costs of homeless shelter occupancy, moving in with other family members or the problems encountered by children frequently changing schools that accompany eviction or foreclosure and the costs associated with domestic violence including its replication or repetition in children who witness or in victims who experience it.

"We are committed to freeing families and children from violence and a lot of people don't understand the social costs of this type of action therefore it does not receive the exposure of other work but we try to achieve the greatest impact regardless of whether it helps families or thousands," says Tafelsky.

The civic legal system has swelled dramatically especially locally, due to the current economic crisis, providing a new class of eligible recipients including the newly unemployed who have never needed government benefits before and have no understanding of the vocabulary of the system. As a result, thousands of low-income or poor citizens in our area who face foreclosures or evictions, require protective and restraining orders, need help to obtain or retain government benefits such as disability to which they are entitled or promised compensation from private employers, or a number of other issues end up frustrated more times than not when they try to seek legal help.

Lisa Renee Ward of the Glass City Jungle states: "I had a friend who lost his job and was in the middle of a divorce as well as a foreclosure. He was told since he didn't have children that he was basically on his own. I tried to help him but every single legal service I referred him to would not help him with either case. He's not alone. I get emails all the time from people looking for help after

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## THANK YOU TOLEDO

I would like to take this time to express my sincerest THANKS to the citizens of the Toledo area. On January 21, 2009, my family was changed forever during a house fire on White Street which claimed the lives of my children Maryjoe Peacock and Destiny Wainwright. Although their lives can

never be replaced, and the road to healing is long I THANK everyone who supported my family during our time of grief and loss. Whether you sent a card, money, or just rendered a prayer, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In today's society so often people don't believe there

are others who care, the support we received shows the contrary. The names of everyone who offered assistance are too numerous to list but, I would like to just name a few. Special THANKS to: Gasiorowski-Hanneman Funeral Home, The American Red Cross, East Toledo Family Center, Toledo Police, Fire,

and EMS Departments, co-workers at the Lucas County Board of Elections and the burn unit staff at St. Vincent's Hospital Medical Center.

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## Jack Ford Recognized for His Leadership in Equity and Inclusion at the

13<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the State Conference  
By Yulanda McCarty-Harris

For many years, Jack Ford, the former mayor of the city, has championed the fight for equity, economic opportunity and diversity. It seemed only fitting that he would receive the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth Humanitarian Award, at the recent 13<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the State Conference, in the city in which he made history as the first African-American mayor.

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, currently the director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at Youngstown State University, presented the resolution to her former boss and offered some personal words stating how Ford was instrumental in placing her on the pathway of public service.

Public service has been the hallmark of Ford's life. For seven years, he served in the Ohio House of Representatives – three of which were as the minority leader. He led efforts on key legislation which would advance the rights of minorities and women, as well as legislation affecting health disparities, and creating equity in education. Prior to his years in the House, he served seven years as a member of Toledo City Council, including a stint as president of the Council.

He was responsible for leading the efforts of enacting the first legislation addressing inclusion for minority- and female-owned businesses. This ordinance (although revised) continues on the books, and continues to be used as the authority to enforce equity and inclusion for historically underrepresented groups.

"Mayor Ford's selection as the 2009 awardee of the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth Humanitarian Award was particularly appropriate in light of his life long advocacy for the types of social policies and programs that would serve the disadvantaged," said Marshall Rose, director of the Office of Equity and Diversity at Bowling Green State University and co-chairman of this year's conference. "Through his public advocacy and leadership, [he] has distinguished himself as someone committed to the ideals of fairness and equal opportunity which were at the heart of Rev. Shuttlesworth's life."

The Humanitarian Award nominations were based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated commitment to securing and advancing the ideals of equity, opportunity, and diversity in American society.

2. Principled leadership and perseverance in efforts to achieve social justice, in a manner which serves as a model to inspire and motivate social justice advocates throughout Ohio and beyond.

3. Extraordinary contributions affecting legal, social, or political policies or programs in pursuit of freedom, civil liberties and civil rights in behalf of all Americans.

4. Courage and self-sacrifice in resisting tyranny or brutality, in pursuing the ideals represented by the Award.

The State of the State Conference was conceived to provide an opportunity for Ohioans to come together to discuss how individuals and institutions across the state are reacting to and preparing for changes and challenges in such areas as best practices in recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce, media and diversity, best practices in enforcement and compliance, disability issues in the workplace, and prevention and treatment of peer harassment.

"From the beginning, The State-of-the-State Conference believed that it was important to be deliberate and affirmative in attempting to provoke a conversation around issues of equity, opportunity and diversity in our state," Rose added. "We persist because the need for this conversation is as urgent in 2009 as it was when we began some 13 years ago."

The day-and-a-half long conference brought together representatives and organizations across the spectrum – education, state and local government, judiciary, health care, private corporations and non-profits – to engage in broad and diverse conversation with the goal of exchanging information, ideas and strategies.

Some of the additional highlights of the conference included a theatrical production by Chapmyn Spoken Word of Columbus, a special plenary address – "Defending Integration in an Era of Retreat" by Shanta Driver, Esq., national spokesman for the civil rights organization B.A.M.N., as well as a keynote address by Tim Wise, a nationally-renown anti-racism educator. Wise spoke on the subject of "Beyond Diversity: Challenging Racism in the Age of Backlash!"



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### 11th Annual Free Prostate Screening Program

The Toledo Council of Black Nurses, Inc. have collaborated with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for 22 years to bring free prostate screenings to the public. As a result, minority males' disease prevention behaviors have improved over the years; more men now seek prostate screening than in the past. Other programs provided are: health education, free blood pressure monitoring, cholesterol and diabetic screening



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they've been turned away by the system or even worse, by the time the system responds to them, they are already evicted in the case of tenants. It is a very serious situation and landlords who can afford attorneys almost always end up with the upper hand. The same can be said for those having their wages gamished, the court is not weighted in a manner where those without the ability to pay are treated equally or fairly."

ABLE, eligible for federal dollars only through its partnership with LAWO, received 30,000 legal requests last year but has had to reduce staff to 65 attorneys plus office personnel by allowing attorney vacancies to go unfilled and by accepting voluntary severance among support staff due to challenges in public and

private funding sources that are being faced by most nonprofits.

There-authorization of LSC, new legislation titled The Civil Access to Justice Act of 2009, if passed, will increase funding to that which will provide the "minimum level of access to legal aid" in every county of the nation for the Congressionally-established Legal Services Corporation which includes its independent affiliate ABLE.

Adjusted for inflation, this level would be \$750 million in 2009 dollars in order to be at the minimum access standard when it was enacted under President Jimmy Carter and authorized in 1981. Funding has been slashed since 1995 and is currently at a woefully inadequate \$390 million. The bill also lifts many of

the restrictions currently placed on legal tools that LSC-funded attorneys can use to represent their clients including the prohibition on collecting attorney fees and the ability to bring class actions grounded in existing law.

At a time when people are fighting to keep their jobs, homes and obtain basic necessities, it is crucial for the government to close the justice gap by providing the right to counsel in important civil matters for the poor and most vulnerable. This proposed reauthorization and budget increase from \$390 million to the minimum level of \$750 million nationally will do a lot to ensure that justice is accessible to all especially in Toledo.

Contact Donald Perryman, Ph.D., at [dcperryman@actofhope.org](mailto:dcperryman@actofhope.org)

Bishop Edward Cook Honored in Celebration Banquet

Special to The Truth

On Thursday, March 26, 2009 more than 600 well wishers came out to celebrate with the honoree Bishop Edward T. Cook and First Lady Sheila L. Cook at an Inaugural Celebration Banquet.

The event was held at Park Place in Maumee, OH. Bishop Cook was recently appointed Jurisdiction Prelate of Ohio North First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of which has over 100 churches throughout Ohio.

Cook is a lifelong, third-generation member of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) and has served in various leadership capacities within the 6.5 million member denomination on a local, district, jurisdictional and national level. Cook has received several individual awards which reflect his dedication and life-long commitment to serving others.

The bishop's vision for

Ohio North includes transforming communities and changing lives by creating genuine disciples of Jesus Christ. Cook is the pastor of

New Life Church of God In Christ, 1215 Oakwood Ave. Website: [www.livinginnewlife.org](http://www.livinginnewlife.org)



AT THE ENCLAVE EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The Enclave in celebration with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission is proud to support Fair Housing and recognize that April 2009 marks the 41st anniversary of the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Federal Fair Housing Act, which provides for equal housing opportunity for all Americans and prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin/ancestry, familial status and disability.

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## 80,000 Ohio Children Eligible for School Vouchers

Special to The Truth

More than 80,000 Ohio children are eligible to receive vouchers to attend the private schools of their parents' choice, according to School Choice Ohio, the state's leading organization promoting and protecting voucher programs. To qualify, families must apply for the Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program by April 17, 2009.

The EdChoice program provides vouchers for students in grades K-12 to attend private schools. Students are eligible if they attend public schools that are in Academic Watch or Academic Emergency and have been for two out of three years.

Scholarships are worth up to \$5,300 per year and can be used at any of the 313 registered private schools.

After a student is admitted into EdChoice, the private school will submit the scholarship application directly to the Ohio Department of Education. Once a child obtains a scholarship, they can continue to use the scholarship through high school graduation.

"Parents of children in these underperforming schools should seriously consider their options this year," said Chad Aldis, executive director of School Choice Ohio. "Parents who haven't looked into the EdChoice program before will be surprised at

the high number of private schools available to them and the fact that these schools are affordable, accessible, and high-quality."

The EdChoice program was enacted in 2005 and serves 9,654 students this year. The state has set a cap on enrollment at 14,000 students.

School Choice Ohio recently established a

new Web site, [www.schoio.org](http://www.schoio.org), that provides parents with an easy-to-use map; parents simply enter their address and can locate private schools near them that accept EdChoice scholarship students.

"With the importance of a quality K-12 education growing in this uncertain economy, it is important that parents

submit applications so that they at least have choices for their children," Aldis said. "The scholarship offers parents whose children are currently attending low performing schools a lifeline. If they are currently dissatisfied, it's important that parents know that this opportunity exists and that it can improve their children's education," Aldis

added.

Interested parents can call the School Choice Ohio toll-free hotline 1-800-673-5876 for more information on eligibility, guidance on how to apply, and a list of participating private schools. Information can also be found on the web at [www.schoio.org](http://www.schoio.org).



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## Central State University Chorus Brings Spring Tour to Toledo

By Nadean Hamilton  
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Central State University Chorus brought its 2009 Spring Tour to a welcoming Third Baptist Church congregation on Thurs, March 26.

The two-hour performance began with a spiritual medley of songs including: "I've Done What You've Told Me To Do," "Ride On, King Jesus," "Nun ist das Heil und die Kraft," and "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place."

After a brief intermission,

the Chorus, accompanied by Brian Cashwell on the piano, returned to the floor and once again brought the parishioners to their collective feet with songs such as Marshall Bartholomew's "Little Innocent Lamb," Bass & Littleton's "Up With A Shout," Noble Cain's "In The Night, Christ Came Walking," Josephine Poelinitz "A City Called Heaven," and Third Baptist pastor of worship and music,

Glenn Jones, "My Souls Been Anchored In de Lord" and "Heaven Bound Soldier."

The Central State University Chorus has a long and prestigious history as part of Ohio's only historically African-American public university.

In 1989, the Chorus performed for then-President George Herbert Walker Bush. In 2001, the Chorus toured both England and France, and

had the opportunity to perform in several of the world's historical churches and cathedrals including: Holy Trinity at Stratford Upon Avon, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Canterbury Cathedral, the Cathedral of Notre Dame and the American Church in Paris. And in 2007, the Chorus returned to Europe to perform at the Vatican for Pope Benedict XIX.

Closer to home, the Chorus, which consists of more than 100 students, along with faculty member, Eugene Bailey, performs at various university convocations and academic functions.

For those interested in auditioning for a spot in the Central State University Chorus, William Henry Caldwell, conductor and musical director of the Chorus for more than 30 years, suggests that they first check their attitude at the door.

"You have to have the right attitude and a desire to learn," said Caldwell. "You have to have the right people speak for you."

Caldwell also told prospective members that if their par-

ents hadn't been able to teach them how to get along with others, then there would be nothing that he could do to rectify the matter.

"There are some things that teachers cannot teach you," Caldwell said.

The 2009 spring tour kicked

off in Washington, D.C. on March 22, and will have made stops in New Rochelle, NY; New York, NY; Oberlin, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; and Chicago, IL, before concluding in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 30.

## Pickett Fourth Graders Learn More About Career Choices

Sojourner's Truth Staff



Pickett fourth graders



Perry Hopson

Perry Hopson, a 20-year veteran of the Toledo Fire Department, presented yet another career choice for the fourth graders of Pickett Elementary School this past month when he spoke to the students not only about what he does as a firefighter but what he expects of them with respect to home safety.

"If you are caught in a fire, there are three things

I want you to remember," said Hopson. "Get out and stay out; call 911 and stop, drop and roll if your clothes catch on fire."

Hopson spoke to the students for about 10 minutes on safety issues and what his job entails as both a firefighter and a CPR instructor. "With the Toledo Fire Department, we see all kinds of emergencies," said Hopson. "We make over 50,000 runs a year."

Then he donned his firefighting equipment explaining the safety reasons behind each piece of protective clothing before opening up for questions.

The more than three dozen fourth-graders would probably still be asking questions had time not run out on Hopson's session well before the students' curiosity had been exhausted.



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## Notre Dame Academy Multicultural Assembly Features Storyteller and Diplomat Antoine Kabwasa

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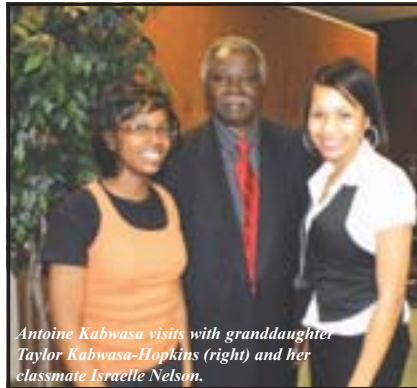
A French fashion show, Irish dancing, a Filipino dance, poetry readings, singing and much more highlighted the fifth annual Notre Dame Academy Multicultural Assembly entitled "One World." Well-known storyteller and president of the African Cultural Initiatives for Peace and Development, Antoine Kabwasa, was the featured speaker. There was entertainment provided by the following clubs and organizations: Arab, French, Hispanic, African American, STEP, HIP HOP, Irish and Choir.

Kabwasa, author of numerous children's books and short stories, is a poet and playwright. Retired from UNESCO where he worked for over 15 years at its headquarters in Paris, France, he was also a diplomat with the United Nations. He has lived and worked in many countries and cultures including Africa, Asia (China, India and Thailand), Europe and America (USA, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas). Al-

though his official work centered on economic matters, he developed his creative side by writing award-winning children's literature in French and English. He uses his African roots in participatory storytelling to captivate and educate his audiences.

Kabwasa originally came

from a Kikwit, a rural area in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Currently, Notre Dame Academy is fundraising to drill a well in his hometown. His daughter senior Soileita Kabwasa and granddaughter freshman Taylor Kabwasa-Hopkins both attend Notre Dame Academy.



*Antoine Kabwasa visits with granddaughter Taylor Kabwasa-Hopkins (right) and her classmate Israelle Nelson.*

## Afro Club at St. Francis de Sales Presents Re-U-Knight: A Cultural Forum

*Special to The Truth*



The Afro Club at St. Francis de Sales High School recently presented a cultural forum "A Knight of Color" for its members. Alumni were invited back to school to address the audience regarding their high school experience at St. Francis as it related to their college preparedness, relationships, the economy, careers and more.

The panel was comprised of Shawn Reid '83, who works as the assistant director at Jobs and Family Services; Derrick Gant '84, who is owner and operator of Gant Investments; Richard Langford '87, who works as a social service director; Alan Bannister '92, who works as a state government official and Moses Ramey '08, who is currently a student at the University of Toledo.

The forum exists to assist current students and their families with the tools, knowledge and support to thrive during their St. Francis experience. Trevon Gaston '09 and Dwayne Dotson '10 are the president and vice president, respectively, of the Afro Club. Lincoln Kynard is the Afro Club moderator in addition to being the director of Student Achievement.

According to Kynard, "The forum generated a fantastic discussion geared towards helping St. Francis de Sales meet the needs of all its students. The African-American experience here is different, and our alumni provided St. Francis students and families timely and fitting suggestions to handle trials and celebrate triumphs. This is just the beginning. I anxiously anticipate the forum's growth."

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## Owens Student Group Raises Environmental Awareness During Third Annual Environmental Fair, April 16

Owens Community College will bring environmental awareness to the forefront as the Owens Environmental Club hosts its third annual Environmental Fair on Thursday, April 16. The public is encouraged to join the campus community in celebrating the importance of the environment through daylong activities.

More than a dozen environmental organizations are scheduled to participate in the fair, which will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the College's Student Health and Activities Center. Owens is located on Oregon Road in Perrysburg Township.

Environmental Fair participants include Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership Inc., City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services, Toledo-Lucas County Rain Garden Initiative, Keep America Beautiful Inc., The University of Toledo's Lake Erie Center, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Wood County Solid Waste Management District, Mercy for Animals and Phoenix Earth Food Co-Op, among others. In addition, several campus groups and organizations, including the Owens Environmental Club and the College's Facility Services, will host informational tables.

Various alternative energy vehicles will also be on display as part of the Environmental Fair, including a HMV Freeway automobile, a GEM automobile, and a commuter automobile, as well as several hybrid and electric vehicles.

Beginning at 5 p.m., Bowling Green State University Director of the Electric Vehicle Institute Barry Piersol will address the ever-changing landscape of alternative energy, highlighted by initiatives at his four-year academic institution. The free presentation will occur in the Fire Science and Law Enforcement Center Rooms 145-147. In addition, Owens and EarthCycle are encouraging area residents to bring their old electronic devices to the Toledo-area Campus on Thursday (April 16) as the College hosts a free collection drive. Individuals can drop off their items at the northwest corner of the Audio/Visual Classroom Center parking lot (Lot N). Electronic devices being accepted include batteries, cameras, cell phones, computers, fax machines, electric lawn mowers, CD players, DVD players, video game consoles, generators, keyboards, microwave ovens, monitors, scanners, telephone equipment, radios, projectors and printers, among other items.

The Owens Environmental Club is comprised of active students who are dedicated to addressing a multitude of environmental issues on the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses. The student organization has successfully implemented numerous recycling programs, while bringing more awareness to environmental concerns. Within the community, the Owens Environmental Club regularly helps in community clean-ups and preserve restorations, participates in charity events, and supports various environmental causes with a yearly Human-I-Tees fundraiser.

For additional information about Owens' Environmental Fair activities, call (567) 661-7583 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 7583.

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Taught by nurses, youth will learn safe and nurturing child-care techniques, behavior management skills and appropriate responses to medical emergencies. The class costs \$35 and includes lunch and snacks. Because summer classes fill quickly, early spring registration is recommended by calling 419-897-8484. In addition, special reservations can be made for groups of six or more, like Girl Scout Troops or 4-H Clubs.



## Expert in Value of Human Life in Legal Regulation to Speak at UT College of Law

Special to The Truth

W. Kip Viscusi, University Distinguished Professor and co-director of the PhD Program in Law and Economics at Vanderbilt University, will be the Stranahan Lecturer at The University of Toledo College of Law Thursday, April 9, at noon in Law Center Room 1013 on Main Campus.

He will give a free, public talk on "What Is a Life Worth?"

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual YWCA Milestones: A Tribute to Women

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The YWCA of Greater Toledo held its 2009 Milestones Awards Luncheon on Thursday March 26 at the SeaGate Convention Center. Seven local women were honored in as many categories as Diane Larson of Channel 13abc – a past honoree herself – served as mistress of ceremonies.

Ann Anderson Stranahan was honored for her contributions to the arts. One of the founders of WGTE Public Media, Stranahan is an acclaimed storyteller, a poetry teacher, a principal organizer with the Needmor Fund and one of the creators of the Louisiana Organizers Renewal Awards, supporting respite for those who were victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Paula H. Fall was the business honoree this year. Fall purchased Sophia

Lustig, a downtown women's apparel shop, in the mid-1970's. She has been in the forefront of encouraging other women to share her business spirit in the downtown area. She also supports Toledo and Perrysburg high school career education projects, provides opportunities for job shadowing and is active in a variety of community service projects.

Isabel Escobar, Ph.D., an associate professor and graduate director of The University of Toledo's chemical Engineering Department was the 2009 education honoree. Escobar has written over 75 technical publications, is the faculty advisor for the student chapter of Society of Women Engineers and is the program coordinator of the WISE Program which provides mentoring and support for

women in science majors.

Mayor Marge Brown of Oregon was honored for her contributions in government. Brown spent 39 years as an educator and is now in her second term as mayor. She has helped establish an Alzheimer's Adult Day Care and re-established area medical transportation on the East Side. Brown has also served on numerous non-profit boards and volunteers her time extensively in the community.

Judy Seibenick, executive director of Hospice of Northwest Ohio was the science honoree. Seibenick has been with Hospice for 20 years starting as a nurse and becoming director in 2000. She oversees 800 employees and volunteers, has secured a grant to bring "Caring for the Caregiver" training to Toledo, has developed the Advance Care Planning Coalition of Greater Toledo and has established the Hospice of Northwest Ohio's Education Institute.

The social services honoree was Betty Amison, director of Grace Community Center which she co-founded four decades ago. During those years she has fought segregation, led rent strikes, initiated jobs training programs



Lisa McDuffie, Paula Fall, Isabel Escobar, Marge Brown, Judy Seibenick, Betty Amison, Ann Sanford

and helped create the TPS lunch program. Amison has made it a priority to help women succeed with such programs as the Center's Getting Ahead Program and a training program that helped move women into the construction business.

Ann Sanford was honored for her devotion to volunteerism. Since moving to Toledo 31 years ago, Sanford has served tirelessly on countless boards and committees: the YWCA of Greater Toledo

board, the WGTE Board as treasurer, the Maumee Valley Country Day Endowment Committee, the Focus Endowment Committee, among others.

She served as chairman of the Sapphire Ball for the Toledo Opera in 1994 that raised over \$110,000 and created the Blame the Champagne spring fundraiser. Through her efforts Sanford has raised over \$500,000 for local charities.

During the banquet luncheon, each honoree was

presented by a video clip – compiled as always by Channel 13abc – spotlighting her accomplishments before receiving the award and making a brief acceptance speech.

Amison summed up the general mood of the honorees when she said: "I've been on that journey a long time – trying to make sure Toledo becomes a city that cares about people."



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By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture

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As most of you know I do my music produce-shizzle thing and my label U.G.E. kept hearing from our N.Y.C. affiliates that people liked our music and our artists but the visuals weren't on point. As many of you know, when you're dealing with A&R's or any other industry folks in bigger markets they will waste no time in letting you know what's wrong with your operation. When U.G.E. only had a couple artists a few years ago, we set up our first downtown rooftop photo shoot and it was cool.

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Lavale went and studied with Tom to learn the ins and outs of photography and years later now has an impressive portfolio of his own all thanks to him being a partner in Brooks Photography. Tom Brooks is a photographer with 30 years professional experience and he trained Lavale when he

opened Brooks Photography nearly two years ago.

Now as part of everything our artists get when they join U.G.E., everyone signed to our label gets professional photo shoots and you can judge for yourself how they've turned out: [www.myspace.com/adonispics](http://www.myspace.com/adonispics). (oh yeah, these pics you see of me in this paper...done at Brooks Photography as well).

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Easter Holiday Stimulus Plan  
Have 3 suits cleaned, the 4<sup>th</sup> is FREE  
Individual suit is \$9.25 with 20 % OFF  
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## Teachers Wanted

A Rainbow's Treasure is looking for teachers  
ELI preschool – infant, toddler areas

- Must exhibit professionalism
- Love children
- Be willing to take required classes for ELI and Step Up to qualify

Please fax resumes to 419-874-4275  
Call 419-720-4313 between 10 am and 3 pm to speak with Alison

## Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY09-97,

(Project# 1020-07-481) for Campus Waterproofing - Snyder Memorial Exterior Renovation for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$35.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Dave Serra of The Collaborative Inc. at 419-242-7405. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 5%. Project Estimate: \$1,209,498.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$1,209,498.00.

## Legal Notice

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On **April 8, 2009**, the Request for Proposal will be released. It will be available for potential bidders to download by going to the site: <https://apps.co.lucas.oh.us/bids>.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on **April 8, 2009** from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the LCDJFS office. **ATTENDANCE IS OPTIONAL, BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED**. If any changes are made to the RFP as a result of the Bidder's Conference, an addendum to the RFP **will be posted on the website address (noted above)**.

ANY BIDDER WHO PLANS TO RESPOND TO THE RFP MUST SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION SUCH AS NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE LCDJFS OFFICE BY April 9, 2009, by 4:00 p.m. Attention: Michelle Niedermier.

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This notice is posted, as of **April 8, 2009**, at <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/inex.asp?NID=621>

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio.

Pete Gerken - President  
Tina Skeldon Wozniak - Commissioner  
Ben Konop - Commissioner  
Bid. 48-10-RFP-02-LCDJFS

## Safe-T-City Coordinator and Teachers

The Toledo Police Department is accepting resumes for the position of Coordinator and Teachers for the 2009 summer Safe-T-City Program. Interested applicants shall send their resume, home address, contact information, copies of any/all teaching certificates and experience coordinating or instructing child safety programs, and three (3) references (include name, address, and telephone number of each reference.) All information shall be submitted to Toledo Police Department, Personnel and Public Affairs Bureau, 525 N. Erie Street, 43604 by no later than April 17, 2009. EOE.

## NORTHGATE APARTMENTS Now Accepting Applications

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for the following project(s):

JOB NO.: 29016  
PROJECT NAME: Elevator Alterations at Ashley Arms Apartments  
WALK-THRU DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2009 @ 10:00am  
BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 @ 11:00am

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room on the dates shown above, in the Redevelopment & Capital Investments Department (formerly Modernization), at 201 Belmont Street. Contract documents and technical specifications/drawings will be available from the RCI/Modernization Department, and will be provided upon request. The prevailing wages for this locality, as established by the Department of Labor and Wage Determination OH20080028, as modified, must be paid all persons employed for this work.

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality in the bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids.

All bidders shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, handicap, age, ancestry, or military status.

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We do it all, with Excellent Service!  
Monday-Saturday 11:00 am – 7:15 pm  
On Site Fitting Room!  
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Bid. 48-10-RFP-01-LCDJFS

## To Place Your Classified Ad Call Pam at 419.243.0007

## Attention: Lucas County Residents

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is seeking interested citizens to participate on a time-limited workgroup to develop a strategic plan for prevention services. This plan will include both Alcohol and Other Drug prevention as well as Mental Health promotion and wellness. Interested parties are asked to request an application in writing by April 8, 2009. Please submit request to: Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County Attn: Prevention Dept., 701 Adams St., Suite 800, Toledo, OH 43604.



## Independent Housing Facility

Abundant Life of Perrysburg is a subsidized independent housing facility for those 62 or older. We are located in a beautiful, quiet residential setting in Perrysburg. Abundant Life offers one bedroom garden apartments with private patios, indoor mailboxes, reserved parking and bus- ing to local grocery stores. Applications are now being accepted.

Call 419-872-3510 or 419-874-4371



# Grace Temple's Second Annual Mother Daughter Fashion Show Luncheon

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C.'s Anniversary Committee held the second annual Mother Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show last Saturday, April 4. More than 20 models of all ages beguiled the audience with fashion displays from Cache, Gap Kids and Marcia Hopkins' Elegance With Style.

Lunch was provided by the Grace Temple Culinary Ministry for the more than 100 guests who then enjoyed a four-scene show that ranged from casual wear for the young and the seasoned, classy styles with urban flavor, attire with a more formal flair for attending church and the wedding scene.

Hopkins herself served as mistress of ceremonies. The vendors included Jamie Gant Jewelry Inspire the Spirit, Ltd, Janice "Let's Talk Cookies" and Caming Golding, wedding coordinator.



*Lucy, Dana Watson, Florene Weisz, Karen Trail, Rhonda Jemison*



*Victoria Trail with the little princesses*



*Marcia Hopkins*



*Makalia Marshall, Lauren Gant, Jazmyn Cole, Dynasty McNair, Mahogany Womack*

## United Way Women's Initiative hosting Victoria Rowell

*Special to The Truth*



On Wednesday, April 22, 2009, the United Way Women's Initiative is hosting their annual meeting, featuring keynote speaker Victoria Rowell.

Rowell is an actor, author, and foster care advocate. Her list of movie credits includes *Eve's Bayou*, *Distinguished Gentleman, Dumb and Dumber*, and *Motives*. She also played Drucilla Winters on "The Young and the Rest-

less" for nearly 20 years.

Rowell has written an award-winning book and developed a documentary dedicated to the role models in her life. Her book, *The Women Who Raised Me*, and her documentary, "The Mentor," both speak to the important people in her life who have helped her achieve success. Rowell has also been honored with 12 NAACP awards.

The event will take place at The Pinnacle in Maumee. Networking begins at 5:15 p.m. and the program begins at 5:45 p.m. This will be followed by a cheese and fruit reception from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, the cost is \$25 and RSVPs are due to Amy Swartz at [amyswartz@unitedwaytoledo.org](mailto:amyswartz@unitedwaytoledo.org) or 419-254-4608. A portion of the proceeds will support the United Way Women's Initiative Habitat for Humanity Women's Build this fall.

What if you suddenly became critically ill?

What if you were unable to speak for yourself? Who is prepared to make treatment decisions that respect your wishes?

**Come learn about Advance Care Planning.**

Whatever your age, you need to document your wishes in a living will and medical power of attorney.

For a FREE one-on-one consultation, come to:

**The Mott Branch Library**  
1085 Dorr Street  
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