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Family House Keeps Families Together



Tonia Pace, Family House Executive Director

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Post-Election Wrap Up

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, Ph.D.

The Truth Contributor

The price of doing the same oldthing is higher than the price of change.

- Bill Clinton



The outcome of our November 2 municipal election was precisely as expected.

Incumbent Wade Kapszukiewicz bested former mayor Carty Finkbeiner by an overwhelming margin, 69 percent to 30 percent in the mayor's race. The public also elected a group of six at-large councilpersons, including four women, three of whom participated in their first political campaign.



Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz

Here are a few takeaways from the election.

Mayor's Race: Let's Go Forward Not Backwards!

Carty's strategy to run a Law-and-Order campaign and "hankering for a past when everything was peaches and cream" turned out to be a fallacy of nostalgic thinking. Voters didn't buy the premise that Carty's previous terms as mayor somehow represented the "good old days."

Certainly, Carty could point to previous successes such as Owens-Corning and Jeep, which got done primarily because of his indefatigable drive and single-minded pursuit. In addition, his work in saving UTM and championing former UT star basketball player John Rudley's induction into the UT Hall of Fame are remarkable examples of Finkbeiner's exceptional advocacy and zeal.

Yet, we must also remember many nega-

tives lest we look back on Carty's reign with rose-colored glasses. For example, former mayor Mike Bell still maintains that Carty left his administration with a \$40 million deficit. To this day, there also remain bad hotel deals Carty made that Toledo taxpayers are still paying for. And, more recently, have we forgotten that Finkbeiner finished a distant third to Paula Hicks-Hudson by 10,000 votes in the 2015 campaign for mayor?

The Blade was correct in its assessment that Toledo loves Carty, but as an activist and not necessarily a mayor.

On the other hand, Kapszukiewicz captured every neighborhood, age group, and ethnic group in the 2021 general election. Wade won 100 percent of all wards (24/24) and 94 percent of all precincts (193/206), and even 58 percent of the central city vote. In 2017, he only won 16 percent of the central city and lost badly in several other neighborhoods.

The 2021 lopsided election results testify that voters are more confident in Wade's growth and forward-looking leadership than what Carty promised in recapturing so-called past glories.

City Council At-Large: Infusion of New Blood

This group is a fresh, women-led troop whose message spoke, "Let's connect to the community. Let's take on issues that advance us." The successful candidates organized themselves into a unit that supported each other. When they were out canvassing, they carried the slate and talked about their own campaign and that

of their colleagues'. As in the mayor's race, backward-looking campaigns of grievance or law-and-order failed.

Katie Moline finished comfortably in first place, more than 4,000 votes ahead of Nick Komives. Moline's achievement was partly due to having just been on the ballot the year before when she ran in the special election against Tony Dia. The name recognition undoubtedly gave Moline a leg up. However, Moline's campaign calling card was fiscal accountability, which she promoted vigorously.

Look for Moline to leverage her successful fiscal responsibility brand for a future run to replace Anita Lopez for county auditor as Lopez shifts her focus to a judicial run.



Councilwoman Katie Moline



Councilman Nick Komives

Nick Komives is a respected leader who, during his term, has proposed more legislation than any other council member. He has done a marvelous job of being responsive to people and is seen as a strong leader in the community. With Wade now being term-limited, look for Komives to run for mayor in four years. In the meantime, expect councilmembers to start crawling all over each other to become president of Toledo City Council, a position for which Komives makes a legitimate claim.

Michele Grim is a new candidate that ran a

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November 5

Martin de Porres revival: 6:00 pm; Revivalist is Rev R. Tony Ricard of the Archdiocese of New Orleans; Sponsored by the Diocese of Toledo and a grant from the Black and Indian Fund. There will be a free-will offering; All are welcome

GOP Is Firing Up the Snowflakes

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

"When you face possible political losses, always remember that an appeal to a person's racial fears are a surefire winning strategy in a close contest." Efal Revillot, essayist.

Well, it's on! Like it or not. Racial wedge issues can mean the difference between losing and winning with either suburban or rural voters. When it comes to matters of race dogma, the "fear factor" difference between a poor sharecropper in the country and a rich dentist in suburbia is tant amount to cousins disagreeing over who threw the closest horseshoe at the family cookout.

In America, there is a rich tradition that when white officials are hard pressed to woo certain voters to their party or beliefs, the tried-and-true chestnut to pull out of the racial fire is to go to the issue of "them vs. us."

Donald Trump was a skilled race baiter when it came to pitting both educated and uneducated white voters against a black or brown candidate. He simply went to his inner well of hate and ignorance and threw red meat to scaredy white voters who are led to believe that if you allow those others to win political office, you will be the loser.

There was and is no shame in Donald's game. He could pontificate on the good Nazi-like people in Charlottesville and he could, in the same sentence, call black women "B**ches" for giving birth to footballers who would take a knee at a national sporting event to protest the murder of black men by the police.

Now, by the time this column is published, we will know the outcome of the highly contested race for governor in the State of Virginia. A state that President Joe Biden won by 11 points in the 2020 election.

That political race was groped by the GOP candidate when he gave voice to the fears of white Virginian parents that their snowflake children were being subjected, inter alia, to the horrors of reading the famed book, *Beloved*, by the late Nobel Prize winning author, Toni Morrison.

The GOP and others of their ilk are churning up the so-called cultural wars by intimating that to "force" their precious Johnny or Suzie to read a classic like *Beloved* was against their parental control rights and that the offending school boards need to feel their wrath.

For too many white parents, the cultural wars are being re imagined as being an assault on parental rights by liberal school boards who want to make their snowflake children feel unimportant or devalued.

The noted columnist Juan Williams who authored the award-winning book, *Eyes On The Prize*, indicated in a recent column that the usage of the words "parental rights" is a color coded word for race being an issue with those parents.

The phrase, parental rights, has hit a raw nerve with some white parents and the GOP is off to the races to use that phrase in their arsenal of cultural war verbiage.

When you undress the word "cultural wars" you will see skin, dark skin, hiding beneath the layers of misdirection that the GOP would have you to believe that their fight is a fight for the integrity of the educational system and a rebuttal of race-based teachings.

Critical Race Theory (C.R.T.) is being erroneously placed upon this bonfire to further stroke antagonisms between confused white voters and minority voters who should know that CRT is not being taught in the public schools.

Race mongers falsely claim that it is a value system that teaches that white is not good and that white kids need to be ashamed of being white.

It is so rich and full of irony that for hundreds of years in the education or the lack thereof regarding black kids, that 'White' C.R.T. was systematically taught that black kids were inferior and were incapable of higher education; and they were a financial drag on the public's educational budget.

It is not odd that 'White' C.R.T. was upheld for hundreds of years and even granted legal permission to be taught in the public schools which had the pernicious effect of black boys and girls valuing and favoring all things white over all things black.

In the classic case of *Brown v. The Topeka Board of Education*, it was proven by the use of white dolls and black dolls that black kids would choose the white dolls over the black dolls because they were

taught a 'White' C.R.T. that said they were of no value or worth.

But... did white educators and white parents complain of their screwed-up system of mis education being an albatross around the necks of people of color? No, not at all.

Even the earlier and notorious case of *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the United States Supreme Court said that there are no rights of a black man that the white man is legally bound to respect. That was the law of the land for many, many decades.

Into that toxic soup of denigrating people of color, it is truly rich that white society is now wringing their hands and complaining that certain historians want to set the record straight as properly documenting the racial history in America.

It appears that white parents simply do not want their snowflake kids to know the truths of how white America practically decimated the American Indian tribes and via the institution of slavery, they were determined to hold captive millions of black people in perpetual servitude, even engaging in a futile Civil War to maintain such power.

So, when you hear the cry and anguish of white politicians bemoan how black and brown people are speaking up and out about righting the wrongs of history and how they seek to balance the scales of justice, understand that their primal fear is that they will be, population wise, relegated to a minority status in America in the next few decades.

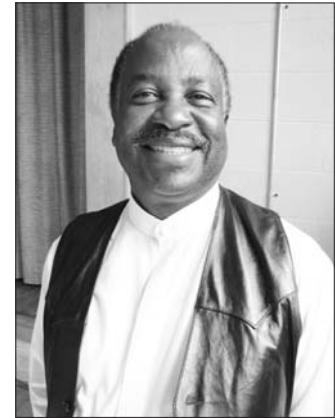
White America is not yet comfortable with the idea that their majority rule may be diluted to the point that they can no longer rule the roost; and for them, these cultural wars are their way of making a final stand before they must come to their senses and understand that the future of America is a multi-cultural society where we all have a stake in sharing with each other in our common sandbox.

White people are extremely ill at ease with openly discussing black history which is American History. Subconsciously, they feel that if they speak out and are not correct, they will be labeled either dummies or racists.

So, they remain quiet and thus enable generations of white kids to go willy-nilly out into a multi-cultural/ethnic society as clueless as a box of rocks.

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Congressional Black Caucus Leadership Saves Infrastructure Package Vote

Last week, Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03), released the following statement regarding votes scheduled in the House of Representatives:

"Tonight, House Majority Whip James Clyburn, Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Joyce Beatty, joined by the Congressional Black Caucus Members who serve as full committee chairs: Congressmembers Maxine Waters, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Robert "Bobby" Scott, Bennie G. Thompson, Gregory Meeks; Democratic Caucus Chairman Hakeem Jeffries, Congressional Black Caucus First and Second Vice-Chairs, Steven Horsford and Brenda Lawrence along with the tireless work of President Biden, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrats from across the ideological spectrum, reached an agreement to advance the legislative package—including the rule on the Build Back Better Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

"The Congressional Black Caucus represents 17 million Black Americans and more than 80 million Americans, delivering for the American public was not optional," said Democratic Caucus Chairman Hakeem Jeffries.

"It was clear urgency of this moment, and its unique nature required we invest in a foundation for strong economic growth and ensure all communities can compete and succeed in the 21st Century. As a result of our hard work and the hard work of President Biden and Speaker Pelosi, the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is headed to President Biden's desk," said Majority Whip James Clyburn.

"Tonight, we saw the diversity of all of our caucus. Together, these bills will bring life-saving change for the people across the nation. By empowering families with tax credits, child care, and universal pre-K, the Build Back Better Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and

Jobs Act deliver once-in-a-generation action to lower the everyday costs that burden working families – from health care to child care – while also fighting inflation," said Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Joyce Beatty

Kaptur Statement on Passage of Historic Investments in Jobs, Infrastructure Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09) released the following statement after the House passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is one of the most consequential investments in good-paying jobs in American history," said Rep. Kaptur. "After decades of trickle-down economics and disastrous trade policies, we are finally investing in the workers who make and build what makes and builds America. By rebuilding our roads, bridges, and ports, expanding our transportation systems and broadband internet, and upgrading our water and energy infrastructure, we will unleash our region's full potential, and secure a better future for our workers and families." Funding Highlights

- \$1 billion for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- \$9.2 billion for Ohio highways
- \$483 million for Ohio bridges
- \$1.2 billion for Ohio public transportation
- \$140 million for Ohio electric vehicle chargers
- \$100 million for Ohio broadband
- \$1.4 billion for Ohio water infrastructure
- \$253 million for Ohio airports National funding for which Ohio can apply
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- \$17 billion for ports

More information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act funding can be found at kaptur.house.gov



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Tonia Pace: Shedding Light on the Reality of Homelessness

By Asia Nail

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

He begs with a cardboard sign, drinks secondhand coffee, smokes cigarette butts and sleeps out in the open. You've seen her a hundred times, on street corners, sidewalks and at intersections, asking you for help.

This may be the image of an average person suffering homelessness, but in most towns like ours here in northWest Ohio, being 'unhoused' can take many forms.

Executive Director of local Family House, Tonia Pace, sheds light on the realities of "hidden homelessness" in Toledo, a phenomenon that's difficult to measure — and sometimes, to detect from the outside at all.

Family House has been a non-profit shelter dedicated to keeping families together in times of crisis in Toledo for the past 36 years. Located at 669 Indiana Avenue, the shelter offers a variety of programs and services that are family-centered to meet the needs of each individual family member.

Family House's mission is to provide families who are experiencing homelessness with safe, temporary housing and supportive services while empowering them to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

As the executive director of Family House, Pace brings extensive experience in the social services sector, having previously worked for Lucas County Juvenile Court, Erie Court Juvenile Court, The Salvation Army and Ashford University as an adjunct instructor.

Pace, a graduate of Sandusky High School, earned both master's and doctorate degrees while employed full time and helping her husband raise their two sons. "I'm not a stranger to hard work. The people we assist aren't either, people just need help sometimes," shares Pace.

Established in 1985 by the African American Ministers of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Family House was locally known as The Toledo Community Service Center in its early years. Through the years Family House has consistently nurtured the family unit while welcoming the disabled, the down-trodden, the abandoned and the hopeless.

In 2020, amidst a pandemic, Family House served 215 adults and 262 children, encompassing a total 151 households. Last year residents stayed collectively for an average of 75 days.

"We've been here for those in need for 35 years," says Pace. "Although we're not an actual ministry, everyone who works here has a true heart to serve people."

Even before the coronavirus pandemic hit, almost 12 million children in America were estimated to be living in poverty — a burden disproportionately endured by kids who are Black or Latino.

The traditional head count of sheltered and unsheltered people — that is done as a HUD funding requirement every year — doesn't begin to paint the picture they know to be true today. There are more people who are precariously housed, shuffling among friends and relatives, and sleeping in cars, 'doubled up families' and people living in extended stay hotels than we know.

Among women and families with children, domestic violence is a leading

cause of homelessness. Many of the forces producing new homelessness, however, have been ongoing since the 1980s. Mass incarceration created generations of people with criminal records, the large majority of whom are black and brown. The prison to homelessness journey has essentially locked many out of job and housing markets. Drug epidemics, lack of access to medical care and exponentially increasing medical costs have continued to push the sick and disabled into homelessness as well.

Lucas County also has a significant population considered to be chronically homeless — people who have been homeless for at least 12 months and can be diagnosed with a substance abuse disorder, mental illness, or a physical or developmental disability. About one quarter of the nation's unhoused population are thought to be chronically homeless.

Within the chronic population, African Americans experience homelessness at significantly disproportionate rates. Blacks experience homelessness at a rate five times greater than Whites. Research from the National Alliance to End Homelessness attributes this disparity to longstanding discrimination in the criminal justice system, in the rental housing market and in the healthcare system.

Many volunteers and those who have been helped by Family House have shared reviews of their experiences. Most share they learned something they didn't know before coming to Family House and many gained insight and new perspectives about everyday people and the personal struggles they face. "I would highly recommend volunteering to anyone wanting to widen their scope of understanding," says Pace.

"We are proud to still have one of the Founding Pastors, Bishop Robert A. Culp of First Church of God, still serving on our Board of Directors today," says Director Pace.

Upon inception Family House only served women and children but when they realized this formality may have separated some households, they decided to accept entire families in keeping with their mission.

"Our focus is the family unit but we rarely turn anyone away," shares Pace. "Are you or do you know a family in crisis? If you are a married couple with or without children; an unmarried couple with children; a same-sex, cohabitating couple with or without children; a single parent; or a single pregnant woman in Toledo please contact Family House."

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Lucas County Announces \$100,000 in Grant Funding to Support Criminal Justice Reform and Address Racial Disparity in Jails

The Lucas County Commissioners last week announced a new grant initiative to partner with community-based groups to support criminal justice reform and address racial disparity in local jails.

The Lucas County grant program will provide resources to community-based organizations doing innovative work on criminal justice and will further the goals of the county's participation in the MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Challenge.

These grants of up to \$10,000 are designed to advance racial equity in the criminal justice system and safely reduce the local jail population.

"After six years, we are taking the MacArthur Safety + Justice Challenge money out of the court system and placing it in the hands of the community to effect change. While we have done great work in reducing the jail population, we have not effectively reduced the disparity of arrests in communities of color. If we want to solve this we need the community's help. With these grants, we can help to start that process," said Commissioner Pete Gerken.

Under the grant fund, community groups will receive funding to create and implement innovative projects for criminal justice reform targeting the Toledo ZIP codes of 43604, 43607, 43608, and 43610. These funds will strengthen the ability of organizations to deliver a community-based approach to address the racial disparity in local jails and provide equitable solutions that enhance safety and justice.

"We can't assume that good ideas on criminal justice reform only come from government. In fact, we need to facilitate more discussion for a process that includes the community to think about how we reform our legal system. We think that supporting community organizations is a step in building trust and incorporating more people in the process to improve our justice system," said Commissioner Gary L. Byers.

"Lucas County has made great strides to reduce the local jail population. However, there is still much that needs to be done to address the over incarceration of people in the Black and Brown communities," said Commissioner

Tina Skeldon Wozniak. "It is important that we, as a community, work together through innovated methods and programs to improve public safety and address racial and ethnic disparities in our community."

Lucas County was first selected to join the MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Challenge Network in 2015 and has since used the resources and funding provided by the initiative to implement evidencebased solutions and strategies to rethink and redesign its criminal justice system to be more fair, just, and equitable for all.

These strategies include the formation of a Community Engagement Workgroup in 2020 to focus on engaging local community members and anchor institutions in targeted neighborhoods to provide insight and guidance on criminal justice reform strategies, including ways to advance racial equity.

Over 40 community members and residents participated in the listening sessions, which served as a foundation for the Commissioners to launch the grant fund. Additional strategies undertaken by Lucas County include increased training for criminal justice system factors to focus on procedural justice, implicit bias, crisis intervention, and de-escalation; routine population review to identify people whose cases can be resolved or can be released from jail without risk to the public; expedited case processing; the Toledo Municipal Court diversion program for repeat offenders as an alternative to jail; collaboration among the county's five probation departments to share evidence-informed practices and coordinate trainings; and the Opportunity Project, which embeds social workers in the public defender's office interview of clients at their first court appearance to connect them with special social services upon release.

Since joining the MacArthur Foundation's Safety + Justice Challenge in 2015, Lucas County has advanced local criminal justice reform and reduced the local jail population by 42 percent while maintaining public safety.

To date, Lucas County has received \$4.6 million as part of the Safety + Justice Challenge. Application process: The first step in the process is to submit a proposal through a form that is available at <https://lucascountycjcc.org/SJC>. Proposals also can be mailed or dropped off to the Lucas County Commissioners, Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Timeline: Proposals are due before noon on November 22, 2021 and applicants will be notified by December 16, 2021 regarding whether they are receiving a grant.

Funded projects will begin January 1, 2022. Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria: applicant must have valid 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, or partner with a nonprofit organization that can serve as a fiscal sponsor.

Requirements: Applicant must file a grant funding report. More information about the work underway in Lucas County can be found on <https://lucascountycjcc.org/SJC> as well as on www.SafetyandJusticeChallenge.org.

Holidays at the Manor House to Return December 4-12

Holidays at the Manor House will return this season to Wildwood Preserve Metropark December 4-12 with in-person tours of more than 30 decorated areas of the 30,000-square-foot mansion. Timed tickets and masks will be required this year for Covid safety.

Thirty people will be allowed into the house every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Free tickets for timeslots, available online at MetroparksToledo.com, will help maintain a safe number of people in the house. Masks will be required of everyone entering the building.

Volunteers have decorated the house every year since the 1970s as a thank-you to the community for its longstanding support of Metroparks. Decorating begins this week. Last year, volunteers decorated the house for the public to view online. Videos and other virtual content will be available again this year, in addition to in-person visitation.

Holiday lights will decorate trees at the entrance to Wildwood and along a boardwalk trail beside the Ottawa River, behind the Manor House. The Swanton Area Railroad and Model Club will be back as usual with its elaborate display of model trains in Metroparks Hall, a short walk from the Manor House. The outdoor lights and train display will not require reservations, but the number of people at a time will be limited at Metroparks Hall.

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well-funded campaign and was seen on television a lot. Grim is more progressive than most Toledoans have been, and her finishing third reveals the voters' desire for new blood and informed policymaking.

Cerssandra McPherson, who brings an activist mentality like Komives, started with a built-in following, having



*Councilwoman
Cerssandra McPherson*

the labor movement's strength behind her. Yet, many also perceived her as a solid councilperson. Within the Lucas County Democrats, she was always willing to support other candidates collaborating on literature drops and other campaign activities.

Tiffany Preston-Whitman, in contrast, lacked the built-in labor support that McPherson had, and as an appointee to Council, would have been the easiest of the candidates to lose. Indeed, there are several examples of former Toledo councilmembers appointed to a seat but unable to retain the seat or get elected. Yet, Whitman ran a robust campaign to finish fifth comfortably. She is an example that if you serve effectively, you can get the voters' support. It's not always about having the biggest press conference or causing trouble at council meetings. Preston did nothing to draw attention to herself other than be a rock-solid councilperson.

George Sarantou made the final at-large spot, primarily due to name recognition. The former city councilman is a Republican who ran as an Independent but has also served on the boards of several African American social services agencies. Sarantou took much flak about difficulties he experienced while serving in the administration but was never a lousy



Michele Grim



*Councilwoman
Tiffany Preston
Whitman, Ed*

councilperson.

On the Cusp:

Mac Driscoll finished outside the top six but impressed many voters. No one knew much about him when the Democratic Party endorsed him. However, Driscoll dazzled the Chamber of Commerce and many others who believed his thoughtful solutions and way of analyzing problems would be a help on City Council. If Driscoll continues to build his profile, he will have a reasonable shot at getting elected the next time.

What happened to Savage?

Harvey Savage finished out of the money in '21 just as he did in 2017. Savage always seems to run well in the primary but not the general election for reasons unknown to me. However, this is the second time he just hasn't come through. And no, I don't believe it is because Harvey is not related to the well-known philanthropists Bob and the late John Savage.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, PhD, at drdlperryman@centerofhope-baptist.org



George Sarantou

'Snowpeople' Back at Glass City December 20 - January 31

Snowplace like Metroparks, a drive-through experience at the new Glass City Metropark, began last year and will be back December 20 through January during regular park hours, 7 a.m. until dark. Volunteers are decorating four-foot-tall wooden snowman cutouts, which will be placed along the road through the park. Individuals, families, work groups, schools and others will show their creativity by creating dozens of decorated "snowpeople."

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Do You Have a Head Full of Dreams?

By Diana Patton

Guest Column

We know someone who does, that's Londyn Bryant, sixth grade student at the Toledo Public Schools, Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls. She's the October 2021 Head Full of Dreams Student of the Month.

Londyn won this monthly award because her teachers noticed her school attendance was amazing, she has an incredible attitude, contagious smile and her academic achievement is stellar. She's so lovely in every way.

Londyn's dream is to be a AWE fighter, a superstar (which she already is), and a baker.

Each month, an Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls sixth grade student is chosen for the Head Full of Dreams award. Once selected, each student of the month receives a personalized cake of her choice, a crown and recognition at school for their award.

Then, each student chooses the restaurant they wish to go to, and Diana R. Patton, founder of the Head Full of Dreams Program, Ella P. Stewart Principal Rhonda Kimmons and University of Toledo Talented Aspiring Women Leader (TAWL) Kyndra Gaines take the student to dinner to continue to celebrate the student.

The student of the month is also connected to a business or person, in the Toledo community,



Londyn Bryant

who is doing what the award winner dreams about being.

It's an amazing program, which originated at the now closed Polly Fox Academy in 2015.

Diana picked Lon-



Patton, Londyn and Jacquelynne Cunningham, Londyn's mother



Diana Patton, Londyn Bryant, Stewart Principal Rhonda Kimmons

dyn up, to take her to dinner, and she met Londyn's lovely mother, Jacquelynne Cunningham, Oncology Nurse at ProMedica Hospitals, and Londyn's amazing PaPa, who had an Ohio State hat on. They all connected and took photos.

Right after picking Londyn up, Diana found out that Londyn's favorite group is Pentatonix, so OF COURSE they blasted Pentatonix's version of "Blinding Lights," by the Weekend in the car.

"Ohhh ... I'm blinded by the lights," ... and off they went to dinner.

Diana and Londyn met Principal Rhonda Kimmons at JAlexanders and enjoyed an amazing dinner. They learned that Londyn will soon be traveling to Mexico and is scheduled to see a Broadway musical in Detroit, MI. Londyn loves to sing.

If there's one thing Londyn and Diana have in common, is they love to LAUGH and crack jokes. There was so much laughter and great conversation at their table, they could have been there for hours. But they eventually left, not without taking a photo to memorialize their adventure.

When asked "how do you see the world around you," Londyn says, "I think people have been through a lot, not born with a 'silver spoon' in their mouth, and we need to find a way to help them and their families"

Well said, Londyn. We couldn't agree more.

That is a good explanation for part of the reason WHY Diana developed the Head Full of Dreams program in the first place.

Londyn is PHENOMENAL. We are confident that she will keep rising and DREAMING, as we all encourage and celebrate her, and the other Ella P. Student Academy for Girls students, to keep going.

Stay tuned for the November Head Full of Dreams Student of the Month.

Do you desire to donate or get involved with the Head Full of Dreams project? If so, send inquiries to diana@diarpatton.com.




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

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EPIC FAMU's Homecoming is Black History

By Cheryl Smith

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Publisher/Editor

This year's homecoming for Florida A&M University (FAMU) was billed as "Epic" and, for a number of reasons, the weeklong events met or exceeded expectations. There were celebrities galore. Everyone from Super Producer Will Packer '96, who came bearing a \$500,000 donation; Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms '91; Comedians Roy Wood Jr. '01 and Kevin Hart, Rappers Lil Baby and Moneybagg Yo, ABC President Kim Godwin '84, Director Rob Hardy '96, journalist Stephen A. Smith, R&B singer Anthony Hamilton, Coach Rudy Hubbard; The President of Funk George Clinton; Atty.

Ben Crump; and other FAMU alums former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, former Dallas City Councilwoman Tiffinni A. Young; Judge Zebedee Wright; Westside Gazette Publisher Bobby Henry Sr., and Television show host/actress Rashan Ali.

There was the homecoming convocation, concerts, fashion show, and of course, tailgating! And, more than 31,800 crowded into Bragg Stadium with probably three times as many crowding the streets and areas outside the stadium; which included hundreds of opponent Grambling State University (GSU) supporters, alumni and fans.

For the coaches, it was the first matchup for FAMU Coach Willie Simmons and GSU's Broderick Fobbs since they faced one another in the 2017 State Fair Classic when Simmons was at Prairie View A&M University. The "Epic" nature of the homecoming continued with the contest on the gridiron, where FAMU and GSU haven't faced off since they prepared for the game that was canceled in 2001. On Saturday FAMU was victorious 26-3.

For Andrew Whigham, who is a regular at his alma mater's annual events; this was a special homecoming as he and his wife, Deandra made plans to travel from Dallas, Tex to Tallahassee and their son was joining them from Miami, where he attends grad school. Just as he did in 1986, Andrew's



daughter, Carrington, presided over homecoming activities in 2021 as Student Government Association President. "Words can not express how I feel right now, I'm full," said Mr. Whigham. "I am so proud of her and I just wish my parents were here to share this moment with us."

You know we are third generation Rattlers." Andrew's SGA term was considered "Epic" also as he served when FAMU celebrated its Centennial and he was dubbed the "Centennial SGA President," managing a \$500,000 budget.

In 2020, Carrington was elected SGA Vice President and in the Spring of 2021 she was elected president; overseeing a seven-figure budget. The graduate of Dallas' historic Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, who also is a participant in Sen. Royce West's Dr.

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Toledo Public Schools, in Partnership with ProMedica, to Launch New Medical Academy

Special to The Truth

Toledo Public Schools (TPS), in partnership with ProMedica, is proud to announce that renovations are underway on its newest magnet school: the Toledo Pre-Medical and Health Science Academy.

The school will focus on Biomedical Science, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Nursing and all Health Science fields. At the academy, students will have the opportunity upon graduation to begin an entry-level career in the medical field or choose to attend college and further their education.

Using state-of-the-art labs and a hands-on curriculum, the students' experience will mirror that of professionals' experience in the medical industry. "Toledo Public Schools is committed to providing multiple pathways to create college and career ready graduates. Through Toledo Pre-Medical and Health Science Academy, we will be able to develop a pipeline from high school to industry that will not only increase the number of health care workers in our community, but will also contribute to the overall workforce and economic development of Toledo," said Dr. Romules Durant, superintendent and chief executive officer of Toledo Public Schools. "We are grateful to partner with and have our students learn from an organization like ProMedica that leads both locally and nationally in health care," Durant added.

"TPS continues to be innovative and creative, but more importantly, provide opportunity for the youth in the city of Toledo," Superintendent Romules Durant said. "We are a better place for a medical high school than any other place but the hospital."

The ProMedica partnership will provide educational opportunities, mentorship, internships and thought leadership to the students and school administration. This will ensure the academy remains innovative and in touch with current and changing job markets.

"Preparing students for a career in the medical field is increasingly more important as a larger percentage of our population grows older," said Randy Oostra, president and CEO of ProMedica. "Like many parts of our nation, our region faces significant medical professional shortages. Through partnerships and forward-thinking initiatives like the Toledo Pre-Medical and Health Science Academy, we can work to minimize those shortages and help ensure access to clinical excellence in our region for generations to come."

ProMedica Vice President of Community Relations Kate Sommerfeld said TPS and ProMedica first had conversations about the academy four or five years ago.

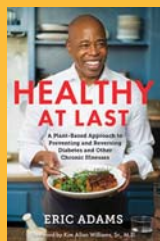
"There will be direct opportunities to hear from our physicians, clinicians and operations team in the careers students will hopefully fill," Sommerfeld said. "It provides opportunities for students, drives economic development and creates a future workforce pipeline that's so critical for ProMedica today."

Toledo Pre-Medical and Health Science Academy is currently seeking to fill 72 seats for its initial class of 2026. For more information on enrollment, call 419.671.3400.

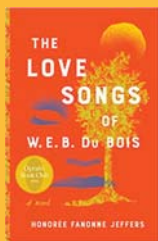
"We are able to educate them here so they can work here," Durant said. "It keeps our talent in the city of Toledo. The opportunities these students have are academic advantages and financial advantages."



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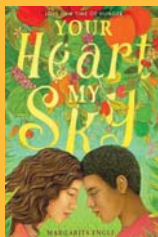
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Emmett J. Conrad Leadership Program, Carrington is a broadcast journalism major with a minor in theater.

She laughs when recalling how emotional her father gets "choked" up about her accomplishments, acknowledging that he still loves to give her advice. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, like her mother, Carrington enjoyed the "Epic" homecoming and under her leadership, many say you can count on it being an "Epic" year



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Enjoy the Fall Weather with the Toledo Library StoryWalk Challenge!

By Dawn Scotland

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Here's a great way to build a love of reading, enjoy some great fall weather, and earn free gloves or mittens for chillier days ahead – participate in the Toledo Lucas County Public Library StoryWalk Challenge. There are StoryWalks at all 19 Library locations where you stroll along a pathway and follow signs to the next page in the story. There is a different story at each location with bright pictures and suggestions for hopping, skipping, and exploring to make reading fun for young readers of all skill levels.

It's easy!

- Pick up a tracker card at any Library location or download at toledolibrary.org/storywalk.

- Visit 5 Library StoryWalks and check your visits.

- Bring the card to any location by Dec. 30 for a prize. Gloves for big kids and adults, mittens for little ones. (While supplies last.)

The Library StoryWalk® installation was made possible in part with support from the Library Legacy Foundation and a Family Engagement Grant from the Toledo Community Foundation.

Talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing with children every day is essential for growing strong readers and successful students. The Library makes it easy with StoryWalks, Storytimes, learning kits, and more.

Visit toledolibrary.org/prek12 for more ideas and resources.

Is Your Child Equipped to Succeed in Their Classes?

Special to The Truth

Educational success goes beyond just making good grades. It also means loving the learning process and having the right tools can be a game changer. Here are five learning tools to consider:

- Better notetaking: Making sense of newly-introduced material when it comes time to study can be challenging when one is working with regular pen and paper. Smart pens however feature built-in audio recording functionality and the ability to record and save every pen stroke, giving students multiple options for taking thorough notes and revisiting them.

- An intuitive calculator: Many students become bored or frustrated when they move beyond basic math. Often, it's because they're not properly equipped to succeed in higher-level classes. While you probably already know that a scientific calculator is necessary for high school and college-level math (and even middle school in some cases), not every model is easy to use or designed to actually aide comprehension of mathematical concepts. Being able to visualize calculations can make learning more interesting and keep your student's head in the game.

To that end, consider the Casio FX-991EX. It has a large, high-resolution LCD screen, for easier use of applications such as spreadsheets and 4x4 matrix calculations, as well as Natural Textbook Display for two-dimensional templates of fractions and other mathematical formulas. With a comprehensive set of advanced

calculations for integration and differential calculus, along with vector and inequality calculations, it's an intuitively-designed calculator that can carry your student through many years of course instruction, studying and test-taking.

- New language tools: Sometimes foreign language classes leave students with an expansive vocabulary but not the conversational skills to use it. Make studying a new language more useful and fun by encouraging your child to make use of that focus on grammar, real-world conversation, and storytelling.

- A beginner's keyboard: When it comes to the world of musical instruments, the piano is fundamental. However, if you're looking to introduce the instrument to your budding musician affordably and in a way that will keep them motivated and inspired to practice, consider a keyboard designed with the beginner in mind. Portable and lightweight, Casiotone keyboards are first-class and offer a range of features designed to aide instruction. Pre-programmed, illuminated keys help novices learn songs quickly, representing a visual learning system based on the latest findings in music education. Also suitable for beginners are keyboards with a USB-to-device interface. This offers the possibility to connect the instrument to a storage medium device, so players can control their progress and stay motivated.

- An up-to-date prescription: Has your child ever complained that school is bor-

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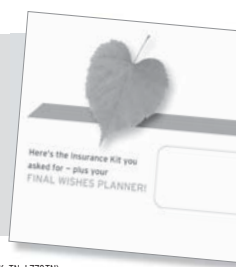
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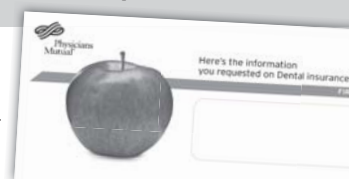
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Carefree Black Girls: A Celebration of Black Women in Popular Culture by Zeba Blay

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

You used to like to skip.

Filled with delight, you danced down the sidewalk, not minding at all who was watching. Back then, your body moved with exuberance, your legs took you everywhere fast, you jumped and rolled and reached and it was joyful. So what happened between then and now that keeps you from that happiness? As in the new book *Carefree Black Girls* by Zeba Blay, you became a Black woman.

Over the course of the last few years, Zeba Blay says she's felt as though she was "spiraling," emotionally. Outside forces, politics, racial issues, violence, misogyny affected her so strongly that she became reclusive and, she says, "attemped to take my own life, twice."

As a writer, she "constantly, maybe even obsessively" thinks "about what it means to be a Black woman" today. What she came to realize about the subject is something that many people don't understand: "Black women are everything." They are celebrated, emulated in fashion and song, they are teachers, influencers, designers, trend-setters, activists, and sometimes, their stories aren't told or are told in ways that are wrong.

Despite, for instance, that Lizzo is obviously comfortable in her own body, too many people still openly fat-shame her and other Black women for their size. The old trope about Black women being "freaks" goes back to slavery and today, it's harming relationships. Black girls' experience is stereotyped, and

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so stereotyped?

Either way, for many Black women, it's like walking on eggshells, always "acutely aware of the confinements of [an] existence... that others do not have..."

Take a good look at the subtitle of *Carefree Black Girls*.

See the indication of a "celebration"?

If that's what you're looking for – a confetti-and-cake gala about the achievements of Black women – you're going to be disappointed. Nope, there's some feting of African-American women in this book but mostly, author Zeba Blay (who is credited for first using the hashtag #carefreeblackgirls) writes about the many ways that a Black woman can be perceived negatively or even in ways that are harmful.

There's no celebration in that, as Blay shows. Using her own experiences as guiderails, she points out many of the ways society fails to give Black women the respect they deserve, instead heaping criticism or worse, often when they're just living their lives. Alas, Blay doesn't offer much that can be done to counter this, although her list of "moments when I felt truly free" may give some hints.

But will readers just be frustrated by then? It's possible; although achievements are mentioned and portraits of influential Black women are included, the "celebration" is smaller than you might expect. You may love *Carefree Black Girls* or it may be something you'll decide to skip.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP21-R034 ROOFING SERVICES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for Roofing Services. Received in accordance with law until November 19, 2021, 3:00 PM ET. see documents: www.lucasmha.org; 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968.



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PUBLIC NOTICE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Toledo intends to make application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the use of Section 108 Loan Guaranty Funds in an amount not to exceed \$37,000,000.00. The purpose of the Section 108 Loan Fund is to assist with equitable investments in economic, housing, and community development activities throughout the City of Toledo. Goals of the Section 108 Loan Fund include acquiring land for redevelopment, revitalizing housing stock, development of new public facilities and directly assisting businesses, nonprofits, and real estate development projects that produce a public benefit. Individual projects are proposed to be evaluated by a loan and investment committee involving City and community representatives, led by the Department of Neighborhoods.

The City of Toledo Section 108 loan pool will be administered by the Department of Neighborhoods including application intake, underwriting, closing, servicing and reporting oversight. A loan committee consisting of representation from the Department of Neighborhoods, Department of Economic Development, Lucas County Land Bank, Lucas County Plan Commission, as well as philanthropic and financial institution partners will review and recommend projects for approval by the Toledo City Council and Mayor.

The Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and City of Toledo Section 108 HUD Application will be available for review beginning **Friday, November 26, 2021**, on the website of the following entities:

Department of Neighborhoods
One Government Center, 18th Floor
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets
website: <https://toledo.oh.gov/departments/neighborhoods>

Office of the Mayor
One Government Center, 22nd Floor
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets
website: <https://toledo.oh.gov/government/mayor>

Clerk of Council
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A public hearing on the Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and City of Toledo Section 108 HUD Application is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, December 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m., by Virtual Hearing

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The City of Toledo will also receive comments from the public in writing beginning **Friday, November 26, 2021**, through **Monday, December 27, 2021**, at the following address:

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2021 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #1
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Application to HUD for use of the Section 108 Loan Pool will be submitted in January, 2022. Specific projects selected for the Section 108 Loan Pool funding will be identified through a rolling application process that will evaluate compliance with Section 108 National Objectives and Public Benefit Criteria; financial feasibility including the ability to support debt service; cost reasonableness; developer or business experience and capacity; leveraging of other funding sources; and readiness to proceed.

The City will prioritize investments in projects using Section 108 Financing that are located in targeted neighborhood revitalization areas including Junction, Englewood, Old South End and East Toledo; and promote equity and equitable development. Equitable development projects will include projects that support investments in communities and neighborhoods of color or provide financing to BIPOC-led developers, businesses, or organizations. The City may elect to support non-income producing projects and use a portion of annual CDBG allocation as a source of repayment.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP21-R033 FIRE SYSTEMS TESTING, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for Fire Systems Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance Services. Received in accordance with law until November 16, 2021, 3:00 PM ET. see documents: www.lucasmha.org; 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH), located in Toledo, Ohio is seeking experienced applicants for the following position(s): Procurement Associate, Property Manager, Laborer, Maintenance Mechanic I. For complete details, visit <https://www.lucasmha.org> and click on Careers. Deadline: 11/16/21. This is a Section 3 covered position. HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing client or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. NO PHONE CALLS. Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, gender, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



MAUMEE VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHFH) is a nonprofit housing organization that brings people together to build homes, communities and hope in Lucas County. Our vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. We work toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking for a position for Community Engagement Manager. The Community Engagement Manager plays a critical role in strengthening relationships through planning, coordination, and implementation of projects in partnership with key neighborhoods. This position will oversee all aspects of Neighborhood Engagement. Minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Full time with benefits. Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For a complete job description and to apply, visit <https://www.mvhabitat.org/main/work-with-us/>

MAUMEE VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- INTAKE SPECIALIST

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Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity is seeking a qualified individual for the role of Intake Specialist. The Intake Specialist is responsible for assisting the Home Repair & Rehab Program Manager & Coordinator, and the Family Services Director with fair and efficient processing of phone calls, applications, and administrative coordination throughout the project. High school diploma required.

Full time with benefits. Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For a complete job description and to apply, visit <https://www.mvhabitat.org/main/work-with-us/>

MAUMEE VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- DONATION AMBASSADOR

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Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Maumee, Ohio is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. The ReStore Donation Ambassador is primarily responsible for the pick-up of products to be sold in ReStore. These products generate revenue in support of Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity's Homeownership and Home Repair programs. Therefore, the ReStore Donation Ambassador also represents the Affiliate to donors and volunteers and communicates the connection of ReStore's donations and sales with Habitat for Humanity's mission.

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MAUMEE VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – RESTORE ASSOCIATE

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The ReStore Associate is responsible for day-to-day type retail related responsibilities and operations such as unloading donations, loading purchases, merchandising, pricing and customer service.

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an emergency situation – women experiencing domestic abuse; natural disaster victims – or victims of unemployment or financial hardship.

Family House has joined forces alongside 3 local charities with the shared goal of raising awareness about the issues of hunger and homelessness that plague nearly 1 in 5 in Lucas County.

The Homeless Services Partnership (HSP) is a collaboration with Family House, Aurora Project, Bethany House, and La Posada/Catholic Charities to raise awareness of the various forms of homelessness and the diversity of services needed to transform lives.

This 2021 season of gratitude please consider sharing your compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing hunger and home instability.

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK is held annually the week before Thanksgiving. Ohioans are invited to The Homeless Services Partnership's DONATION DRIVE on Saturday, November 13th. Please bring items from Family House's WISH LIST (familyhouse-toledo.org) to the Franklin Park Mall parking lot facing Sylvania Ave. in front of Old Navy and Dave & Busters between 11am-3pm.

Family House is also on a mission to have 1,000 people make a monthly commitment of donating \$5 per month for the next twelve months. That's only \$60 per year. You can make a one-time donation or break the donation up over twelve months via paypal or cash app. For those who are able to donate physical goods, Family House is always in need of personal hygiene items, paper products and cleaning supplies. An Amazon wishlist with delivery direct to the shelter is also available for those who prefer donating online.

Executive Director Pace and the staff at Family House go above and beyond to help their residents with the journey from temporary housing to stable living and gainful employment. When asked how Family House has garnered such a high success rate for re-homing, Tonia says, "Our secret is good ole' respect and compassion."

She shines a bright light on how all people deserve to feel a sense of belonging, thus discovering the real meaning of 'family' in Family House.

You're not a 'bad' person because you end up in a bad situation. It's just a situation, it is not who you are. The Family House provides rooms, meals and



Executive Director Tonia Pace

a full support network for homeless families trying to work or go to school.

"Homelessness can impact anybody," shares Director Pace. "We are not just a place to stay. We are also providing wrap-around services. We're helping people move through the tough points in their lives."

If you are in a homeless situation, don't give up and don't give in. The Family House staff and their volunteers work hard for others everyday proving life is not about things, but about people. Founded by a legacy of African-American ministers, Family House gives the City of Toledo a great gift, reminding us that we are all equal in the eyes of God.

Follow Family House on social media where they provide jewels to the world with brief insights into the community they faithfully serve.

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ing or tiring? It could be a vision problem that's causing them to feel that way. Nearsightedness can make seeing the blackboard a struggle and farsightedness can turn the simple act of reading a book into a headache. Have your child's vision checked annually to ensure their glasses or contacts prescription is up-to-date.

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The Age of Armor at the Toledo Museum of Art

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Armor made its debut at the Toledo Museum of Art this past weekend and for the next 12 weeks, visitors can view a collection of armor "made for the battlefield, tournaments and ceremonies, highlighting armor's practical function and its role as a symbol of personal identity, social prestige and the values of a heroic past," according to the Museum's description of the exhibit.

"The Age of Armor: Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum" was curated for the Higgins by Jeffrey Forgeng. The TMA exhibit was co-curated by Diane Wright, TMA's senior curator of glass and contemporary craft, and Sophie Ong, the Museum's Hirsch curatorial fellow.

The exhibition opened on November 6 and will continue at TMA until February 27 when it moves on to a national tour. Over 80 works are on display which feature, for the most part, the history of the armor that was typically used as protection for knights in Europe from the mid-1300s to the mid-1600s, but also includes examples of armor from around the world – from ancient ages to the modern era.

"With outstanding examples extending from the warriors of ancient Greek legends to the knights of the Middle Ages, this exhibition offers a tremendous opportunity for visitors to take a step back in time and explore the expert craftsmanship and many uses of some of the most significant arms and armor still in existence," said Wright.

"The Age of Armor" will be the first major exhibition at TMA to celebrate the industry and artistry of the armorer's craft from antiquity to the advent of the modern age," said Ong.



Maximillian Field Armor



Italian Field Armor



Japanese Armor



Helmets from Sudan and northern India

The exhibition traces the evolution of armor by enlightening visitors on its construction and the use of various metals – bronze, iron and steel – for weapons as well from ancient Egypt to Greece during the Trojan War, and not the Middle Ages when armor became elaborate and detailed.

While most of the armor is from Europe, there are also examples from Asia, including the Indian subcontinent, and Africa.

The highlights include:

A bronze Corinthian helmet from 600-500 B.C.E.; Italian and German infantry breastplates from the late 1400s; steel "Maximillian field armor" from about 1525-30; the left gauntlet for Prince Philip of Spain from 1549-50; a filed armor suit for Henry Herbert, second Earl of Pembroke in the 1560s; a 16th century German mail coat that had been sent to the Ottoman Empire; muskets and pistols from the 1600s; a late feudal Japanese helmet and a russeted steel and gold helmet from 19th century Sudan.

Admission to the Museum is free but the armor exhibition has a \$8.00 entrance fee. TMA members receive free admission. The Museum is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For information call 214-255-8000 or 800-644-6862 or visit toledomuseum.org.

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