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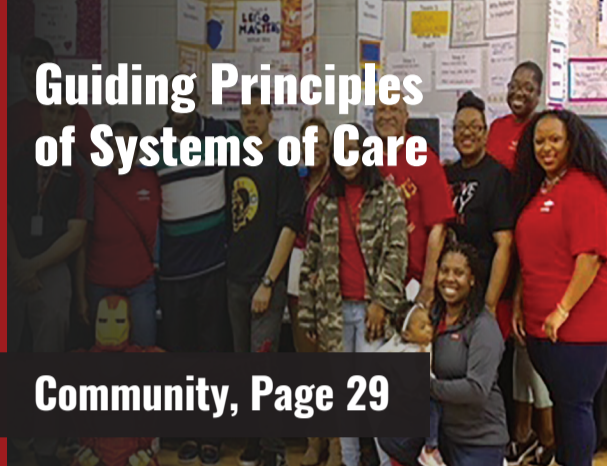
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Healthformation 4U Board Members

On Saturday, May 12, Healthformation 4U hosted the 3rd Annual Smooth Jazz and R&B Benefit Concert at the Dow Event Center.

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The Michigan Banner was a proud sponsor of this annual event that raises funds to support local health awareness initiatives.



# Women of Colors Celebrates 25 years at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Leadership Awards Banquet



*Women of Colors Members receive roses*

On Saturday, May 5th, Women of Colors celebrated 25 years of service at their 5th Annual Community Leadership Awards Banquet held at Saginaw Valley State University.

Women of Colors (WOC) was developed with a diverse group of women sharing their ideas to improve the Saginaw community. WOC recognize the strength of diversity by focusing on how our differences can help us grow and become better. The members and volunteers provide quality educational sessions for women, youth, and families. This organization is dedicated to instilling dignity and pride in others to help strengthen our community.

WOC has mentored hundreds of at-risk youth with dedicated men and women volunteering in various mentoring programs to help develop successful young men and women into adulthood.

WOC mission promotes multicultural diversity and enhance community relations in the Great Lakes Bay Region. We accomplish our mission by empowering women, community service, mentoring youth, and collaboration with other organizations.

"I've waited over 25 years to celebrate this moment! In 1993, when Women of Colors was initially established, I never imagined we would be going strong in 2018! I persevered

for over two decades being faithful and a vessel of God's grace. WOC has educated, encouraged, and empowered me to be a courageous woman despite adversities," says Evelyn McGovern, Co-Founder and President of Women of Colors.

"After many years of hard work, we have expanded our mentoring programs, increased our partnerships, and provided youth scholarship opportunities, resources and services to help thousands of families in the Great Lakes Bay Region."

During the event, Women of Colors also honors individuals who have made a significant impact in their community. This year's Leadership Award Honorees included:

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*WOC President Evelyn McGovern and Senator Ken Horn*

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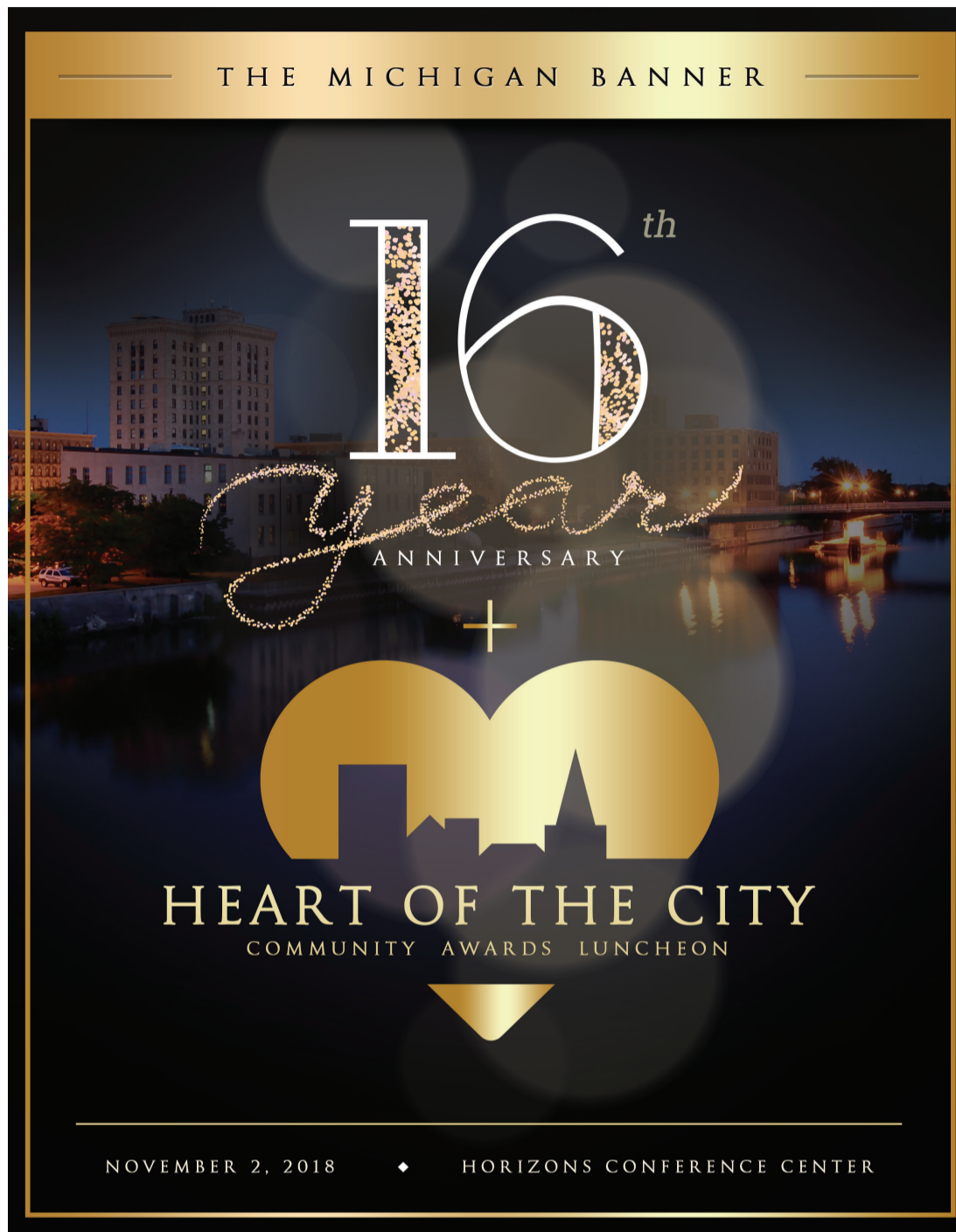
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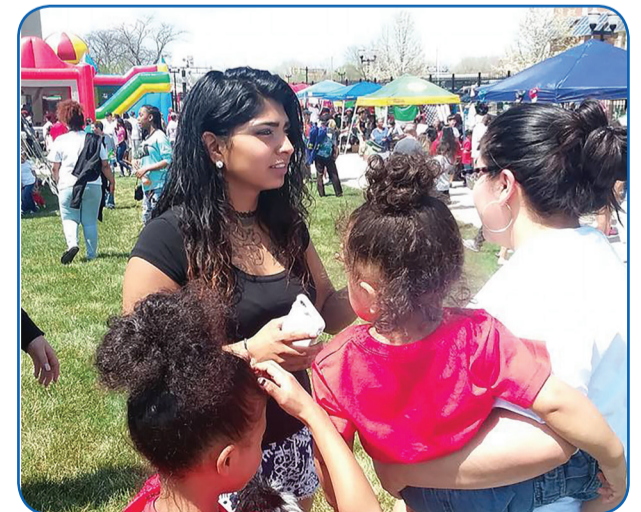


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# Culture Marketing Council: The Voice of Hispanic Marketing (CMC) announces 2018 inductees of the CMC Hall of Fame

FAIRFAX, Va., May 10, 2018 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Today, the Culture Marketing Council: The Voice of Hispanic Marketing (CMC) announced the 2018 inductees of the CMC Hall of Fame, which recognizes a select group of visionaries, leaders and luminaries who have made significant contributions to the development and advancement of the Hispanic advertising and marketing field. Award-winning agency trailblazers Daisy Expósito-Ulla, Monica Lozano and her family of media pioneers, Nick Mendoza, and Hector and Norma Orcí will be recognized during an awards gala at the 2018 AHAA Annual Conference taking place on Tuesday, June 5 at the Loews Hollywood Hotel in Los Angeles.

"We are honored to recognize these men and women who created an entire industry with their forethought and strategic cultural expertise," said CMC Chair Isaac Mizrahi. "From agency leadership to creativity and media proliferation, each of our 2018 Hall of Fame inductees played a vital role in the flourishing multicultural marketing industry of today."

## Daisy Expósito-Ulla



Expósito-Ulla, a luminary in advancing Hispanic and Multicultural Marketing, is Chairman and CEO of d expósito & Partners. Prior to founding her own agency over a decade ago, she

was Chairman/CEO of Young & Rubicam/WPP's The Bravo Group, a company she helped launch and subsequently build during her twenty-four-year tenure. Under her watch, The Bravo Group would become the largest U.S. Hispanic agency of all time. As a visionary creative leader and partner to many respected companies, she has achieved a transformational career in cross-cultural brand-building, working with clients such as AT&T, KRAFT Foods, Bank of America, Pfizer, Census 2000/2010. She has been acknowledged as a pivot of growth who helped engineer the dramatic evolution of the non-mainstream communications landscape. Among her current clients are AARP,

Amica, McDonalds, US Army, FDA and Tajín. During her distinguished career, she has received numerous creative and professional awards such as the Matrix (NYWICI) and The Carnegie Corporation's Great Immigrant: Pride of America recognition. Most recently, she received the ADCOLOR® Lifetime Achievement Award and her agency was named Agency of the Year by the AEF in 2015, a first for a multicultural and independent agency. Daisy has consistently been recognized as one of the most influential Latinas in the United States during her over 30+ year career in multicultural marketing. She currently serves on industry boards such as the Advertising Educational Foundation (AEF), the 4 A's and the Nielsen Advisory Board. She is founder, former president and now board member of the Culture Marketing Council (formerly AHAA). Additionally, she serves on the board of the Repertorio Español Theater. She is married to her business partner Jorge Ulla, a recognized award-winning filmmaker. Their son Gabriel is an accomplished writer. On April 24th, 2018, she was inducted to the American Advertising Federation's Hall of Fame and was also the recipient of the David Bell Award for her service to the advertising industry.

## Monica Lozano and the Lozano Family

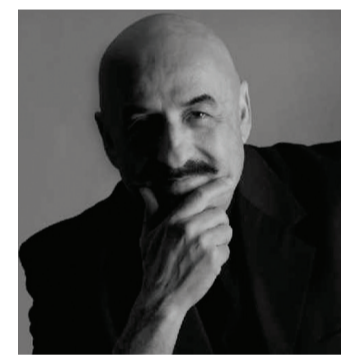


Monica is one of the most respected Hispanic business leaders in America with a thirty-year record of leading diversified media organizations. Currently Chair of the Board of US Hispanic

Media, Inc. the parent company of ImpreMedia LLC, Monica recently retired after five years as CEO of ImpreMedia, one of the largest media companies serving Hispanic communities in the United States. Prior to this, Lozano led the publications division for the company and was Publisher and CEO of La Opinión, the largest and most influential Hispanic newspaper in the country. She has served as chair of the National Council of La Raza where she served as board chair. In addition, she is a member of the board

of directors of Bank of America, the Walt Disney Company, the University of Southern California, the Weingart Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation. In 2013 she completed a 12-year term as Regent of the University of California but was asked to return by Governor Jerry Brown who re-appointed Lozano in 2014. She served as a member of President Obama's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness as well as the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board prior to that. She has won numerous awards including the Poder Business Leader Award, "Media Executive of the Year" from AHAA, US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "CEO of the Year", National Immigration Forum "Keeper of the American Dream" Award, NCLR "Raul Yzaguirre President's Award", National Conference on Civil Rights "Hubert H. Humphrey Award", and the National Society of Hispanic MBA's Brillante Award among others. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Inter-American Dialogue.

## Nick Mendoza



A visionary and one of the most influential creative directors, Nick began his career in Advertising with Jay Chiat & Associates as an Art Director. He moved onto Young & Rubicam where

he worked in New York, Caracas and Mexico City, serving as Creative Director for numerous marquis brands, including Chrysler, Frito Lay, General Foods, Johnson & Johnson and Proctor & Gamble. In 1979, he and Dick Dillon founded Mendoza Dillon & Asociados which went on to become one of the largest Hispanic Agencies in the United States. As partner and creative director, Nick developed campaigns for such clients as Johnson & Johnson, Tylenol, Miller Brewing Co, General Foods, Nissan Motors USA, and many others. In 1985 Nick sold his shares in MD&A and opened his own production company. As a director he worked on scores of top Hispanic commercials for an elite list of clients, including Miller, Wendy's, Ford, Toyota, Volkswagen, McDonald's and

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Burger King. Nick co-founded Mendoza Dillon Inc, an agency that billed over \$100 million, and won numerous accolades, including Clio, Belding, New York Film Festival and Se Habla Español awards. He currently is the CEO of his own advertising agency in Henderson, Nevada.

### Hector & Norma Orcí



Hector and Norma Orcí had been married 18 years before making the final commitment of working together. Before that, Hector had started out at Procter & Gamble Cincinnati, did a stint at Y&R and at McCann-Erickson, and was CEO of Doyle Dane Bernbach-Mexico. Once their kids started school, Norma got her start on the Creative team at Noble & Asociados, Mexico's then-largest ad agency. As Creative Director, she worked on major Mexico accounts as well as the Noble Newport accounts, servicing the U.S. Hispanic market.

In 1982, McCann-Erickson offered them the chance to work together to address U.S. Latinos. The Orcí's moved to Los Angeles, and La Agencia

de McCann-Erickson was born. In 1986, the Orcí's spun off to create La Agencia de Orcí—today's Orcí Advertising.

Together, Hector and Norma helped pioneer the growth and recognition of the US Hispanic marketing industry, while forging lasting bonds between Fortune 500 companies and the Hispanic Community. Norma's Creative vision of "Share of Heart ®" has established strong relationships between Latino consumers and some of America's best-loved brands. By always reflecting an authentic and positive image of Latinos and showing how the brand fits into their life and makes it better.

The Orcí's were instrumental in forming the Cultural Marketing Council (CMC/ahaa), the industry's first and most influential trade organization. Hector was elected its first chairman and now serves as a lifetime board member. Among the highlights of Hector and Norma's many recognitions are MALDEF's Corporate Responsibility Award, the American Advertising Federations' Diversity Achievement Award, and the New American Alliance's Philanthropists of the Year Award. For over 17 years, The Orcí's and their colleagues taught a UCLA Extension course on Advertising Effectively to the Latino Consumer. Through the Advertising Educational Foundation (AEF) Ambassador Program, Hector and Norma have lectured at colleges and universities across the country. And they were on the faculty of the National Hispanic Corporate Council Institute (NHCCI), helping Corporate America to understand, value, and better serve the Latino Community.

Over the years, the Orcí's work for Honda,

Disneyland, Verizon, Dole and dozens of other well-loved brands, has helped to raise the standard of Communication to U.S. Latinos, has won many awards, and has earned a lot of Latino Share of Heart for their clients.

Separately and/or together, Hector and Norma have served on the boards of the AAF, AHAA, New America Alliance, MALDEF, ProAmerica Bank, and The Southern California Children's Bureau. They currently serve on the Academy for Arts and Enterprise (LAAAE), and The Hispanic Communications Network.

The Culture Marketing Council: The Voice of Hispanic Marketing is the only national trade organization representing the entire Hispanic marketing, communications and media industry. For the past 20 years, as the Association of Hispanic Advertising Agencies and later as AHAA: The Voice of Hispanic Marketing, we have championed the Hispanic market in corporate boardrooms and advocated for increased investment in multicultural marketing strategies – all while ensuring that experts with trusted Hispanic cultural expertise were at the forefront of this discussion. Through our thought leadership initiatives and groundbreaking research, we have helped organizations gain market share, increase revenue and grow profits by reaching and connecting with America's Hispanic consumers. As such, our association has grown to represent more than 45,000 marketing, research and media executives who have trusted Hispanic expertise.

For more information, visit [culturemarketingcouncil.org](http://culturemarketingcouncil.org) and follow the CMC on Facebook and Twitter at @cmchispanic using the conference hashtag #CMCpowerof3.



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Future Technology Program (SaFT)  
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### Motivation Award

Michael Marsh  
Rev. Dr. Willie Casey

### Ministry of the Year Award

Francis Irvin, Jail Ministry

### Outstanding Journalism/Media/PR Award

JJ Boehm, SVSU  
Bob Johnson, MLive

### Diversity Award

Willie Haynes, Ezekial Project

### Outstanding Non-Profit Award

Samaritas (prev. Neighborhood House)  
Saginaw Restoration  
Positive Results Downtown Saginaw  
Sabrina Jackson, ISD Head Start

## Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate 16 years of positive, informative and inspiring news in the Great Lakes Bay and Flint region.

The Michigan Banner *Heart of the City* Awards luncheon will take place from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at Horizons Conference Center and will pay tribute to past, present and future community members and organizations who are committed to service and volunteerism in the Great Lakes Bay area.

We understand the vitality and growth of a community depends greatly on its individuals and organizations. It gives us great pleasure to celebrate 16 years of service by recognizing the people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative.

Several community awards will be presented including Community Impact Award, Outstanding Business Award, Leadership Award and more.

There are many sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. As a sponsor not only will you help support The Michigan Banner Newspaper's 16 year Anniversary event but you will also help support our non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach.

The Michigan Banner Outreach, established by Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley in 2010, was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the youth in our communities while creating opportunities for students to gain work-based experience in all phases of media.



Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley  
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The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship will be awarded to two High School Seniors. Preference will be given to those students pursuing a degree in journalism.



# HEALTH

## Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recognizes 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Michigan Minority Health Law

LANSING, Mich. – 2017 marked the 10th anniversary of the Michigan Minority Health Law, Public Act 653. In recognition, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has released the 2017 Health Equity Report, *Moving Health Forward*, which provides a 10-year look at the department's efforts to eliminate health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities in the state and includes 'next steps' to further advance health equity.

Signed in 2007, the legislation amended the Michigan Public Health code to address the significant health disparities experienced by Michigan's racial and ethnic minority populations. The legislation requires MDHHS to employ strategies to improve health status for minority populations in the state, and references five populations: African American, American Indian/Native American, Arab and Chaldean American, Asian American and Pacific Islander and Hispanic/Latino.

Those strategies include:

- Establish minority health policy.
- Develop and implement an effective statewide strategic plan for the reduction of racial and disparities.
- Utilize resources to fund minority health programs.
- Provide coordination related to minority health issues.
- Develop and implement recruitment and retention strategies to increase minorities in the health and social services professions.
- Identify and assist in the implementation of culturally and linguistically appropriate health promotion and disease prevention programs.
- Relay the concerns of local minority health coalitions to the department.
- Assist in coordinating minority input on state health policies and programs.

“The Act has served as the guiding policy for the department's work and its activities to assess

and improve equity-related efforts for the past decade,” said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. “The 10-year anniversary provides us the opportunity to reflect on accomplishments, challenges and future direction towards achieving equity for Michigan's racial and ethnic minorities.”

Issued by the MDHHS Health Disparities Reduction and Minority Health Section, the report highlights the following health equity-related activities and accomplishments within the past decade:

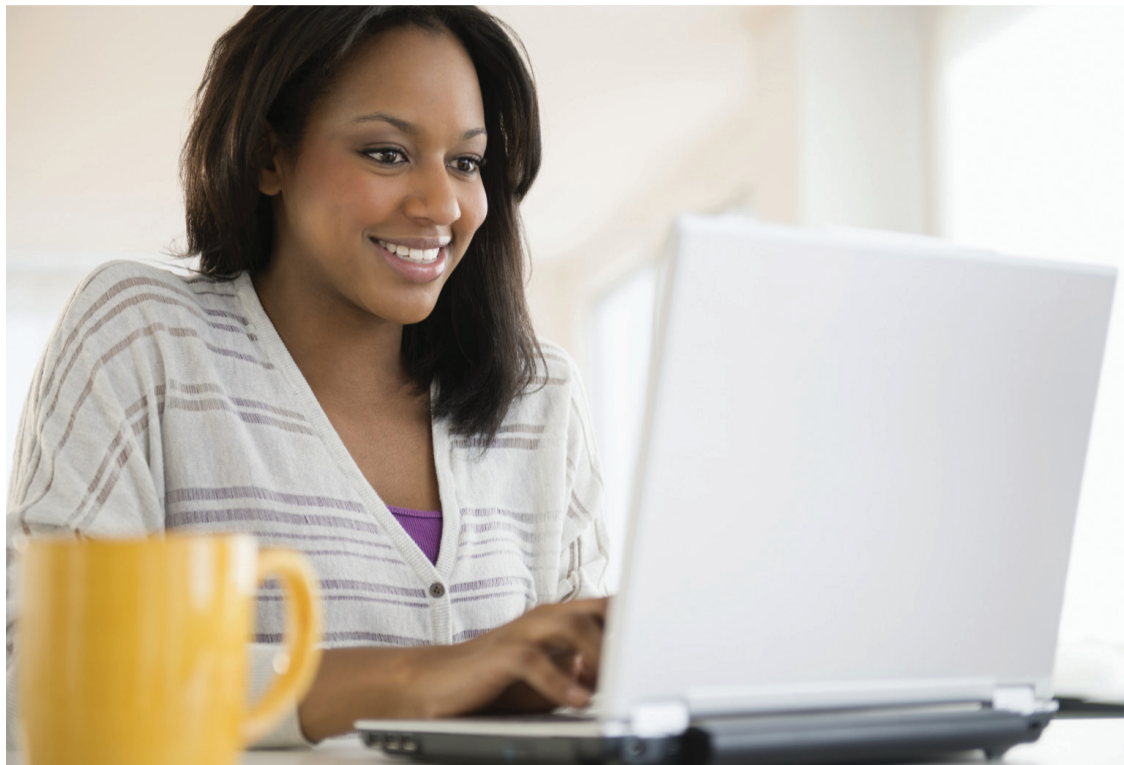
- Implementation of programs and initiatives that address health and social equity for racial and ethnic minority populations including the Healthy Michigan Plan and Practices to Reduce Infant Mortality through Equity.
- Increased awareness, understanding and discussion about health and social equity that is leading to a change in how MDHHS approaches its work.
- Development and support of MDHHS structures and processes to advance health equity including establishment of a department Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workgroup.
- The merger of the Michigan Department of Community Health and Department of Human Services to create MDHHS, resulting in better coordination of health and human services and increased capacity to address the comprehensive needs of underserved populations.
- Implementation of strategies to promote workforce diversity, including increased efforts to recruit racial and ethnically diverse job candidates and assemble diverse interview panels.
- Increased health and social equity training and professional development opportunities for staff, facilitating growth in understanding and capacity to address health disparities.
- Advancements in data collection and utilization around health disparities and health and social inequities.
- Commitment to fostering community

- stakeholder and client engagement in programs, service-delivery and policy efforts.
- Implementation of policies to advance health and social equity, including requiring health equity components in Requests for Proposals and requiring contracted health plans to implement cultural and linguistically appropriate services standards.
- Applying an equity lens, which involves looking at the potential impact that programs and policies have on populations that traditionally experience the greatest inequities (i.e. racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQ persons, persons with disabilities, and persons with limited English proficiency, etc.) and redesigning them to achieve a more positive impact and outcome.
- Recognition of health equity as a departmental priority and inclusion of equity, diversity and cultural competency in the MDHHS 2016-2018 Strategic Plan.



[Michigan.gov/minorityhealth](http://Michigan.gov/minorityhealth)

## St. Mary's First in Saginaw Area to Offer Online Appointment Scheduling



*courtesy photo*

St. Mary's of Michigan Launches Online Scheduling - First in the Saginaw-area to offer online scheduling for Emergency Department and Primary Care visits.

To make it easier and more convenient for patients to access care, St. Mary's of Michigan is now offering online scheduling. Through the new online scheduling tool, patients can view available appointments for their preferred location or provider and select a time that is most convenient for them.

St. Mary's of Michigan is first in the Saginaw-area to offer online scheduling for Emergency Department and Primary Care visits. Online scheduling is also available for the new St. Mary's of Michigan Walk-in Clinic, 5810 Gratiot Road. Appointments can be scheduled for various times and needs, including regular check-ups, physicals, or appointments when sick.

"We use technology more and more in all areas of our lives. As healthcare providers, we must innovate in this area to better meet the needs of those we serve," said Sheri Leaman-Case, Vice President of Operations at St. Mary's of Michigan.

St. Mary's of Michigan is committed to providing greater, more convenient access to care for those throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. From virtual care appointments to online scheduling, St. Mary's is working to improve the overall quality of life in our community through additional access points and effective use of technology.

The addition of online scheduling is part of a nationwide effort by Ascension to provide easy access to compassionate, personalized care close to home. Plans to expand online scheduling capabilities to include imaging services and specialty care are under way.

"Offering online scheduling at our sites of care will help save our patients time while making it even more convenient for them to access the care they need, when and where they need it," said Leaman-Case.

St. Mary's of Michigan affiliate hospitals, St. Mary's of Michigan Standish Hospital and St. Joseph Health System offer online appointment scheduling as well.

Patients can visit [GetAscensionCareMidMI.com](http://GetAscensionCareMidMI.com) to schedule an appointment today.

## Michigan families urged to learn more during Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Awareness Month



*courtesy photo*

LANSING, Mich. – As part of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Awareness (PMAD) Month, Michigan women and families are being urged to learn more about PMAD and available resources by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Division of Maternal and Infant Health.

PMAD, historically known as postpartum depression, affect approximately 23,000 Michigan women and their families each year. Symptoms can vary and include depression, anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, guilt, irritability, anger, difficulty sleeping and eating, feeling disconnected from one's baby and experiencing frightening and intrusive thoughts. PMAD can appear during pregnancy and up to two years after a baby is born.

"PMAD primarily affects birth mothers, but can also affect other members of the family including fathers, partners and caregivers," said Dr. Eden Wells, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services chief medical executive. "Education is important in helping reduce stigma about the disorder and is essential in improving the mental health and well-being of women and their families."

To help increase understanding of the disorders, Gov. Rick Snyder has proclaimed May as PMAD Awareness Month and the Michigan Statewide Perinatal Mood Disorder Coalition is hosting its annual Walk on the Capitol Wednesday, May 9, noon – 2 p.m., at the state Capitol.

For more information about PMAD and available resources, visit the Maternal Infant Health Program website.

# Ennis Counseling Center of Flint receives State of Michigan funding to expand outpatient services

LANSING, Mich. – Ennis Counseling Center in Flint will be able to expand the reach of its outpatient counseling program after receiving \$150,000 from the State of Michigan.

Founded in 2016 by Ennis Center for Children, a nonprofit adoption and foster care agency, Ennis Counseling Center serves Genesee County residents who need mental health counseling services. The center employs a community-based approach, offering its services in several local churches.

Bob Ennis, president and founder of Ennis Center for Children, explained why it is so important that the centers be centrally located and the connection to the faith community.

“In many communities, especially African American and Latin communities, there is a generations-old stigma placed on mental health and counseling services,” he said. “Many believe that seeking these services signifies lack of faith or that an individual has ‘issues,’ when truly it’s the exact opposite. We want people to know that seeking help can be part of

both a healthy self-care routine, and an active prayer life.”

The program’s expansion is made possible by grant funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Sheryl Thompson, MDHHS deputy director of Field Operations and Mission Flint, said the services that Ennis Counseling Center’s licensed professional counselors provide are a critical resource to the community.

“MDHHS is committed to providing residents of Genesee County with the mental health services they need,” Thompson said.

“Offering these vital services at churches is consistent with MDHHS’s philosophy of providing services to people at community locations where they are already going. With these additional dollars, Ennis Counseling Center can continue doing the amazing work it’s already been doing on a greater scale.”

While changing the community’s perception of

mental health services is one of the program’s key objectives, it also strives to provide a new way for Genesee County residents to access increasingly necessary services.

Flint’s water crisis has had a profound impact on both the physical and emotional health of the city’s residents. Ennis Counseling Center services provide residents with constructive mechanisms for coping with stress, depression, anger, and grief.

Ennis Counseling Center partners with and offers services within the following Genesee County churches: Ebenezer Ministries, First Trinity Baptist Church, Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, New Life Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

For more information about Ennis Counseling Center, contact Sheery Houston, director of development at [Sheery.Houston@enniscenter.org](mailto:Sheery.Houston@enniscenter.org) or call 810-233-4031.



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## Flint families can get nutritious food at mobile food pantry in May



LANSING, Mich. – Flint families may get nutritious food that can limit the effects of lead exposure during mobile food pantry hours set for May at locations throughout Flint.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are announcing the upcoming schedule for mobile food pantry stops to distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron.

Families in May will receive produce that includes potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. More than \$300 million has been provided to help the residents of Flint, including funding for this initiative.

Flint residents can also pick up free nutritional food at the three Flint Help Center locations. They are Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Highway, open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays; Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road, open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Highway, open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change, and information about additional food distribution dates will be announced as they are scheduled. For more information or to find out about any changes in the schedule, visit the Food Bank website at [www.FBEM.org](http://www.FBEM.org) and find the updated schedule on the Mobile Pantry Distribution page, or call 810-239-4441.

### Food distribution sites remain open while supplies last. Upcoming dates are:

**Monday, May 7, at 10 a.m.** – Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.

**Tuesday, May 8, at noon** – Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties, 910 Chippewa St.

**Tuesday, May 8, at 10 a.m.** – Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.

**Wednesday, May 9, at noon** – Salem Lutheran Church, 2610 Martin Luther King Ave.

**Thursday, May 10, at 10 a.m.** – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.

**Friday, May 11, at 10 a.m.** – Flint Muslim Food Pantry, 4400 S. Saginaw St.

**Monday, May 14, at 10 a.m.** – Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.

**Tuesday, May 15, at 10 a.m.** – Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.

**Wednesday, May 16, at 10 a.m.** – Hispanic Tech Center, 2101 Lewis St.

**Thursday, May 17, at 10 a.m.** – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.

**Friday, May 18, at noon** – St. Luke's NEW Life Center, 3115 Lawndale Ave.

**Monday, May 21, at 10 a.m.** – Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.

**Tuesday, May 22, at noon** – Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties, 910 Chippewa St.

**Tuesday, May 22, at 10 a.m.** – Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.

**Thursday, May 24, at 10 a.m.** – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.

**Wednesday, May 30, at 11 a.m.** – Richfield Public School Academy, 3807 N. Center Road.

**Thursday, May 31, at 10 a.m.** – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.

# What is PACE?



*courtesy photo*

(PACE) is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. It views senior services with the belief that care can be done successfully in their homes in most cases. The ideas rooted in PACE are traced back to the early 1970's when a group sought and created a practical approach to suitable care for the elderly within their communities. Methods changed over the years and today we have our current PACE program.

Great Lakes PACE is for those who are 55 or older and live in our service area. This includes Great Lakes Bay Region and parts of Gratiot, Tuscola, Shiawassee and Arenac counties (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services and meet the medical guidelines. A brief assessment by our PACE staff will determine if medical guidelines are met. For most people PACE services are fully covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare. For those not eligible for Medicaid; PACE is still an option when paying privately.

Great Lakes PACE has unique services and they are often misunderstood. PACE provides home care but it is not just a homecare program. PACE is a managed care program and offers all the services provided by both Medicaid and Medicare. Our PACE doctor completes a full exam and provides ongoing medical treatment with close supervision. Assessments are done 3378 Fashion Square Blvd. Saginaw MI 48603 by our team of PACE professionals to address any changing needs. Those enrolled in PACE will be responsible for cost of medical services received from out-of-

network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE receives many positive reports from both enrollees and family. We hear accounts of pain reduction, reduced caregiver stress, improved mood and increased socialization. Our Adult Day Health program offers a social network for those with physical decline that has resulted in depression and loneliness. There is transportation to and from our PACE center for Adult Day Health or medical appointments if needed. PACE uses a holistic approach as a choice to nursing home placement.

PACE is often misunderstood and others may try to share with inaccurate details. Walk- in tours are welcome. Dee Dee Isles is our Outreach Marketing Specialist. She is available to answer questions or provide informational sessions to your church or community group. A visit to our facility will add clarity to the scope of PACE services. We offer walk in or scheduled tours that may also include evening hours. You can also call 989 272-7610 and schedule a lunch tour. We will answer your questions over lunch following a tour for a group of any size. Call today and schedule a tour for your family, group or organization. Following a tour we often hear; "This sounds too good to be true;" Great Lakes PACE...It's good and it's true!

## Great Lakes PACE services available in these Zip Codes:

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# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## Community, government leaders gather in Flint to endorse economic benefits of tourism to state



*courtesy photo*

Michigan tourism officials and members of the Tourism Industry Coalition of Michigan (TICOM) joined together today to demonstrate the economic impact of travel to the state of Michigan. The event was held at the Capitol Theatre in Flint.

The event was part of the 35th annual National Travel and Tourism Week (May 6-12), which unites communities across the country to celebrate what travel means to American jobs, economic growth and personal well-being.

“Tourism plays a bigger role in the lives of Michigan residents than most people would realize. Not only does it produce more than 300,000 jobs, it also connects us with the world,” said Dave Lorenz, vice president of Travel Michigan, part of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. “The more people who visit Michigan for leisure the more they get to see us as we really are – a state which features incredible natural spaces, authentic destinations and unique experiences. This breaks through outdated stereotypes and showcases Michigan as the perfect place to do business, for education and to live.”

According to a study by Tourism Economics, visitor spending in Michigan grew by 3 percent in 2016 to reach \$23.7 billion. That spending generated \$40.7 billion in total business sales as visitor dollars flowed through the state’s economy. A total of 337,900 jobs, with income of \$11.6 billion, were sustained by the traveler economy in Michigan in 2016.

“TICOM is excited to work to collectively promote tourism in Michigan with Travel Michigan,” said TICOM President Julie Pingston. “We know that according to U.S. Travel, in 2017, travel generated \$2.4 trillion for the U.S. economy, directly supporting 8.8 million American jobs. Nationally, we know travel is the seventh largest employer and in Michigan, travel and tourism is ranked third.”

Today’s event was hosted by the Flint & Genesee Convention and Visitors Bureau at the newly-renovated Capitol Theatre in downtown Flint.

“Flint & Genesee is thrilled to be the host location for the Nation and Travel and Tourism week

event. Not only does this allow us to showcase a wonderful new product in the Capitol Theatre, but it also allows us to show the industry’s key partners and advocates that the Flint and Genesee area is a unique and thriving destination,” said Flint & Genesee CVB Director Brandon Morgan. “From the world-renowned HAP Crim Festival of Races to the gorgeous campus of the Flint Cultural Center to our wonderful county park system, Flint & Genesee is vibrant, brilliant and playful.”

In addition to its benefits for the local economy, travel can also have a positive effect on personal well-being for residents and visitors of Michigan. Numerous research studies have confirmed the positive health effects of travel and time off, from reducing the risk of heart disease to decreasing depression. Using time off to travel with family is good for everyone, especially children — kids who travel with their families are more likely to attend college and earn more as adults.

“Many aspects of the U.S. travel experience may have changed over the years, but one thing hasn’t: our industry’s enduring ethos of welcoming travelers from near and far,” said Roger Dow, president and CEO of the U.S. Travel Association, the umbrella organization representing the U.S. travel industry. “This National Travel and Tourism Week, we’re saluting travel’s long history as an economic engine in our country, and calling on our nation’s leaders to prioritize travel-friendly legislation, for the sake of millions of American workers.”

According to new research by Project: Time Off, an initiative of the U.S. Travel Association, American workers took an average of 17.2 days of vacation in 2017. The “State Of American Vacation 2018” tracking survey reported that while this marks the highest level for American vacation usage since 2010, the majority of Americans (52 percent) left vacation time unused in 2017, and that nearly a quarter of Americans have not taken a vacation in more than a year.



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# MIOSHA and Great Lakes Safety Training Center Sign Alliance to Promote Workplace Safety and Health

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and the Great Lakes Safety Training Center (GLSTC) today signed an alliance agreement formalizing a mutual commitment to workplace safety and health. MIOSHA is part of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

"We're pleased to sign this alliance that brings together our organizations to expand education, outreach and information sharing throughout the state," said MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman. "This alliance offers great opportunities to provide needed training to help create safer construction job sites throughout Michigan."

The purpose of this alliance is to increase and promote on-the-job safety and health to GLSTC membership through enhanced communication between GLSTC members and MIOSHA for the benefit of a safer workforce. Training goals set for the alliance focus on reducing and preventing exposure to occupational hazards by addressing "focus four" construction hazards: fall hazards, electrical hazards, struck by hazards, and caught between/crushed by hazards. In developing this alliance, MIOSHA and GLSTC recognize that MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training

(CET) Division is an integral part of this effort. GLSTC outreach capability is more than 6,000 people.

GLSTC members will also gain a greater understanding of the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSH Act). The team will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the alliance. The alliance will remain in effect for three years from today's signing date.

The alliance was signed by MIOSHA officials, Pickelman and CET Division Director Nella Davis-Ray; and GLSTC Executive Director Kelly Juday at the Michigan Safety Conference in Lansing.

"Great Lakes Safety Training Center is proud to partner and form an alliance with MIOSHA," said Juday. "Since we share similar safety goals, our combined efforts are a great opportunity to provide unique training resources leading to safer and healthier workplaces throughout Michigan. GLSTC looks forward to this alliance for many years to come."

MIOSHA alliances enable organizations committed to workplace safety and health to collaborate with MIOSHA to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. Alliances are open to all groups, including trade or professional associations, businesses, labor organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies.

There are many benefits to participating in an alliance with MIOSHA, including:

- Building trusting, cooperative relationships.
- Networking with others committed to workplace safety and health.
- Exchanging information about best practices.
- Leveraging resources to maximize worker safety and health protection.

"The MIOSHA program is dedicated to working with employers, both public and private sector, to find innovative ways to enhance workplace safety and health," said Pickelman. "Through alliances, MIOSHA can offer employers a voluntary, cooperative relationship to eliminate serious hazards and achieve a high level of safety and health."

## LARA Releases Advisory Bulletin Clarifying the Use of CBD and Hemp Products

The Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the Bureau of Medical Marihuana Regulation (BMMR) released an advisory bulletin today clarifying how cannabidiol ("CBD") and industrial hemp ("hemp") are regulated in the state of Michigan.

Based on the statutory definitions related to "marihuana" found in the Michigan Public Health Code, the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, and the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, any extracts of marihuana or extracts of the marihuana plant will continue to be treated as marihuana. The possession, purchase, or sale of marihuana or any marihuana product – including CBD – must be done in compliance with the MMMA and MMFLA.

Marihuana does not include industrial hemp grown or cultivated (or both) for research purposes under the industrial hemp research act. The Industrial Hemp Research Act limits industrial hemp to cultivation or research and does not authorize its sale or transfer. Any possession or transfer of industrial hemp – or any product claimed to be "hemp"-related – must be done in compliance with Michigan's Industrial Hemp Research Act.

The full text of the advisory bulletin can be found [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/CBD\\_Hemp\\_Advisory\\_Bulletin\\_622872\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/CBD_Hemp_Advisory_Bulletin_622872_7.pdf)





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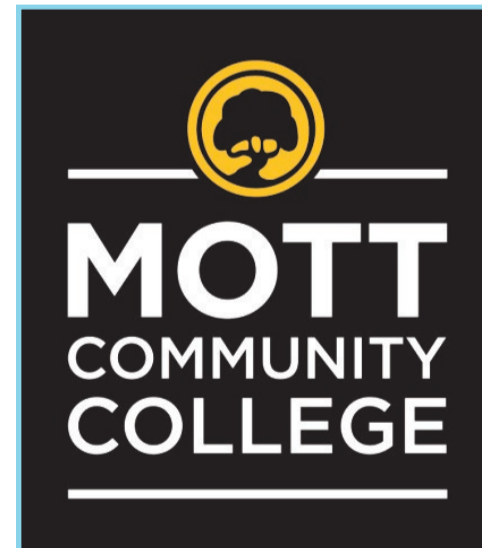
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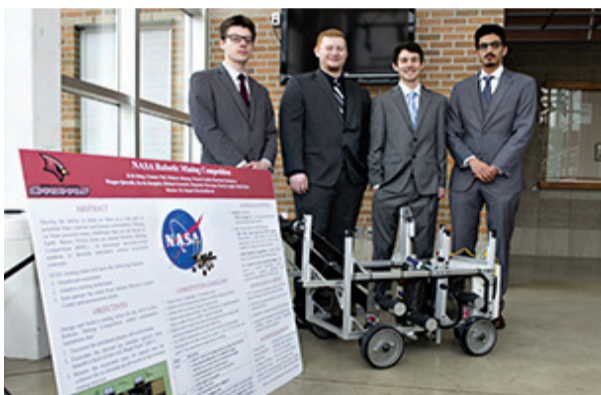
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# EDUCATION

## SVSU engineering students take on new challenge, design Mars robot for NASA competition



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A team of 12 senior engineering and computer science students at Saginaw Valley State University have designed a robot prototype that would be capable of mining a simulated surface of the planet Mars. Next week, they will see how their design stacks up against the nation's best.

NASA will host its ninth annual Robotics Mining Competition at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida May 14-18. This is the first year SVSU students will be among the 55 U.S. colleges and universities to compete.

The SVSU Robotics Club tested their creative and problem-solving abilities over the past year. Electrical engineering students took the reins on building the mechanical and electrical system for the robot while computer science students involved worked on the navigation system for the robot.

"We wanted the project to challenge us," said Connor Peil, an electrical engineering major from Bay City. "The ability to mine on Mars is a useful resource to help in understanding that terrain. That's the first step to any sort of future colonization - making sure you're even adaptable. That's mainly what our project overviews."

A year in the making, the robot employs the belt-mining method in which buckets attached to the belt are rotated in order to continuously dig up material. Equipped with situational-awareness sensors, the robot is capable of navigating a simulated Mars-like surface.

The students worked closely with Rajani Muraleedharan, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering and advisor to the SVSU Robotics Club. She empowered students across majors to participate in the design and construction of the robot.

To qualify for the contest, Muraleedharan and the team put together a technical paper detailing their ideas for the project and how those ideas would be executed. A video demonstration of the prototype was also submitted.

"The purpose of the competition is to try to utilize universities and student minds to come up with new technology ideas," said Eric King, an electrical engineering major from Woodhaven. "In a way, NASA is outsourcing

the ideas in order to find what works best." The competition will ask teams to mine gravel which simulates the icy rocky material found on the surface of Mars. A \$5,000 scholarship will be offered as the grand prize during the competition with several other prizes available.

"Ultimately, what they're looking for is design ideas," King said. "There can be a winner but they might not necessarily have the technology that transfers to what NASA would use so it's really about innovation - you're trying to get NASA to consider a design that you came up with."



The team was assisted by several donors including StoneQuest; Joel Kiss, SVSU assistant director of campus facilities; the SVSU Foundation; the SVSU Electrical and Computer Engineer Department; Frank Hall, dean of the College of Science Engineering & Technology; Darlene Seegert, administrative secretary; as well as a number of other supporters.

**For more information about the NASA Robotics Mining Competition, visit [www.nasa.gov/offices/education/centers/kennedy/technology/nasarmc.html](http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/centers/kennedy/technology/nasarmc.html).**

# National Championship success for Northwood University's Mock Trial Team



*courtesy photos*

Northwood University's mock trial team concluded a stellar season this past weekend at the National Championship Tournament in St. Paul, Minnesota. Less than seven percent of the 713 mock trial teams nationwide earn a bid to the tournament.

Northwood defeated teams from Stanford University and Northwestern University, but narrowly lost to the University of Rochester and Lafayette College.

"The success of our team this year was truly a result of hours of dedicated analysis of the case, argumentation, critical thinking, assessing feedback, and practice with teammates and others," said DeLois Leapheart, Northwood law professor and director of mock trial. "I am excited about our results, and even more optimistic about the future of our young team."

Students competing at the NCT included:

- Richard Ascherl, a freshman from Hartland, Michigan
- Nick Freeman, a junior from Shelby Township
- Christopher Grant, a junior from Tampa, Florida
- Simeon Lawrence, a sophomore from Elyria, Ohio
- Parker Lukenbill, a sophomore from Fenton
- Zach Messner, a junior from Hartland
- Kristopher Murphy, a sophomore from Grand Rapids
- Alexis Rabidue, a sophomore from West Bloomfield Township
- Jacob Walters, a freshman from Mount Pleasant, and
- Karli Zubek, a sophomore from Tawas City

Grant was recognized individually as both defense attorney and prosecutor, netting him a total point value that earned him honors as the top All-American Attorney at the National Championship Tournament. On the witness side, Zach Messner earned an All-American Witness Award for his portrayal of FBI Agent Kelly James.

In addition to the competition team, five "champions-in-training" also assisted the team, including: Belleville, Michigan, native Nick Andres, Hamilton native Steven Redder, Hemlock native Alexis Thornton, Ashton Brooks and Joshua Weckesser, both from Midland.

The team was financially supported by the Dow Chemical Company.

# Kettering University President appointed to Michigan Economic Development Corporation Executive Committee



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Kettering University President Dr. Robert K. McMahan was appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) Executive Committee on April 26.

The committee is charged with management and guidance of MEDC development projects and policy initiatives.

“I am honored to be appointed by Governor Snyder to the MEDC Executive Committee,” McMahan said. “I look forward to working to advance the economy of Michigan in this important role.”

The Kettering University GM Mobility Research Center (MRC), an autonomous vehicle proving ground that, ties in directly with Michigan’s mobility and autonomous vehicle research and

development initiatives. When completed in 2018, the MRC will be the only facility of its kind on a college campus in the country. Other unique facilities at Kettering include a Crash Safety Center where researchers have done testing that has resulted in new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) standards being adopted, and the nation’s only FIRST Robotics Community Center located on a college campus in the country. During a visit to campus in 2017, Snyder called the FIRST Center, “the best place in the world for students interested in robotics.”

Prior to serving as Kettering’s president, among other roles McMahan was the Founding Dean of the College of Engineering at Western Carolina University and was the Senior Advisor to the Governor of North Carolina, and the Executive Director of the North Carolina

Office of Science and Technology. In this latter role he also acted as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Commerce, the General Assembly and the Economic Development Board and was responsible for developing and implementing the state’s technology and university-based economic development programs.

Other appointments and reappointments to the MEDC Executive Committee are Michael McLauchlan, Doug Rothwell and Greg Northrup. The 20-member committee is charged with overall management and guidance of MEDC development projects and policy initiatives.

“I am confident these individuals will continue to reinvent Michigan and I want to thank them for their commitment to our state’s economic development,” Snyder said.



## MI Department of Treasury provides Five Tips for Student Loan Borrowers



The Michigan Department of Treasury's MI Student Aid Team is providing five tips so student loan borrowers can become their own financial advocate.

"Michigan students and families cover a considerable amount of their higher education costs," said Anne Wohlfert, director of Treasury's Student Financial Services Bureau. "Being your own financial advocate helps student loan borrowers understand how to manage and leverage the financial aid they receive."

The MI Student Aid Team encourages students and families to keep the following five tips in mind:

1. Visit the financial aid office once a semester: Students should know the status of their college or university's student account and keep track of the types of aid they receive to know their financial status. By making this a habit, students can avoid overborrowing and stay within their budget.
2. Take advantage of the resources you've already paid for: Most schools offer resources such as free tutoring and writing centers, while some even provide free transportation locally and around campus. With the average public four-year tuition at nearly \$11,000, students should take full advantage of all the resources put in place to help them succeed.
3. Visit the career center or services office: "Graduates who visited the career center at least once were more likely to be employed full-time after college than those who did not visit," according to [insidehighered.com](http://insidehighered.com). With employment being one of the most important end-goals of college, make a habit of visiting the career center or services office frequently to foster career growth that may lead to a job.
4. Make use of your college job board: Gaining professional experience while still in school is one of the most important factors employers look at when interviewing potential candidates for hire. Working an on-campus job, participating in an externship program, landing an internship opportunity are all great ways students can make themselves more competitive when entering the workforce. Most Michigan colleges and universities have job boards that students can navigate to find these opportunities, post their resumes and find volunteer gigs, among other things.
5. Create a [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov) account: By creating an account, students can track all their student loans, check the interest rate of each one and total interest accumulated to date, look over different repayment options and estimate monthly payments and learn who their loan servicer is for when repayment begins.

For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid) or contact MI Student Aid at [mistudentaid@michigan.gov](mailto:mistudentaid@michigan.gov), 1-888-4-GRANTS or @mistudentaid on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

## Mott Community College Art and Design program will host the 60th Annual Student Art Show



The Mott Community College Art and Design program will host the 60th Annual Student Art Show May 11 through June 8, in the Visual Arts & Design Center on the main campus in Flint. This exhibition, featuring close to 200 works by MCC students, showcases their creative pursuits in drawing, painting, sculpture, illustration, printmaking, photography and graphic design over the past academic year.

There will be a special opening night reception on Friday, May 11, from 6-8 p.m., which is free and open to the public. An award ceremony honoring outstanding student accomplishments in Graphic Design and Studio Art will take place at 6:30 p.m. during the opening night reception. The award ceremony will be juried by Greg Fiedler, of the Greater Flint Arts Council.

The Fine Arts Gallery and Visual Arts and Design Center hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and the Gallery is free and open to the public. For more information call the Art and Design office at 810-762-0443.



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# FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

## Corporate leaders offer more than money

“What can we do to help?” That was the question asked by a corporate representative at a conference we attended last week. The already lively discussion quickly blossomed and increased in focus. Here are the details.

We were in Winston Salem participating in the State of Black North Carolina conference. We fell in love with the people, energy, and positive, forward thinking. We were surrounded by people – including high school students and senior citizens – all of who were asking questions, offering solutions, sharing history, and strategizing.

We facilitated a panel discussion on HBCUs: Their Mission, Their Value, Their Future. The panelists were Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins: President, Bennett College; Dr. Karrie G. Dixon: Interim Chancellor, Elizabeth City State University; Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins Sr.: President, Livingstone College; and Dr. Elwood L. Robinson: Chancellor, Winston-Salem State University.

During the conversation, Chancellor Robinson shared how Winston Salem State University doubled the amount of “gap funding” scholarships it offers to students. Gap funding fills the “gap” between what grants, scholarships and financial aid cover and what it costs to go to college. The “gap” is what leads students to leave college before graduating. Increasing gap funding increased the graduation rate!

So how does this relate to fundraising?

First, raising funds for scholarships remains a critical priority. Scholarships and financial assistance change the future. Higher education remains the pathway to increased financial stability and prosperity for individuals, their families, our communities, and the economic development of cities and regions.

Second, corporate representatives are true partners across the nonprofit sector. Their funding clearly makes a difference. Equally important, corporate representatives bring resources that leverage their funding, as well as investments from other sources. At the State of Black North Carolina the question was asked of the HBCU leaders: “how can I help?” The responses didn’t

focus on money. No, the presidents and chancellors asked for increased partnership, they talked about the value of internships for students, convenings of leaders, and research that will impact how education meets community needs in the area of allied health. The question brought the conversation alive in a new way.

There are so many ways we can give. Yes, we need to give our financial resources, we can also give of our leadership, relationships, and our access to power and influence. If you are a corporate representative or leader, remember to ask, “how can I help?” If you are a nonprofit leader, be prepared to answer the question. You need more than money – ask for it.



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# COMMUNITY

## HBA of Saginaw and Saginaw Career Complex Build Playhouses for Building Trades Fundraiser



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In the building industry, hardworking and passionate employees are hard to come by. There is, however, growing interest in the trades at the high school level. The Saginaw Career Complex is a vocational education center with a program for building trades, in Saginaw County. Allen Thompson is the teacher of the building construction classes. While the class size is small, the students are dedicated to exploring and growing in the home building industry. "I'm so pleased to be able to offer this kind of education to these students – they're interested and hardworking, and I love being able to grow and support that interest and passion," says Thompson of teaching the classes.

When Michelle Revette, Executive Officer at the Home Builders Association of Saginaw got wind of this newly repurposed program, she knew that this was a project worth investing in. "The builder and sub-contractor members often

discuss the importance of starting young in this industry, and when I met Allen and his passion for the program, I knew we had to be involved," she explains. HBAS members met and agreed to support Thompson and his students. "For the builders, this is helping their future workforce flourish. For the students, this is the chance to see how bright and fulfilling their future can be. It's a win-win situation," says Revette.

President of the Home Builders Association of Saginaw's Board of Directors Steve Zietz (owner of Steve Zietz Builders) dove wholeheartedly into becoming engaged with the SCC students. Zietz says, "I cannot believe the passion these kids already have for this industry. It's refreshing, and exciting to see. I want to be able to give them the opportunities they need to keep going." And so he has. In March of this year, Zietz partnered with Thompson on behalf of the HBAS and helped

the students to build not one, but two beautiful playhouses. The students learned how to build from the ground up, with materials donated by other HBAS members. "This is one of the coolest things we've ever done. It was inspiring to work with a great builder like Steve. Even though it was hard work, we all really loved doing it, and we're all really proud of what we accomplished," says SCC student Robert Thomas Jr.

The handcrafted playhouses are being raffled off to raise money in further support of building trades programs during the HBAS Parade of Homes (May 12, 13, 16, 19, and 20). Tickets are \$5 each, and can be purchased at the HBAS office (3165 Cabaret Trail, Saginaw) or Designers' Touch Decorating Center (8362 Midland Rd. Freeland, MI 48623). Tickets are available through May 25th, 2018. Donations to the Building Trades programs are also welcome at the Home Builders Association office (3165 Cabaret Trail South Saginaw MI 48603) where one of the playhouses is on display. Donations will help pay for materials and supplies for the class. For more information on events, education, or the Parade of Homes, visit [www.hbas.org](http://www.hbas.org)



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# Guiding Principles of Systems of Care



In systems of care, State, county, and local agencies partner with families and communities to address the multiple needs of children and families involved in child welfare and other service systems. At the heart of the effort is a shared set of guiding principles that include interagency collaboration; individualized strengths-based care; cultural competence; child, youth, and family involvement; community-based services; and accountability. These principles are essential elements of any successful system of care. The implementation of these principles reflects the common goals of the agency, community, and family to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of children, youth, and families.

## **Interagency collaboration**

Engages child- and family-serving agencies from the public, private, and faith-based sectors.

## **Individualized strengths-based care**

Acknowledges each child and family's unique set of strengths and challenges and builds care plans that optimize those strengths while meeting the challenges.

## **Cultural competence**

Refers to a defined set of organizational values and principles, as well as behaviors, attitudes, policies, and structures that enable systems to work effectively cross-culturally.

## **Family and youth involvement**

Requires mutual respect and meaningful partnership between families and professionals at all levels.

## **Community-based services**

Engaging home, school, and community-based resources as the optimal method for providing care and support to children and families.

## **Accountability**

Refers to the continual assessment of practice, organizational, and financial outcomes to determine the system of care's effectiveness in meeting the needs of children and families.

This month, Saginaw MAX System of Care (SOC) would like to focus on the principle of Interagency

collaboration. When actively involved, these agencies or systems which include; family, schools, mental health, faith, juvenile courts, DHHS, civic and non-profit, significantly enhance the likelihood of students remaining enthusiastically engaged in their education. This year communities across the nation observed Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>, (a week long celebration in the United States observed the first full week in May with Teacher Appreciation Day being the Tuesday that falls during Teacher Appreciation Week) in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Month. A successful public education experience requires involvement and collaboration among all of the child serving systems including active family and youth participation. We have chosen to highlight an exemplary model of systems partners working together to provide a very positive learning experience for children in a local elementary school.

The community was out in full force on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to share in the Jesse Loomis Elementary School/ Victorious Believers Ministries STEM FAIR - 2018. Saginaw MAX SOC participated in the planning and implementation of the After School Initiative during the Fall of 2017 and volunteered support in the form of pizza, tutoring and at times just being another adult presence in the classroom. Meeting Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4p to 5:30p, the entire fourth grade class studied and played math games which enhanced their skills in division and multiplication. The STEM Fair was the culmination of the VBM after school robotics program and a mini grant from DOW Chemical. Dow Promise partnered with VBM to host the Little Engineers' Robotics Mini STEM Expo. The SOC Interagency collaboration principle can also be likened to the old adage, 'It takes a village'. Village support was unmistakable with vendors and sponsors donating equipment, supplies, but most importantly volunteering to share of their time and talent helped to make the event an incredible success.

Let's first acknowledge the two most ardent supporters of the Jesse Loomis/VBM STEM initiative. Principal Cynthia Townsend and Pastor Christopher V. Pryor are now in their third year of providing a positive after school experience for the children entrusted

to her care. Arranging meals and bus transportation for students participating in the program is no easy task; however Ms. Townsend was unremitting in her efforts to overcome any obstacle to students receiving every opportunity afforded to them through community support. Pastor Pryor has been equally committed to assuring the students that the tutoring program would be available for the entire school year. His determination was evident 'back at the fort' i.e. the church where he spearheaded the recruitment and training of a steady supply of volunteers many of whom were in need of a bit of refreshing and in many instances being totally updated in the rather new and improved methods of studying and teaching mathematics. All volunteers had to undergo the required Saginaw Public School District background check with the safety and well-being of the students being the chief concern.

A special thank you to Dr. Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, Harvey Randall Wickes Endowed Chair in International Business, Saginaw Valley State University. An enormous part of developing and cultivating a lasting interest in mathematics or any of the STEM focused subjects is making it enjoyable. Dr. Joseph created raps (students were in agreement that he should keep his day job), poems, games and rhythmic beats which helped participants to have fun while learning. Like all other volunteers, he was present for the after school activities for the entire school year.

What can we say about teachers and staff who stayed after school two days each week for an entire school year? Fourth grade teacher Ms. Christine Klein alongside Site Coordinator Jenna Perez also volunteered to spend an entire Saturday afternoon at the STEM Fair with hundreds of families, children and community members present to work with students and judge the competition. Thank you for your continuous commitment to the children and families we serve.

STEM Expo Vendors & Sponsors include Dow Chemical Company, Castle Museum, Saginaw Valley State University Mobile Science Lab, Mid-Michigan Science Entertainer "Dr. Slime", SASA Robotics Team, Kiss 107.1, Jessie Loomis Elementary, Saginaw High School Robotics Students, Saginaw MAX System of Care, Jesse Loomis Elementary School and Little Engineers Robotics STEM Expo

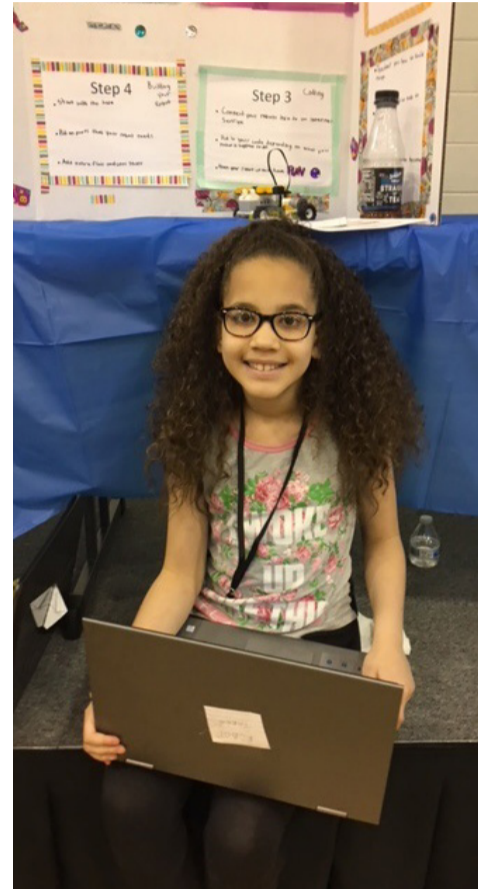
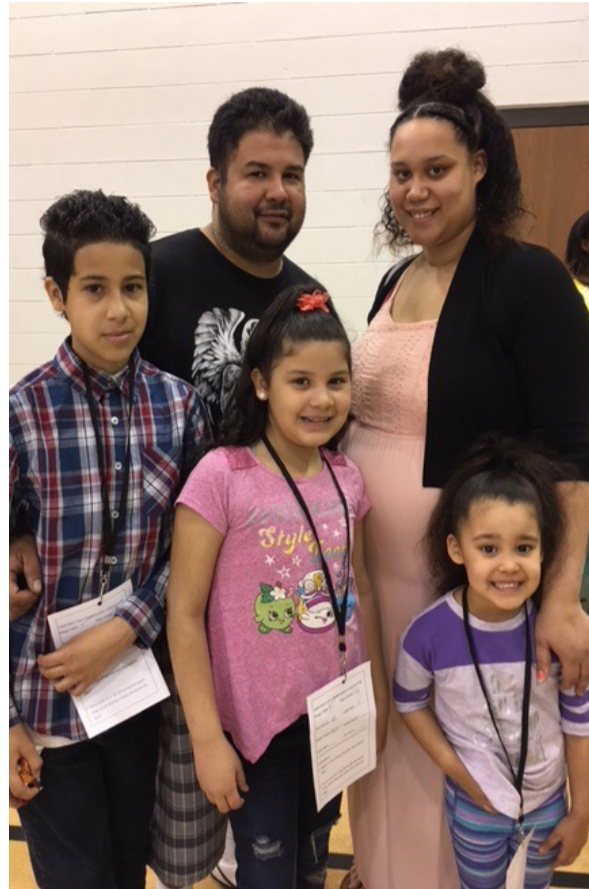
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# Guiding Principles of Systems of Care:

## *Jesse Loomis Elementary School/Victorious Believers Ministries STEM FAIR*





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# Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority to host Everyday Heroes Banquet

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Everyday Heroes Banquet will take place on Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.

Tickets are available for \$27.50 at <https://www.sccmha.org/success-stories/everyday-heroes.html>. Guests will enjoy a plated dinner, a program that honors and celebrates consumer successes & personal growth as well as community volunteers and organizations who contribute to the mission and vision of SCCMHA.



## We See them every day.

It's not hard to find heroes. They are in our midst every day. They are people who meet, and rise above some of life's toughest challenges. They are people who make a difference -- in their lives, in the lives of other people, in the fabric of our community.

Please join us for a celebration of the accomplishments of many of those people who have made a difference. They are our Everyday Heroes, and they have made a huge impact on Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority and the many people it serves.

**Everyday Hero** Award given to consumer receiving services from SCCMHA network that has attained personal success and accomplishment worthy of recognition.

**Eric Gascoyne**  
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**Robert Landskroener**  
**Jacob Mangas**

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**Tanara Simpson**  
**Michele Sura**  
**Billy Ray Thompson, Jr.**  
**Jordan Wise**

**Bernice Barlow Community Partnership** Award given to individual that has shown commitment to the power of partnerships with SCCMHA, which in turn, has improved services to Saginaw County citizens.

**CMU Health - Pediatrics**

**Improving Practices Champion** Award given to SCCMHA staff member or provider that has advanced the challenge of implementing Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices or Promising Practices in our community.

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## If you would have told me 12 years ago that I'd be preaching I would not have believed you...

To tell me I'd be Pastoring in this season of my life would seem a little extreme; BUT GOD. That's really all I can say. I started preaching at 16 as a child under the leadership of Pastor Larry D Camel and the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church where I served faithfully for 10 years serving a dual role in ministry as the drummer as well as Minister. Watching him and First Lady Shirley Camel really gave my wife and I a goal to work as a team in ministry. Getting to this point in my life has not by far been easy. But I will say it was all worth it. As a young preacher I've been broken to the point where I questioned my calling many of days I no longer felt like preaching and I said to God why do I have to be mistreated and hurt when all I ever wanted to was serve you. And it was not until I reached what I thought was my breaking point that God put his hand on my chin and lifted my head up and said to me It Had To Happen This Way. God said I have to allow you to experience some things in order for you to be able to help the people I'm calling you to serve. God said there are so many broken people that need to be put back together again. When God began putting me back together he placed Elder Patrick W. Sanders Senior Pastor of the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church in Flint into my life when my family and I needed him most he taught me that no matter how high God elevates me that I am a Husband, Father, Son, and Brother and it's important that I have a balance When it comes to Pastoring. Pastor Sanders and Lady Ann have been there for my family and I and treated us like there own children and he definitely showed me the importance of family.

When putting me back together God sent my family and I to the Mt. Moriah baptist church under Pastor Johnie F. Edwards and First Lady Edwards they showed us the true meaning of what it means to love inspite of. Pastor Edwards shared with me that our Job as a pastor is to preach the word and love Gods people no matter what the case may be. No matter how they treat you you still have to love them he said some days as a pastor you may have to correct but you still have to do it from a place of love. The love that they have for me has helped to heal me from the inside out

In March of 2018 I received a phone call from Pastor John Rencher of the Zion Valley Baptist Church located at 517 Carlisle Street Saginaw Mi 48601. He said that its was time for him to retire and he asked God to show him who he wants to be his new successor and in a vision God showed him my face. He said God told him that I would be the preacher to help restore the church as well as the community around the church not knowing if my wife and I would hear the same thing from God he went to the church and asked would they have me as there new Pastor and they all were in agreement. After a few weeks of Praying and seeking God he showed me that he wanted me here to build and restore this church as well as the community because of the things I've been through I would be the one to help others. And May 6th 2018 I became The New Pastor Elect of Zion Valley Baptist Church. A church that believes "There Is Always Victory In The Valley."(Psalms 23:4)

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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Gov. Rick Snyder Announces Winners for 2018 Governor's Service Awards

LANSING, MICH. – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced the 38 winners of the 2018 Governor's Service Awards. The winners are individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations that were selected for their commitment to volunteerism, service or philanthropy.

“This year’s winners have inspiring stories. They have made a tremendous impact on the lives of others through their service,” Snyder said. “I am extremely grateful for the contributions they have made for Michigan and am honored to recognize their incredible accomplishments.”

The Governor’s Service Awards winners will be honored during a special ceremony hosted by the Michigan Community Service Commission on Tuesday, June 5, at the Wharton Center in East Lansing.

The winners include: (Click the winner’s name to view their full biography or visit [www.michigan.gov/GovernorsServiceAwards](http://www.michigan.gov/GovernorsServiceAwards) for more information)

Gov. George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award: Lowell Spieth (Hillsdale)

Lifetime Humanitarian Award: John and Cleo Leppien (Alma), Marsha J. Smith (Traverse City)

Volunteer of the Year: Timothy Danielson (Ludington), Kenyetta Dotson (Flint), Connor Miller (Traverse City), Wendy Jo Morrison (Brighton)

Senior Volunteer of the Year: Sarah “Sally” Fallon (Hillsdale), Lyle Gunderson (Ludington), Virginia Ellen Abbott-Maxwell (Benton Harbor), Doris McCutcheon (Auburn Hills), Mary C. Payne (Muskegon), Jan Thomas (Copemish), Sandra Bowden-Whelton (Williamston)

Youth Volunteer of the Year: Allison Heath (Bloomfield Hills), Desiree Herrst (Bellaire), Ahmad Hider (Dearborn), Chintan Maheshwari (Farmington Hills), Katie Sesi (Ann Arbor),



*courtesy photo*

Katharine Shao (Northville), Christopher Wendt (Newberry)

Mentor of the Year: Lee Ellen Kerr (Auburn Hills), John Noling (Muskegon), Khali Sweeney (Detroit), Charles Thomas (Sterling Heights)

Outstanding Volunteer Program: Lake Superior Volunteer Corps (Marquette), Life Remodeled (Detroit), Team Rubicon Michigan (Statewide)

Outstanding National Service Program: Advise MI at Michigan College Access Network (Lansing), RSVP at Valley Area Agency Aging (Flint), Rural Opportunity VISTA program at Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (Lansing)

Corporate Community Leader: Dort Federal Credit Union (Grand Blanc), Lansing Board of Water & Light (Lansing), Sachse Construction (Detroit), teamGM Cares (Detroit)

Education Service Leader: Jackson College

(Jackson), Michigan State University (East Lansing), University of Michigan-Flint (Flint)

In partnership with the Michigan Community Service Commission, the Council of Michigan Foundations and the Michigan Nonprofit Association will give two Community Foundation Philanthropy Awards.

Community Foundation Philanthropy Award: Charles “Charley” Janssen (Lansing), Carlene Walz Lefere (Jackson)

The Governor's Service Awards ceremony is an annual statewide recognition event acknowledging the contributions made by Michigan volunteers. The event is coordinated by the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC), the state’s lead agency on volunteerism. The MCSC strives to engage all Michigan residents in volunteerism to address critical community challenges. The MCSC is housed in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

# Michigan Department of Civil Rights Releases One-Year Update on Flint Water Crisis Report



*courtesy photo*

Lansing, MI - The Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) today released a one-year update on the Michigan Civil Rights Commission's year-long investigation into the civil rights implications of the Flint water crisis.

The Commission's original report, *The Flint Water Crisis: Systemic Racism Through the Lens of Flint*, included seven recommendations for action identified as essential in responding to the crisis and the abridgement of the civil rights of Flint residents. In the report update, the Department outlines progress made toward achieving each of the report's recommendations, with a specific focus on actions taken by MDCR and the Commission in response.

"In 2017, the Commission outlined seven principal recommendations in the Flint Report. Many are beyond the control of the Department or the Commission; some are generational at best," said MDCR Director Agustin V. Arbulu. "Though the Commission's recommendations may be aspirational, they provide us with a road map to follow and make incremental steps forward."

The full update, available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcr/Flint\\_Water\\_Update\\_620973\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcr/Flint_Water_Update_620973_7.pdf), describes some specific steps MDCR has taken toward achieving these recommended goals, including but not limited to:

- Integrating a racial equity framework into all MDCR internal processes and public initiatives.
- Hiring the first Racial Equity Officer within Michigan state government, who will also work with local units of government in Michigan.
- Building the Department's capacity and knowledge base in the areas of implicit bias and structural racialization, with a special focus on educating local units of government in providing racial equity training to all personnel.
- Adopting the Truth, Racial Healing and

Transformation (TRHT) process, developed by the WK Kellogg Foundation and the Council for Michigan Foundations, and committing resources to TRHT processes in four Michigan cities - Flint, Lansing, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

- Redoubling community engagement efforts by assigning MDCR staff to community liaison positions in vulnerable communities throughout Michigan.
- Placing civil rights investigators on-site at organizations in various Michigan communities to provide education on civil rights issues and take complaints, with an initial emphasis on reaching African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Arab Americans in Flint, Detroit and Grand Rapids.
- Leveraging a \$20K grant from the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) to strengthen community partnerships and develop a racial equity lens to address the issue of fair housing in the city of Kalamazoo.

"The Flint Water Report was a groundbreaking examination of the role race and racism played in creating a public health crisis of historic proportions," said Arbulu. "The Department of Civil Rights is committed to learning from this crisis and using the tools and resources at our disposal to realize real change. We have a long way to go before we achieve racial equity in Michigan, but we are committed to the journey."

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission was created by the Michigan Constitution to safeguard constitutional and legal guarantees against discrimination. The Commission is charged with investigating alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin, sex, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record, and physical and mental disability.

## Safety improvements start Monday on US-10 BR in Midland

**COUNTY:**  
Midland

**HIGHWAY:**  
US-10 Business Route (Buttles Street)

**CLOSEST CITY:**  
Midland

**START DATE:**  
Monday, May 14, 2018

**ESTIMATED END DATE:**  
Friday, May 14, 2021

**PROJECT DETAILS:**  
The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in partnership with the city of Midland, will reconfigure Buttles Street from three lanes to two lanes between M-20 (Jerome Street) and State Street. This will begin a three-year pilot project to improve safety and provide additional space for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The reconfiguration, also known as a road diet, will be monitored and re-assessed after three years before consideration of a permanent implementation.

**Project map:** <https://goo.gl/Hiumwx>

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:**  
Traffic will be maintained with a single-lane closure.

**SAFETY BENEFITS:**  
This project is expected to improve safety for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.



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## SPORTS

# The Ladies Professional Golf Association and DOW partner to bring new team competition to Midland



*courtesy photo*

MIDLAND, Mich., May 10, 2018 – The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) announced today a new official LPGA Tour event coming to Michigan’s Great Lakes Bay Region next summer. The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, a 72-hole team event, will debut at Midland Country Club from July 17-20, 2019. The partnership between Dow and the LPGA is initially for five years.

“We are so thrilled to bring this event to the region to further showcase all that the Great Lakes Bay area has to offer,” said Jim Fitterling, chief executive officer-elect of Dow. “The impact of this event will extend far beyond the golf course, as this unique partnership offers a great platform to build our community and explore the intersections between golf, our business, and life, especially in the areas of careers and inclusion.”

The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational will offer a format unlike any other event on the LPGA Tour. The 72-hole, stroke-play tournament will feature 72 two-player teams competing in both foursomes and four-ball with a \$2 million purse. Further details, including team composition guidelines and selection deadlines, will be finalized ahead of the

2019 LPGA Tour season. Tickets for the event will be modestly priced, including free admission for children age 17 and younger.

“Our players and fans have consistently asked about a team event on the LPGA. I know our players will enjoy this event, as much as our fans,” said LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan. “I’m excited and honored to have Dow expand its partnership with the LPGA family, and launch this incredible event. Personally, I can’t wait for 2019, when we debut the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational to our fans from around the globe.”

The announcement was made at Midland Country Club and showcased the true regionalism of the Great Lakes Bay by including live feeds from City Market in Bay City, Saginaw Country Club in Saginaw, Pohlcat Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant and Dow’s Global headquarters in Midland. LPGA stars Juli Inkster, a member of both the LPGA and World Golf Hall of Fame; Katherine Kirk; Brittany Lincicome; Jenny Shin; and Angel Yin joined community leaders, Dow and LPGA representatives and members of the Great Lakes Bay Region to celebrate the first time that a team format will be used in an official LPGA

tournament since the Tour was founded in 1950.

While this is the first official team event for the LPGA Tour, there have been several unofficial team competitions since the Tour was founded in 1950. Notable unofficial team events include the Hot Springs 4-Ball Invitational (1955-58) and the Women’s World Cup of Golf (2000, 2005-08). Also, the Wendy’s 3-Tour Challenge (1992-2013) and Hyundai Team Matches (1994-97, 1999-2002) included competitors from the PGA Tour and PGA Tour Champions.

Similar to Dow’s sponsorship of the Dow Tennis Classic, the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational will seek to reach out to the region’s youth. Dow and the LPGA are committed to helping educate students about the sport of golf, enable them to engage and learn about pursuing excellence in health and wellness while at the same time appreciating the diverse international and cultural backgrounds of the players.

The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational will be the first elite professional event at Midland Country Club. The course opened in 1928 with a design by founding club member and community leader Gilbert A. Currie. The course was redesigned by Larry Packard in 1970 and by Jerry Matthews in 1990. The most recent redesign, headed by Craig Schreiner, was completed in 2009 and is highlighted by the signature 18th hole’s island green.

The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational joins the Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions as new events for the 2019 LPGA season. It also further strengthens the partnership between the LPGA and Dow. Earlier this year, Dow joined the LPGA Tour as an Official Marketing Partner, and it also serves as a founding partner of the LPGA’s new online platform, the LPGA Women’s Network.

For more information about the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, visit [www.DowGLBI.com](http://www.DowGLBI.com) and follow along on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@DowGLBI).



## Youth Baseball/Softball Camp at Hoyt Park

1574 S. Washington Street

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\*Sign-in begins at 10 AM

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### Camp Registration Form

**June 19-20, 2018**

**\$20 per participant**

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Register for league at [www.playpass.com/saginawcountyparks](http://www.playpass.com/saginawcountyparks) or visit Parks office

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size:

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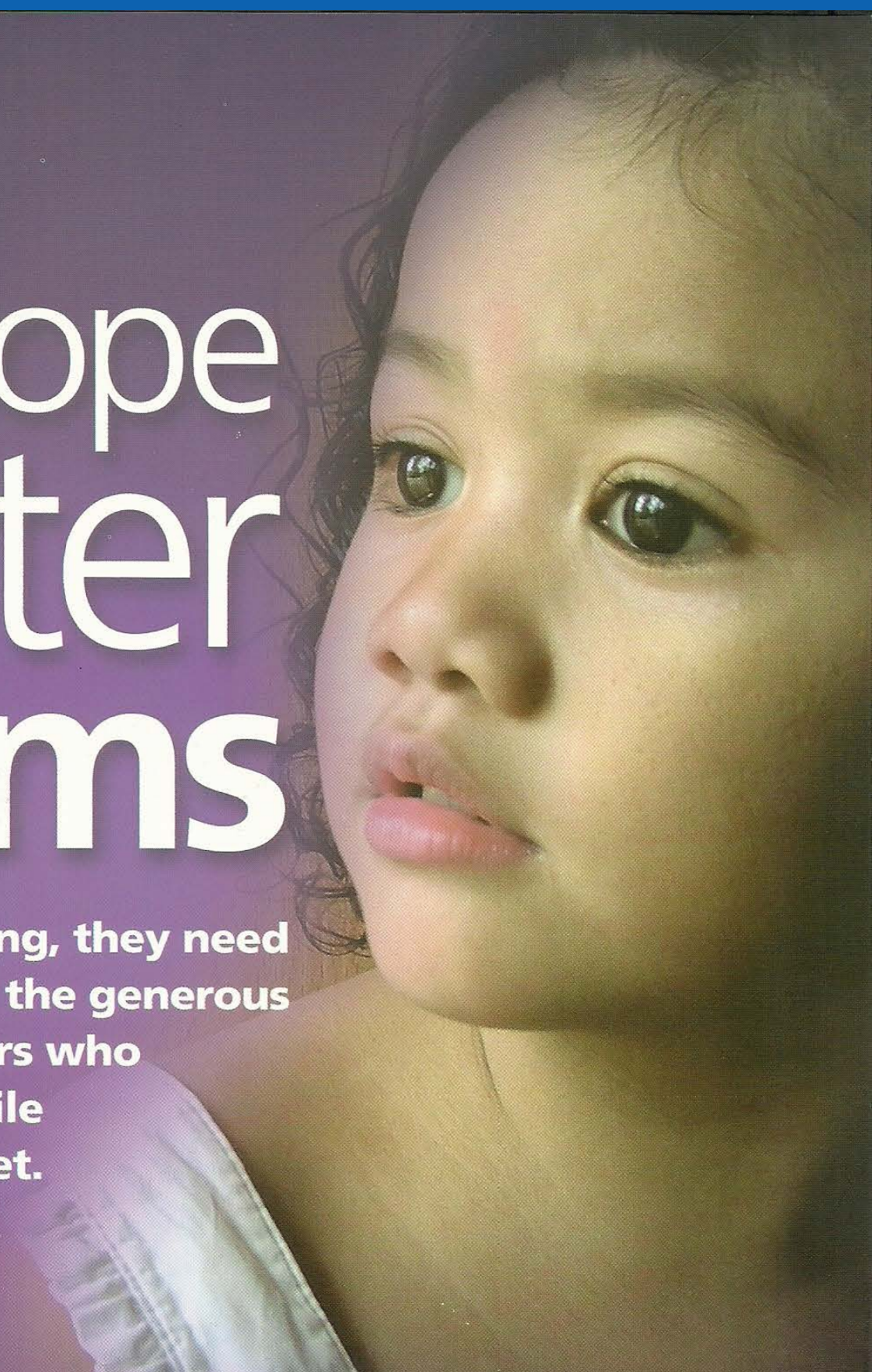
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START DECEMBER 31, 2017

## Route 1:

Was: (INBOUND) Congress > Mason > State  
Change to: (INBOUND) Congress > Bay > State

## Route 211 becomes Route 112:

Was: Perkins > Outer > Woodbridge  
Change to: Woodbridge > Outer > Perkins  
Adding: Ricker Center

## Route 3:

Stays on Michigan to Superior - No bridge crossing  
Drops: YMCA (YMCA on Route 7)

## Route 54:

Drops Ricker Center (Ricker Center added to Route 112)

## Route 6 changes to Fashion Sq and SVSU Express:

Was: Weiss > Bay > SVSU > Tittabawassee > I-675  
Change to: I-675 > Fashion Sq > SVSU > Fashion Sq > I-675  
Adds: Fresnius Dialysis Center

## Route 7:

Adds: Ruffin Clinic, YMCA, MI Works, DaVita Dialysis  
Drops: Michigan Ave (added to Route 3)

## Route 82:

Was: Vets > Jefferson > Warren  
Change to: Jefferson > Warren > Vets  
Will take Jefferson to Williamson (Drop Holland, Weber, Hess)

## Route 9:

Drops inbound WalMart stop (Route 6 adds a WalMart stop)

## Route 106 - Big Changes!:

Will now Depart at top of hour (:55) instead of bottom (:25)  
Was: I-675 > Tittabawassee > Fashion Sq > Bay > Weiss  
Change to: Weiss > Covenant Mackinaw > Fashion Sq > Tittabawassee > I-675  
Adds: Covenant Mackinaw  
Drops: Bay Pointe Apts, Southbound Bay (Route 9 Adds Southbound Bay)



## PIC OF THE WEEK

**Mayor Gary Ruppert and Senator Ken Horn enjoy bratwurts at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 20<sup>th</sup> annual Walk MS event in Frankenmuth**



# THE AFRICAN BEAR

By Joann L. Washington

Long before our work-a-day world, even before the mighty lion was deemed king of beasts...there lived amongst the untamed thicket, the most celebrated and beautiful creatures in all of Africa...the African Bear.

These hulky, black, beasts dwelled in the deepest part of the jungle. The African Bears preferred to inhabit the cool, damp caves by day. By the light of the moon they roamed the jungle for sugary red berries, and tangy-fat tree worms, and plundered the honey bee's hive to feast on their gooey sweet nectar. After delighting in stolen honey, into the endless blue river they'd go to wash and wade.

Yes, it was the best time to be an African bear. They kept to themselves, and for the most part, were rarely seen by other animals in the jungle. Why, most believed the African bear was only a silly myth--and didn't exist at all!

On the other side of the African savannah lived, Mighty Grey Elephant, Quick-Crafty Leopard, and Bold Brave Lion, with their many kin. On the sparkling lakes basked hundreds of cackling birds in a sundry of spectacular colors that squawked and flapped their wings all the day. Mighty Grey Elephant swung her heavy trunk into a lush patch of leafy trees. She pulled down a hefty pile of tasty leaves for herself and her young bulls to munch. "Nice day," she said to Quick-Crafty Leopard, "you really should take better care of yourself...you look rather thin."

Quick-Crafty Leopard sneered at Mighty Grey Elephant. "It's much too hot to eat! And anyway, I'm a Leopard...I'm supposed to be lean...you loony elephant!" The leopard slowly dragged his withered body over to the bustling lake. Soon he vanished between tigers, rhinos, hippos, zebras and scores of squawking birds. The days in the jungle were scorching and long. Animals that were usually tame and sweet agitated easily and squabbles erupted in the dwindling reservoir daily.

For weeks Bold Brave Lion watched the lakes fade a little each day. The very jungle under his feet split and cracked like a fragile bird's egg. "We must gather

all of our families and leave soon," he said with great authority, his hard golden tail whipping behind him. But no one cared what he said. They didn't even like Bold Brave Lion; who was he anyway? For Bold Brave Lion did not yet know how to use his mighty voice to make the green jungle shake...and the ground beneath quake.

After Mighty Grey Elephant and her young bulls finished their snack, they slowly lumbered towards the lake. Just before they reached the water she turned her heavy head and spoke to Bold Brave Lion,

"You really should learn how to relax Oh Bold Brave Lion...look here," she said pointing her trunk at the sparkling water, "there is enough water to last forever and ever! How sweet it is to drink...and how cool it is to splashed and play. You take yourself much too seriously Lion." She mockingly chuckled, and dashed water in his direction. "You Silly Grey Elephant! How foolish you are! Look how you squander our precious resource. Soon the day will come when there will be no more sweet water to drink...and no water to cool your hide!" scowled the lion.

Mighty Grey Elephant and her young didn't hear him. They just sunk deep into the cool, sparkling lake. They drank, splashed and played. And the birds crackled and squawked all the day. Then one bright, blistering morning when the animals came down to the lake to drink the sweet clear water, and splash and play in its sparkling coolness they were quite surprised. To everyone's dismay, the lake had shriveled up. Only a large black mud puddle remained. A noisy gaggle of birds flew around and around the mud puddle. They squawked and cried, "Oh, What shall we do? What shall we do?"

Bold Brave Lion sat in a stream of golden light that shone around his head in silence. Quick-Crafty Leopard just stared blankly at the dirty puddle, with his large pink tongue dangling from his mouth. Mighty Grey Elephant just sobbed and hugged her young. The other jungle animals grumbled and moaned, they were hot and thirsty! It was a terrible sight to see, a terrible sight indeed! Everyone worried

about what to do next. Suddenly Bold Brave Lion spoke, a little louder this time. Now filled with panic and fear the sad thirsty animals listened.

"We must gather our kin and leave this place to seek sweet water on the other side of the savannah." The animals commenced to complain and whine--all at once! What a awful fuss they made! Suddenly an ear popping noise resounded throughout the jungle. It came from Might Grey Elephant's big snout. The startled beasts hushed their fuss, and stared wide eyed at Mighty Grey Elephant.

"Stop it! Stop it at once I say!" She lifted up her heavy trunk and blew through her snout. There again, that sound came out. "Listen to Bold Brave Lion he is wise. He can lead us to a new home!" "How did you do that?" asked monkey. "You can lead us!" said giraffe.

Suddenly, all the animals cheered for Mighty Grey Elephant to lead them to their new home on the other side of the jungle. Mighty Elephant's small eyes sparkled. She lifted up her heavy trunk and once again blew once again. That powerful noise exploded again. She became proud, and forgot all about Bold Brave Lion.

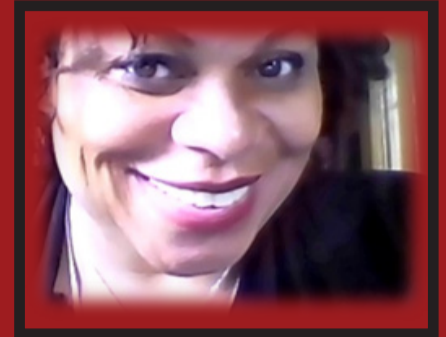
"MY! MY! I didn't know I could do that! I just got so terribly angry and blew into my nose and out it came! It's a wonderful sound. It's a joyous sound! And I'm the only one that can do it! Bold Brave Lion can't make a noise as great as mine...No! No! No! As a matter of fact, none of you can. So I guess...I must be a leader! Everyone great and tall, big and small, follow me!!" She bubbled with pride.

"That is a strong sound you have in your nose, Mighty Grey Elephant. But, how will you protect us from the MONSTERS! What about the bone crushing, fearsome African Bears?" warned Quick-Crafty Leopard. A stark hush fell over the animals. "Yes, that's right" They nodded their heads in agreement.

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### STORY COLLECTION





# The African Bear, continued...

The monsters are sure to eat us, one by one they twittered. "I hear they are fond of monkey meat too!" chattered one black-faced monkey. We cannot leave here! We will surely die, they sniveled.

"And if we stay here we will die!" voiced the lion, "Mighty Grey Elephant is great! If there is such a monster, she will simply squash it like a grape!"

"Bold Brave Lion is right," bubbled the elephant, "I will smash any monster that dares bothers us! We will find our new home, where there is much sweet water to drink, and plenty of food for all to eat. Follow me!!"

So, off they went by land, air, and tree. It seemed the entire jungle moved with the Mighty Grey Elephant, on and on they labored, by day and by night, until finally the weary throng of animals came to a great river surrounded by tall lush grass. Upon seeing this magnificent blue river the weary and thirsty animals plunged into the cooling water and filled themselves until their bellies nearly burst.

The animals were so overjoyed, they practically forgot all about the so-called dangerous African Bear. However, upon hearing a great clamor of laughter and splashes that coming from the river, a group of nearby African Bears curiously gathered to watch the strange animals frolic in their sweet blue river, in the last flush of daylight.

Their frolicking lured more and more African Bears from their cave to watch the jungle animals in curious fascination. The lofty black bears finally emerged from the thick grass and slowly moved toward the basking throng. Closer and closer they moved in, without making a sound. Like a quiet storm. Like great black mountains the African Bears stood on two feet. Their wet noses wiggled, doused in a variety of unfamiliar scents.

Suddenly the bird's frantic shrieks and crows alarmed them. "Monsters! Monsters! Run for your lives!" They frantically plummeted through the dense trees, "Monsters! Monsters! Run for your lives!!"

In frozen disbelief they watched from the water. Unable to move, they looked on as the massive cloud of black bears closed in. Quick-Crafty Leopard nervously pawed one of Mighty Grey Elephant's legs, "Mighty Grey Elephant...you are our leader...do something!! Anything! Squash them like a grape!" Might Grey Elephant was so struck with fear; all she could do was to clench her young tightly around her. "Use your strong noise!!" urged Quick-Crafty Leopard, "They're getting too close! Use it NOW!"

"I can't!" gasped Mighty Grey Elephant, "I'm too afraid! Oh-no! We're done for! I can't watch!" She

closed her eyes. There was one amongst them who did not bask in the wide blue river. One who did not let its beauty and coolness draw his guard down. Bold Brave Lion leaped through the thick grass and instinctively let out a mighty roar so big...it made the jungle shake...and the ground beneath quake! None of the animals could believe this sound. Not even Bold Brave Lion. Again, he roared and the African Bears climbed down from their stance, and backed away from Bold Brave Lion, and the herd of basking animals.

All eased back except for one exceptional big black African Bear. "This is our home," he said in a gentle voice. "You may drink the water...and eat food if you must...but you cannot stay!" he whispered to the lion. Bold Brave Lion felt strong and sure, "We have traveled a long way to seek a new home. We are weary. Why not share your bountiful sweet river and lush jungle with all?"

"Have you left your home to lay claim on ours? We have lived here, alone, for three hundred-years and you and your herd cannot stay! We seek to harm no one. Only to be left to our solitude and freedom. Feed if you wish! But come five moons... if you haven't left, I will kill you and eat your heart. For you are no doubt their kings.

Be gone!" warned the bear. Then it vanished between the grasses and late evening sky. When night fell, all the animals chattered about Bold Brave Lion, and his magnificent sound. How did he know exactly what to do...? They wondered.

Bold Brave Lion wasn't the least bit afraid of the monster bears! Even Mighty Grey Elephant couldn't disagree.

So late that night, the animals decided that Bold Brave Lion would be their new leader, and from that moment forth, everyone listened and showed respect for his wisdom. Bold Brave Lion told everyone what the big African Bear had said. They were very afraid. Bold Brave Lion had a special something. And it came from within.

He had a way to just smooth their old fears right into the river. The lion just told everyone to make this place their new home, and make peace with the African Bears. He told them they must never call them "monsters" again!

Five moons passed in the night sky. As promised, the huge bear returned. With hell-fire in his eyes hungry for Bold Brave Lions beating heart.

Somehow the bear was not surprised to see Bold Brave Lion still there. It was in the eve of day. Every jungle eye gazed upon the lion and the bear.

"You will die Oh foolish lion. I have not eaten in five days! I will take your heart now!"

"You will feast on my heart bear. Enjoy it, while I call you my friend." smiled Bold Brave Lion. The African Bear made a terrible sound, and thundered across the grass. He had every intention of ripping the lion's heart out, and swallowing it down whole.

Bold Brave just sat very still with the last glow of flickering sunlight gleaming in his eyes. Down came the snarling beast upon him, his claws ripping into lions hide. Down came the jagged teeth across his chest. Then suddenly the birds in the trees began to sing.

"We call you friend! We call you friend! We call you friend! We call you friend!"

They chanted so sweetly high up in the sky. The tigers and rhinos joined in too, followed by the wild dogs, and Quick Crafty Leopard, Mighty Grey Elephant and her young bulls were right on cue. Monkey, hippo, lizard, hyena and snake, they all sang loudly!

The snarling African Bear lifted his deadly claws into the air to snatch the lion's heart out, and gobble it down. Bold Brave Lion merely lay helpless and watched.

"We call you friend Oh mighty Bear...We call you friend." the wounded lion gently whispered. "Stop it! Stop it!" the bear roared, "You sing in the face of death? And you still call me your friend? You are either very tricky or very. Bold and Brave Lion! You have defeated me without suffering a scratch, yet I am wounded."

Wounded by your kindness...I am ashamed. We will leave this place. We will go far way. Where there is no lion, or monkey or ape. We will go so that we may never be reminded of this shameful day!" moaned the bear. And that was that last Bold Brave Lion and the jungle animals ever saw of the African Bear.

They left the hot jungle and traveled north, so far up north that over time their thick sable coats, turned as white as snow!

The very day the bears left, the lion was deemed King of all beasts! And even to this day, no bears are found in Africa!

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