8th Annual Black History Celebration Planned for Montgomery County

Norristown, PA (February 14, 2012) -- Montgomery County’s 2012 Black History Celebration will be held Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Human Services Center, 1430 DeKalb Street in Norristown, PA. The program theme – “Black Women in American History and Culture – Women Supporting Women – Lifting as we Climb.”

“This is an important event as Montgomery County celebrates its African American heritage,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the Montgomery County Commissioners. “I urge everyone to support this effort that demonstrates the importance of the contributions of African American women, to our country, and particularly, our county.”

“On behalf of the Montgomery County Black History Month Committee, it is our honor to pay homage to courageous trail blazing women that have come before us,” said Black History Committee Chairperson LaVera Seymour. “With their help and support women have been able to have the opportunity to succeed in all fields and endeavors of life. Though we have made great strides, there is still much work to be done. It's our turn to provide the necessary uplift to women of today, tomorrow and beyond by creating more opportunities to be successful women. Let us continue to ‘lift as we climb’.

Featured speakers are Renee Amoore of the Amoore Group and Rochelle Griffin-Culbreath, former president of Norristown Municipal Council. In addition, opening remarks will be offered by the County Commissioners.

Eisenhower Middle School Choir will be perform in addition to musical entertainment by The Hancock Fourth Grade Chorus, Drums Larry B. Hopewell, poem Silvia Lares, special dance Richarda Dinkins and much more. Educational and inspiring information about Black history throughout the centuries will be made available, as well as, Free Health Screenings.

Americans have recognized Black history since 1926 when Carter G. Woodson established the second week in February as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

“We value the dignity of every individual and recognize that each of us has a responsibility in our own way to advance the common good,” Seymour said. “Our diversity is our greatest strength, and day by day, we will continue to thrive and make great progress in our schools, our neighborhoods, our workplaces and our homes. It is a pleasure to celebrate our history with the residents and students of Montgomery County.”
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