



National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
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Dear Friends and Supporters:

It is with great honor and respect that the Battle Creek Senior Branch of the NAACP invites your support of the 2019 NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the McCamly Plaza Hotel Ballroom. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Honorary co-chairs are Samuel Durham & Teresa Durham and Terris & Karen Todd.

The theme of the event is **“When We FIGHT, We Win,”** and recognizes the enduring contributions made by all Battle Creek residents who have acted in the spirit of support for freedom and civil rights to which all are entitled. Keynoting the event is an experienced social entrepreneur and social justice advocate, Stefanie Brown James, Co-Founder of The Collective.

Since 1909, the NAACP has helped guide America’s moral compass to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination. The Battle Creek Senior Branch and its friends have been aiding in this monumental task since it was founded in 1924. The work of the local branch helps create an environment that promotes positive economic and social conditions. We do this by empowering youth and adults through activities and programs designed to inform, protect and propel them to achieve self-sustaining goals. Since our last Freedom Fund Dinner in 2018, the branch has been busy working for the rights and in the interest of all Battle Creek residents.

Locally the proceeds from the Freedom Fund Dinner are used for operating expenses and funding programs. Local programs include the Heritage Quiz Bowl, voter registration/education, GOTV initiatives, legal redress, and ACT-SO. In addition, we continue to support and partner with nonprofit organizations within the community.

It is through the generous support of individuals and businesses/organizations like you that the Battle Creek Senior Branch of the NAACP continues its work. Won’t you help? Please consider sponsorship or a generous donation. Enclosed is a contract we would like you to complete and send all information to: NAACP, ATTN: Freedom Fund Dinner, P.O. Box 1436, Battle Creek, MI 49016-1436. Also enclosed is a membership form that you may duplicate (one membership per person/organization). Participation may be in the form of a sponsor, life membership, general membership, placing an ad in our souvenir journal, purchasing tickets to the Freedom Fund Dinner or all of the above. Whatever you provide will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to: Battle Creek NAACP. **Please return all information by October 11, 2019.** If you have any questions, please contact co-chair Samuel Gray at (269) 209-0293.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity on behalf of the Freedom Fund Committee:

Carey J. Whitfield, President
Battle Creek NAACP

Membership is power - Join today