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Elizabeth La Grone  
Principal

# Campus West

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Buffalo, New York 14222  
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Lessie Watts  
Assistant Principal

Arleen Hollas  
Assistant Principal

January 25, 2000

Dear Community Leader,

As part of an on-going program at Campus West of recognizing the contributions of African Americans, we would like to extend an invitation to you to visit our school on Tuesday, February 15, 2000 to speak to students about your career and role in the community. Classroom visits will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. A reception for all of our visitors will take place in the faculty lounge from 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Please feel free to bring any materials and equipment or wear uniforms that you use in your position to share with our students. The African American Curriculum Program at Campus West recognizes African American history throughout the school year. This is one of many activities planned to highlight the achievements of African Americans. Our school includes grades Pre K through 8. If you would like to request a particular grade please let us know. If you can participate in this program we would like for you to call 878-6413 by February 7, 2000.

We look forward to meeting you. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth LaGrone  
Principal

Eva M. Doyle, Coordinator  
African American Curriculum Program

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GEORGE JOHNSON  
President

May 11, 2000

Dear Coalition Member:

I spoke to Mr. Kenneth Holley recently and made him aware of the upcoming Talbert Mall/ Frederick Douglass Towers (TM/FDT) Reunion on August 18-20 of this year. The TM/FDT of course is the public housing project built in 1960, which once bore the official name of Mary Talbert the African American matriarchal force behind the Niagara Movement, which led to the formation of the NAACP. Today, this same housing unit bears the name of Frederick Douglas the African American patriarchal force who helped beget the "civil rights movement" and helped abolish slavery. This public housing unit is located in the innermost part of the City of Buffalo, right near downtown.

As you may or may not know a major multi-million dollar renovation is underway, that should greatly transform the site in a better way. The residents who share the history of both the Talbert Mall and the Frederick Douglas Towers many of whom are generations of families will have its' first ever reunion.

We are currently producing a video documentary that will include the community near downtown (i.e. Michigan St. Baptist Church, Colored Musician's Club, etc.) Buffalo and the TM/FDT. Enclosed we have provided an outline for your review. If there is any particular area that you can provide material for this endeavor please contact us. We are interested in pictures, video, reliable historical accounts, and or persons. We are open to interviewing qualified historians for specific segments.

If I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me at (716) 470-3358 or 883-3669.

Sincerely,

Kenneth N. Robinson  
History Committee Co-Chair

Cc: Kim Reynolds Co-Chair, George Johnson, President Reunion Committee

## Outline for Frederick Douglas Towers/Talbert Mall Reunion Historical Video Documentary

### I. Foundation

- a. Dynamics of central city location and the "Great Migration" of Blacks from the South to the North at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- b. History of the area; the movement, arts and entertainment that followed (I.e. Underground railroad, Niagara movement, Colored Musicians Club, Little Harlem Hotel etc.).

### II. Impact of World War II on the area

- a. Jesse Clipper memorial on Michigan Ave. Symbolic of the many black soldiers who fought for freedom in America (noteworthy on the point of war).
- b. Government Public policy toward central city urban centers like Buffalo, and the creation of the Talbert Mall in 1960 named after activist Mary Talbert of the Niagara Movement.

### III. The people of Talbert Mall, the promise of industry, the pain of poverty, and the death of King.

- a. Industries employed blacks (Bethlehem Steel; Republic Steel etc.), but many blacks are still poor.
- b. Many young blacks inactive in the industrial labor market by the late 1960's; King's poor people's campaign leads to his death.

### IV. The impact of King's Death felt in Talbert Mall.

- a. Urban riots/ rebellion of 1968 throughout urban settings including Talbert Mall.
- b. The decline of the manufacturing industry and its' relationship to the formation of street gangs like the Talbert Mall's "Pythons" in the 1970's.
- c. Buffalo Urban League at 234 Jefferson.

### V. Early 1980's saw advances in Sports (JFK Center) as young people escaped gang influences.

- a. Young aspiring sports achievers like Tim Steward at ACC (P.S.#6), and later South Park H.S., then E.C.C.
- b. "Drugs: and the tragedy of basketball star Ritchie Campbell".

### VI. Today's youth need education.

- a. The problems that beset our youth (i.e. teen pregnancy; crime and unemployment).
- b. Solution: Education and the labor market are returning to central city areas, with the information superhighway you can bring the labor market to your home.

### Conclusion

- a. The future for Frederick Douglas Towers/ Talbert Mall and the optimism of Urban Renewal
- b. Citizens, pioneers, distinguished alumni of Talbert Mall tell what to expect from the people and this reunion.

- We are also interested in helping reunion participants perhaps trace their lineage after this weekend.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CANADA

**John Maloney**  
Member of Parliament  
**Erie-Lincoln**

JUN 20 2000

PORT COLBORNE, Ontario

Buffalo Quarters Historical Society,  
P.O. Box 1542, Central Park Station,  
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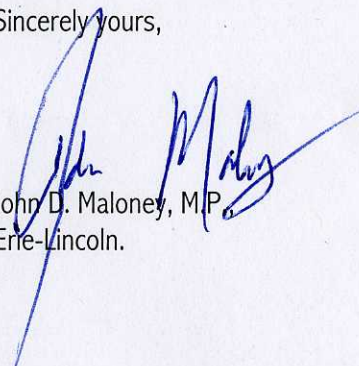
Attention Mrs. Lillion Batchelor, Founder/Chairman of the Board

Dear Mrs. Batchelor:

Thank you for the kind invitation to attend the Buffalo Quarters Historical Society's sixth annual re-enactment of a slave river crossing on August 12, 2000. Unfortunately I will not be in the riding and unable to attend.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
John D. Maloney, M.P.  
Erie-Lincoln.

JDM/ku

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to you and your family  
for the formidable  
energy and commitment  
it takes to pull all  
these elements together  
and make it work.

My family (about  
three generations) and  
friends pined about  
the play, the story  
telling and the boat  
moving across the waters  
to a safe harbor. I'm sorry  
about the misunderstanding  
of where the fugitives were to  
meet; I understand it was to

be at the launch. all my best,  
John

Aug. 24, 2000

Dear Gina,

Thank you for  
sharing the reenactment  
of the flight to Canada  
with me. I felt  
honored by experience  
and in a small  
measure shared the  
terror and courage  
of your people and  
the others involved.  
Congratulations

Margit B. Spector  
9 Glenside Court  
Buffalo, New York 14223

Dec. 6, 2000

Dear Lillion,

I received your letter and the sheet music for the songs relating to slavery times, and I thank you so very much!

The program that I'm trying to organize for February is to be about African-American music, its beginnings and some of its stages. About a year ago, there was a very well-done program on Channel 17 on this subject, "Amazing Grace". I don't know if you saw it. We won't have the time or the resources to cover as much material, but maybe some of it. Also, we try not to have only a lecture-type meeting with nothing for the "audience" to do, and I'm hoping to get audience participation in the singing. That is why I hope to find a small, enthusiastic group which knows about this genre of music and can share it with us, leading us in singing with them.

The present plan is to have the meeting in the Community Center at Harlem Road in Amherst, on Feb. 7 or 14. You are certainly welcome to join us if you are interested. Whether from you or from me, the group will hear about the reenactment of the river crossing that your group does annually.

Our first meeting this last fall was a trip to Murphy Orchards in Newfane where Carol Murphy hosted us and led us to the hidden room that was part of the Underground Railroad, so the Feb. meeting sort of continues our education into the Civil War era. Several members of Fifty Women with a Vision joined us on the trip, and we have some members who have joined our group (AAUW) and we have joined Fifty Women.

Let's keep in touch. You said you would update me on developments in the Aug. 4 event, and I'll tell you what is happening with the AAUW meeting in Feb. I may need your help some more! I will send you a current newsletter so that you can see what we're about.

*Affectionately,  
Margit*



NEW YORK

STATE  
SENATE

ALBANY, NEW YORK 12247



March 30, 2001

Ms. Lillion Batchelor  
Buffalo Quarters Historical Society  
295 LaSalle Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14215

Dear Ms. Batchelor:

My office has been reviewing the numerous requests that I received about member item monies promised during previous members' tenures. Any old money that has not been processed through the legislature, prior to a new member taking office, is allocated at the discretion of the new member.

In reviewing our records it shows that you applied for such funding.

In order to evaluate your request and to gain a better understanding of your organization, I would like an opportunity to meet with you personally to discuss your request. Please contact my District Office, 854-8705, to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Byron W. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" at the beginning.

Byron W. Brown  
State Senator, 57<sup>th</sup> District

January 31, 2001



**United Way**  
of Buffalo & Erie County

One Community Way  
742 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14209  
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Fax: 716-887-2700

Dear Agency Executive:

As you know, the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County allows contributors to designate all or a portion of their contributions to an agency or agencies of their choice, through the Donor Choice Program. Enclosed is a report that lists donor names and addresses along with the amount designated to your agency during the 2000-2001 Campaign, based on pledges processed to date. Please acknowledge these donors directly within the next thirty days and forward a copy of the form letter used to do so to my attention at the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. On the donor name and address list there is an "Info Req" column. If the word "yes" is indicated, the donor has requested more information regarding how his gift is used in the community during the year. Please honor this request.

Payment for designations will be remitted to your agency in five cycles as follows:

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- Cycle 2 – July 31, 2001
- Cycle 3 – October 31, 2001
- Cycle 4 – January 31, 2002
- Cycle 5 – May 31, 2002

Designations will be paid out for direct gift contributions (check, cash, credit card or stock) as they are collected from each contributor.

If a contributor is giving through payroll deduction we will be paying out that contributor's designation based on the payroll collection experience of the company the individual works for.

An administrative charge of 9% will be deducted from each payment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed report, please contact Dawn M. Bonner, Pledge Services Manager, at (716) 887-2607.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline Alois Kalosza". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jacqueline Alois Kalosza  
Controller

Enclosure

*Lives change when a community cares.*





Benjamin Matthews, *Artistic Director*  
Wayne Sanders, *Music Director*

February 12, 2001

Mrs. Lillion Batchelor, Founder / President  
Buffalo Quarters Historical Society  
P.O. Box 1542, Central Park Station  
Buffalo, NY 14215-1542

Dear Mrs. Batchelor,

It would be wonderful to have you present at this magnificent event. We encourage you to share this information with your friends. Perhaps a group of you would be interested in making the trip from Buffalo to join in this great musical celebration and tribute to Harriet Tubman.

We send you our best wishes for every success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Matthews

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February 21, 2001

Buffalo Quarters Historical Society  
Buffalo, NY 14215

Re: "Freedom Walk" and "Stage" Interlocking Paver Proposal  
Underground Railroad Freedom Memorial  
Broderick Park, Buffalo, New York

Dear Board Members:

PVD Landscaping Service is pleased to present the following proposal for construction of the "Freedom Walk" and "Stage" at the Underground Railroad Freedom Memorial.

The proposal includes purchasing and installation of the 'LaFarge' interlocking pavers at Broderick Park on the sub-base and grades previously established under separate contract. This proposal is divided into four sections in order to construct the project in phases as the funds are raised.

PVD Landscaping Service is looking forward to hiring people from the community, selected by the Buffalo Quarters Historical Society, for help in this project. Pay rates for the above mentioned people will be based upon experience. In the event that workers can not be provided, PVD Landscaping Service has the capabilities to undertake this project with its own employees.

The following sections describe the area of work and the accompanying price estimates. Pricing includes all material, labor, installation and clean-up. Pricing does not include on-site engraving ( Galle Memorial will submit separate pricing ).

- 1.) Section A: "Entrance Walks and Circle"  
 Soldier Course: Style- Centurion (Standard Only, 5.5" x 8"), Color- Executive  
 Main Courses: Style- Arcadia, random bond, Color- 50% Sandstone, 50% Chartan

Estimate: \$6,765.00

- 2.) Section B1: "Freedom Walk" (Pavers)  
 Soldier Course: Style- Centurion ( Standard Only, 5.5" x 8"), Color- Executive  
 Main Courses: Style- Arcadia, random bond, Color- 50% Sandstone, 50% Chartan

Estimate: \$13,794.00



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- 3.) Section B2: "Freedom Walk" (Granite Insets)  
\* Granite pieces shall be purchased and delivered to site by others ( Galle Memorial ). PVD Landscaping Service will place and inset the granite into the walkway at the appropriate locations.

Estimate: \$25.00 per Granite piece ( final quantity to be determined )

- 4.) Section C: "Stage"  
Style- Centurion 50% Standard, 5.5"x 8", 50% Jumbo, 8"x 11", Color- Heritage  
\* This style and color requires 4 - 6 weeks notice for manufacturing purposes.

Estimate: \$9,978.00

The work that is to be performed will be completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner. PVD Landscaping Service requires a 50% deposit prior to job start and the remaining balance due upon completion of work. Any alteration or deviation from the plans will be executed only upon written mutual agreement and will be added or deducted from the sum quoted in this bid. All additional agreements must be in writing. PVD Landscaping to carry all necessary insurances, including Workmen's Compensation, Disability & Liability Insurance. PVD Landscaping Service agrees to pay all taxes on material and labor furnished under this bid as required by Federal laws and the laws of New York State.

PVD Landscaping Service is looking forward to completing this inspirational project.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Vincent Dlugosz  
President, PVD Landscaping Service

PVD

LANDSCAPING SERVICE

130 South Prince Drive ~ Depew, New York 14043  
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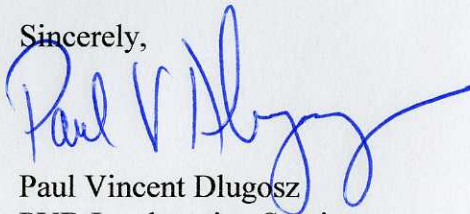
Lillion Batchelor  
295 LaSalle Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14215

Dear Lillion:

I would just like to introduce my company and present an estimate for consideration in the Freedom Memorial project in Broderick Park. I have been in the Landscaping business for 18 years and have owned my own business for the past 7 years. I would like to arrange a meeting to discuss in more detail how we could work together on your upcoming projects. If you would be interested, please feel free to contact me at my office: 668-3671 or, on my cell phone: 913-4228.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Paul Vincent Dlugosz  
PVD Landscaping Service



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DONALD O. ALLEN  
COMMISSIONER

June 19,2001

Buffalo Quarters Historical Society

295 LaSalle Avenue

Buffalo, N.Y. 14215

Dear Program Operator:

Your recent request for a Budget Revision for your 2000-2001 Grant-in-Aid has been reviewed by this department.

This revision has been approved as per the attached budget .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Folan".

James R. Folan  
Senior Planner  
Dept. of Contract Administration

JRF/kmm

cc: Jeni Wozniak

Attachment



Buffalo Quarters Historical Society  
295 LaSalle Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14215-1542

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Lillian Batchelor, Founder

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*O.K.  
P.F. 6/19/01*

June 18, 2000

Jim R. Folan  
Senior Planner  
Contract Administration Unit  
1701 City Hall  
Buffalo, New York 14202-3376

Dear Mr. Folan

I am requesting authorization to amend the June 2000 to June 2001 budget. For your review, see the enclosed copies of Attachment B of the Grant-In-Aid application, Grant-In-Aid Budget Revision form and the Expenditure Report. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Virginia A. Batchelor  
Executive Director

CITY OF BUFFALOGRANT-IN-AID  
BUDGET REVISIONAGENCY NAME Buffalo Quarters Historical SocietyCONTRACT DATES June 2000 - June 2001

CHANGE # \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ITEM &amp; DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>(+) (-)</u>	<u>AMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Video Documentation	\$2000.00	-\$1000.00	\$1000.00
Wufo - AM	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
AM-1400/Entercom (Radio)	\$750.00	-\$50.00	\$700.00
BlackStage Productions			
Mary Craig/Writer/Director	\$2000.00	-\$1300.00	\$700.00
Actor/Performers	\$0.00	+\$1150.00	\$1150.00
Consultants	\$0.00	+\$751.71	\$751.71
Still Photographer	\$300.00	-\$100.00	\$200.00
Quality Investigative Services	\$975.00	-\$232.50	\$742.50
Indigo Productions	\$1550.00	\$0.00	\$1550.00
Keller Bros. & Miller	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$410.00
Lillion Batchelor	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Tonnalee Batchelor	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Virginia Batchelor Robinson	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Telephone	\$0.00	+\$665.23	\$665.23
Misc.	\$265.00	+\$115.56	<u>\$380.56</u>
			\$10,000.00

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*Thank You*



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Dear Lillian,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in yesterday's ceremony.

It was nice to have met you and your family and friends. Everyone was so very nice and friendly.

Please keep in touch.

Handly,  
Dorothy Hammer



Dear Lillian,

9-22-02  
(SUN.)

Hope you are feeling much better... a cold this time of year seems to linger. Get well soon.

A couple of articles from the paper. You may already have them... here are an extra 2 copies. Take care!  
LUNCH SOUNDS GOOD!!

Love and peace,  
Dorothy Hammer



Thanks  
for Being  
a Friend



Dear William

Just a note to say sorry  
I had already made arrangements  
to go to a black history display in  
Toronto - the driver of would rider had been  
able to go. Someday we'll get together

Crossing ???

Will talk I guess

Thank you for your kindness, Friend,  
and everything you do -  
I hope that I can always be  
that kind of friend for you!

\*

Love & best regards

Wen



# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

GAMMA PHI OMEGA

March 10, 2003

Mrs. Lillian Batchelor  
295 LaSalle Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14215

Dear Mrs. Lillian Batchelor,

Congratulations. You have been selected as one of twelve women to receive the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Gamma Phi Omega Chapter "Spirit of AKA-Profiling Women of Excellence" Award for 2003. As a woman in the WNY community who is first and/or outstanding in her field of expertise, we are proud to present you with this achievement award.

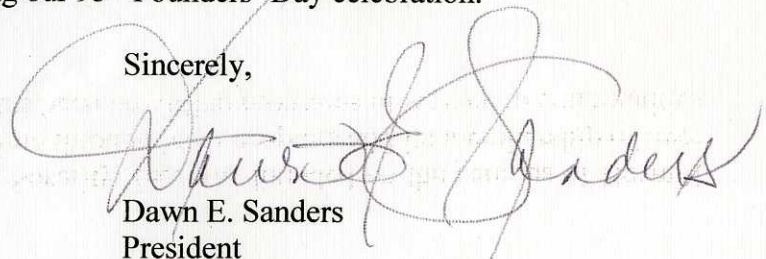
We will celebrate our 95<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day during a luncheon on Sunday, March 30, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the Buffalo Convention Center. Awards will be presented during this luncheon celebration.

As you know, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908 and since that time through local chapters and its membership of over 150,000 college-educated women has been providing programs of service to communities throughout the world.

If you will be available to accept this award, please contact Mrs. Yvonne B. Evans, Committee Chair, at 893-2310 or [ye4lifeAKA@aol.com](mailto:ye4lifeAKA@aol.com) to confirm by March 19, 2003. We will need a photograph as well as biographical information for your award presentation.

Enclosed you will find a complementary ticket. The cost for the luncheon is \$35.00. For additional tickets and /or information please contact Mrs. Josephine Robbins, Committee Co-Chair, at 838-3631 or [jorobb@earthlink.net](mailto:jorobb@earthlink.net). We applaud your accomplishments and look forward to honoring you during our 95<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day celebration.

Sincerely,



Dawn E. Sanders  
President

Enclosure (1)

# EASTSIDE BLACK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

E.PRESSLEY, CEO & FOUNDER

J.RAYMOND SMITH, OPERATIONS MANAGER

716-597-0468

P.O.Box 1833

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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Lillion Batchelor  
295 LaSalle Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14215

## IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Batchelor,

I am writing to you in regards of our goals and objectives on getting our museum up and running. Well before you ask, "What goals and objectives, and what museum?" Please allow me to address those issues. Here is a sampling of our goals and objectives that we would like to achieve.

**GOAL: TO HAVE A MUSEUM SET UP SHOWING THE HISTORY OF NOT JUST THE BLACK PERSON, BUT PERSONS OF ALL RACES, COLORS, AND CREEDS.** We would like to share this with all. Please allow us to give you an example: Let's just use WORLD WAR TWO as the time era. There would be a room dedicated to just that era and how all of us pooled our efforts together and did their share in the war effort. This would be done with presentations, videos, slide shows, displays, and from people that did serve in that war. **NOTE: This could be done with WORLD WAR ONE, KOREA, VIETNAM, THE GULF WAR, AND JUST RECENTLY THE EFFORTS IN IRAQ.**

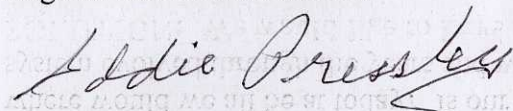
**OBJECTIVE: TO PLACE A STRONG EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION.** Without a good strong education where would we all be at today? Is our question to all? Our answer to this is to show how the educational system evolved through the years and what could be done to better it for the common good of all.

**SOLUTION: We would like to have speakers from The National Education Association, The Buffalo Teachers Foundation, and from some of the local colleges and universities.**

As you well know, nothing in life comes free. There is a price that has to be paid. This is where you come into the picture and help us out in our goals and objectives. We are asking you if you can help our cause and become an active supporter of our museum. I would like to ask you if it would be possible that you may have any ideas and thoughts that you may be able to share with us in our goal? What we are looking for is strong support from you and others like you that can make this happen for the good of all. Can we count on you to join our team? It would be an honor if you could help us in this cause.

In closing, please allow me to say thank you in advance for you and your efforts in making The Eastside Black Historical Museum come to life and prosper!

Regards and Sincere thanks!

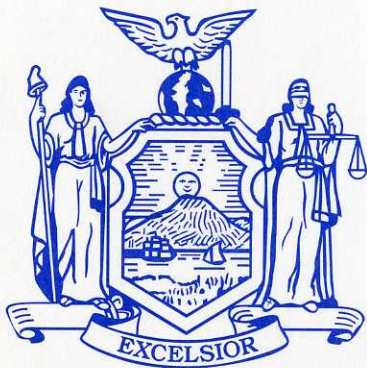


Eddie Pressley, Founder & CEO  
J. Raymond Smith, Operations Manager

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The Eastside Black Historical Museum is a NON-PROFIT organization dedicated to obtaining and sharing historical information with everyone. This information may include displays, articles, and assorted materials.

# ASSEMBLYMEMBER



**SAM HOYT**

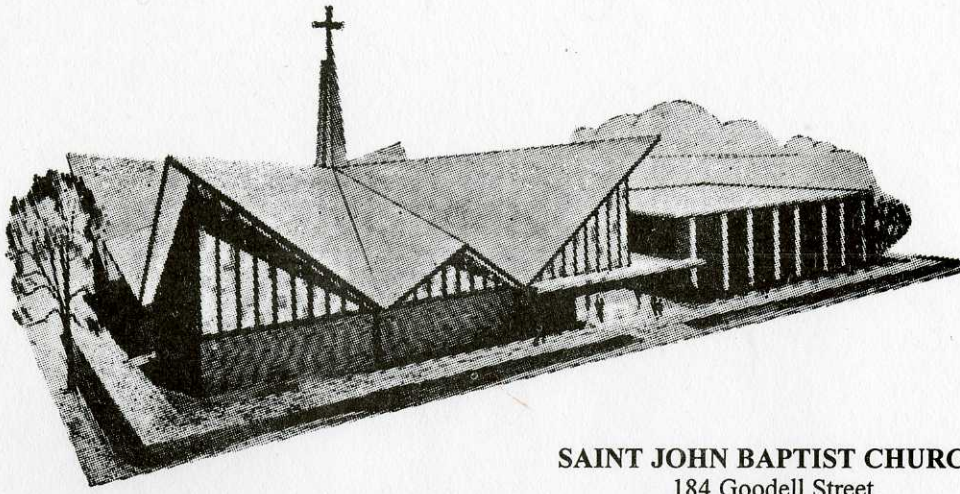
Lillian -

I heard you  
were not feeling  
well.

Please accept  
my best wishes  
for a speedy  
recovery.

Your friend -

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial letter followed by a smaller, more intricate flourish.



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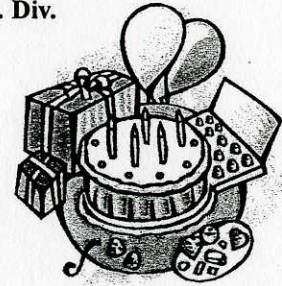
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August, 2003

Dear Saint:



“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.” (Numbers 6:24-25)

Thinking of you on your birthday, with love and with a prayer,

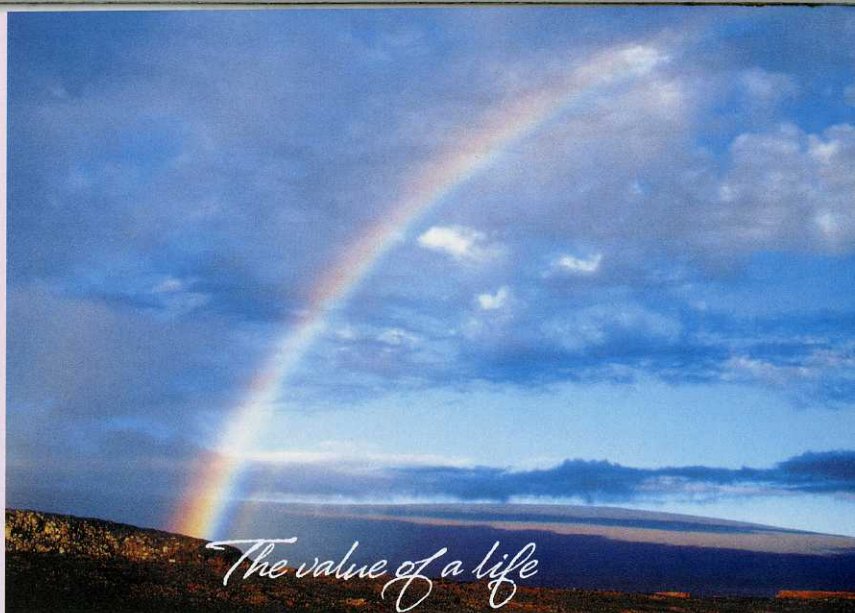
That God will bless you every day,

And keep you in His care.

Have A Wonderful Birthday!

*Reverend Michael Chapman*  
Reverend Michael Chapman  
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*I press toward the mark for the prize  
of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 3:14)*



*The value of a life*

*is best measured*

*by the moments*

*spent giving one's self...*

*Sharing wisdom,*

*inspiring hope,*

*wiping tears*

*and touching hearts.*

DAVID L. WEATHERFORD



*You've touched  
and inspired  
so many hearts—  
including my own—  
just by being  
the wonderful person  
you are.*

*Happy Birthday*

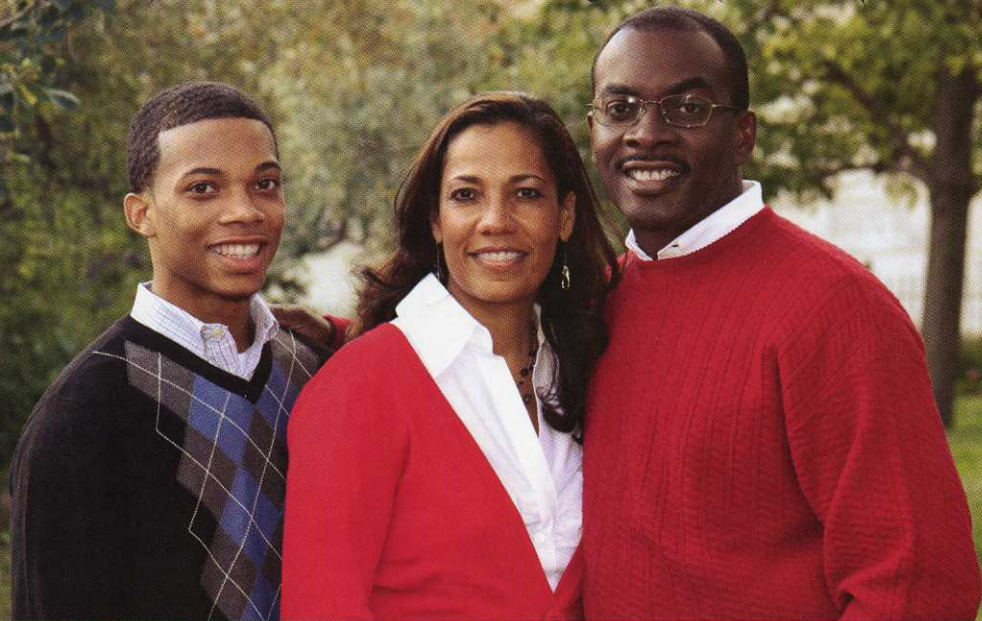
*Now WHAT COULD DISCRIBE  
YOU ANY BETTER?!*

*LOVE YOU,*

*TOWN*

*8/22/03*





# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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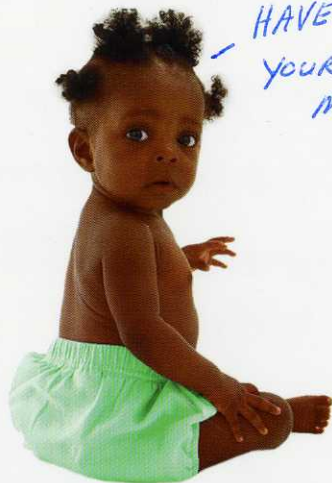
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AS WE COME TOGETHER WITH OUR FAMILIES  
AND FRIENDS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON,  
MAY WE SHARE PEACE, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

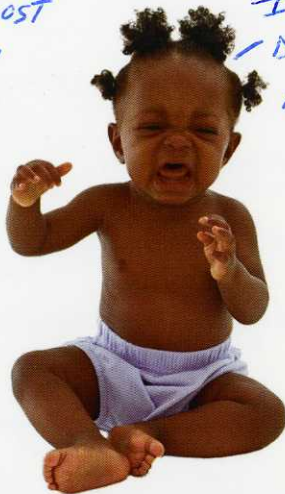
FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS,  
BEST WISHES FOR A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Byron, Michelle & B*

THE BROWN FAMILY



HAVE YOU LOST  
YOUR DAMN  
MIND?



I DON'T WANNA  
DO ANOTHER  
Re-enactment!!



I LOVE  
YOU  
NOW GIVE  
ME  
SOME  
SUGA!

Bewilderment

Frustration

Sheer Terror!

Yea, birthdays trigger a whole slew of emotions,  
but you'd better get used to it...

Aug. 22, 2003

Mom,

You already know I love you... you already know you're my favorite. What you may not know is I miss you everyday! You're just as CRAZY as I am (no-one makes me feel more at home). :)

I hope your 69<sup>th</sup> year brings you joy, money 😊 and self-awareness (I sound like my mother, right). Most importantly, I hope it brings you more Quality time with ME!!

I LOVE You

...with your luck,  
you'll have another one of these babies next year.

Have a good one!

Love,  
your First Born  
(you know what mean.)



*Smart & LeFever, Auburn, N.Y.*

# Post Card

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Please join the  
"Harriet Tubman 300's, Inc."

on Sunday, April 29, 2001 for  
Vintage Wine — Young Men  
— and —  
Seasoned Gents

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2:00 P.M.                      Subscription \$20.00

Harriet Tubman, 1821?-1913, a leader on the Underground Railroad. She made over 19 trips into the south and led over 300 slaves to freedom. She was a member of the AME Zion Church and willed her home and 26 acres of land to the AME Zion Church in 1906.

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