



The African American Museum and Cultural Center: Our Posterity and Our History.

The AAMCC of NM initiative began in 2002 with the goal of researching, collecting, preserving, documenting and interpreting the history and culture of Americans of African descent in NM and the Southwest.

The museum through exhibits, (40 panels of African American history in the state), and symposiums around the state has been doing all of the above. The museum is keeping our African American history Visible, Vital and Valuable as we strive for a physical structure to house our history.

The museum has the unique opportunity to take (10) middle and high school students to Washington DC. ,from July 27 thru July 31, to visit the newly opened National Museum of African American History and Culture. The trip will include visits to African American Landmarks in D.C., The Air and Space Museum, The MLK Memorial ,The Frederick Douglas home ,and many other historic sites. We will also visit the U.S. Department of Energy and the New Mexico Congressional Delegation

We believe this experience will help maintain for these young people a vital connection with their legacy, past, present and future. The museum will assist these young people in tying NM African American history into the larger picture of African American History throughout United States

We will meet with the young people twice before the trip to give them some areas of focus and connection between NM history and US history including:

...The military and the journey of the Buffalo Soldier to the West and NM

...The Homestead Act, the Exodusters and the building of Black Townships (Blackdom NM)

...Segregation in schooling throughout the country and in NM. Along with Jim Crow laws

...Patterns of resistance through individuals, organizations, and social clubs.

The museum is excited to have these young people experience walking through a museum and seeing people who look like them on the wall. They will be able to see the accomplishments of people who look like them, knowing with a certainty that yes, we were here, we are here and we have contributed to the greatness, the very soul of this country.

The young people will report back to their NM community on their return through an open forum at a reception sponsored by the museum. All donors will be recognized at this special reception.

A Sponsorship form is attached.

Respectfully,

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