

The *March* Family presents

2025

Inspiring
JOY



DEVANI SUTTON

Devani Sutton's journey is a powerful testament to resilience, passion, and purpose. Growing up in Richmond, VA, she always had a deep love for creativity. After being accepted into the Art Institute of Dallas's fashion program, a gut check led her to acknowledge that her true calling was in hair care. "I've always styled hair—whether it was my dolls, my grandma, or friends," Devani recalls. Her instincts were right: hair school became a natural fit, and she excelled quickly, diving straight into the salon world after graduation.

After completing her training, Devani moved to California in January 2020, joining the renowned RVM Salons on Wilshire Blvd., a luxury salon known for its glamorous ambiance and high-profile clientele. RVM had become a hotspot for Hollywood's elite, with appearances on reality TV shows and influencers flocking to the salon for flawless glam. Devani, full of excitement and ambition, was ready to make her mark in the heart of LA's vibrant beauty scene..

But just a few short months after arriving in California, the pandemic hit, and the world came to a standstill. The salon industry was forced into lockdown, leaving Devani stranded in a city she had just moved to, unable to work. Undeterred, she flew back to Richmond, continuing to serve her loyal clients while maintaining her dreams of breaking into the Hollywood scene. Her talent and ambition would later send Devani back to California on assignments, working on high-profile productions, Tubi movies, and TV projects like *The Bold and the Beautiful*. As she continued to refine her skills while navigating the ups and downs of the industry, Devani realized that her greatest joy was in forming genuine connections with people—especially those who needed her care the most.

In Richmond, Devani opened The Suites at Salon Iman, creating a space where other stylists could grow their businesses in a supportive, intimate environment. Her approach to hair care isn't just about beauty—it's about wellness, confidence, and nurturing the soul. Partnering with local mental health facilities like Poplar Springs, Devani offers services to young people recovering from trauma, abuse, and mental health challenges. "It's about making them feel special and loved," she says. Devani's story proves that no matter the setbacks, following your passion and serving others can turn obstacles into opportunities for growth, joy, and transformation.



January 2025

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			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
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19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
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Janice Curtis Greene's life is a vibrant tapestry of purpose, joy, and legacy, woven together by storytelling, faith, and community. For over 25 years, Janice has captivated audiences as an American Griot—an expert storyteller who brings African, African American, and multicultural histories to life. Whether performing with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra or sharing stories with children in local schools, she uses storytelling to bridge the gap between past and present, instilling timeless lessons of courage, resilience, and hope.

Janice laughs as she recounts how parents tell her their children came home saying they met Harriet Tubman. It makes sense, she explains, because on stage, it's as if she channels the very spirit of the life she's reenacting. Dressed as Tubman, Janice transforms into the legendary abolitionist, singing Wade in the Water and recounting Tubman's early struggles. She doesn't just teach history—she becomes it. The children are spellbound, learning about Tubman's legacy in a way no textbook could convey. Through Janice's embodiment of Tubman, the past comes alive and connects to their present, making history personal.

In addition to her storytelling, Janice directs the Sacred Dance Ministry at New All Saints Catholic Church. She believes that a true legacy is not built on fame or material wealth, but on the goodness one leaves behind. This philosophy has sustained Janice through life's greatest challenges. After the loss of her sons, Calvin and Barry, she found comfort in her joy journal, reflecting on moments of gratitude despite her grief. She also gave thanks for her remaining son and husband, reminding herself that joy is not circumstantial—it is an inner force to be nurtured and shared. Janice encourages everyone to find their own joy and spread it, like a river flowing through the community, touching all it meets.

Through her work in storytelling, dance, and faith, Janice continues to inspire. As the Official Griot of Maryland and a member of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, she is dedicated to preserving the African American experience and empowering the next generation to share their stories. "Each of us has a story to tell," she says. "If you hold it in, it dies within you, and it does no good for anyone else." Janice's life is a living example of the power of sharing our stories and the legacy of joy that endures.

**JANICE
CURTIS
GREENE**

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 National Freedom Day Black History Month
2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Rosa Parks Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentines Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 African American Scientist & Inventor Day	26	27	28	



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

ARUNA MILLER

Aruna Miller is the 10th Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, the first immigrant elected to a statewide office in Maryland, and the first South Asian woman elected lieutenant governor in the United States.

Born in India, Lieutenant Governor Miller and her family immigrated to the United States when she was 7 years old. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Her policy profile includes matters relating to transportation, mental health, and STEM equity. Alongside Governor Moore, Lt. Governor Miller is committed to leave no one behind.

In her everyday authentic kindness, Lt. Governor Miller inspires joy in everyone she meets. She is an inspiration to us all in the life she leads, and for her...

Joy is found in moments of pause. It's the comforting smell of my mother's cooking, the nostalgia of a childhood song that takes me back in time, watching my children grow into adults, snow falling, the indulgence of crusty, cheesy pizza, the reassuring weight of my husband and dogs nestled beside me in bed, and the deep gratitude I feel for the people and life I've been blessed with. Joy isn't just taking it all in, it's more about giving it back and paying it forward every day, in every way. Joy is in the simple, everyday treasures that make an ordinary life extraordinary."





March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Women's Appreciation Month
2	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Starts	10 Harriet Tubman Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22
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CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

The Stewart Brothers, Gary and Aaron, are proof of how faith, family, and music can blend to create something truly transformative. Raised in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, they grew up surrounded by the powerful hymns that have inspired generations. Gary, with his natural gift on the organ, and Aaron, who followed his musical big bro, picked up the bass and drums, were both drawn into the church's music ministry from a young age. Eventually they became proficient enough to play with the church choir. One day, when they were just becoming teenagers, they were playing for a service where a visiting church came from New York. The church was almost 5 hours late. Gary was already on the organ when someone handed Aaron the mic and he sang lead for the first time. On this day, the young brothers would find their rhythm. When their performance was over, the congregation, that had already been sitting there for hours, was moved to tears. Naturally connected as siblings, this day marked the birth of the Stewart Brothers.

What started as a church performance soon evolved into full-fledged concerts. In 2018, the Stewart Brothers held their first major event—a hymn concert at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church. The turnout was so large that it overflowed into the surrounding area. The following year, they hosted a concert at Bethel AME Church in Baltimore, which was met with the same enthusiastic reception. This success inspired the brothers to release their first single, "Lift Them Up," in August 2020, followed by their debut album, Encounter Hymn, in February 2021. The album debuted at number six on the iTunes Christian music charts, cementing their place in the music world.

The title Encounter Hymn is a deliberate play on words, encounter Him. Resonating deeply with the brothers' mission to bring people closer to God through their music. With just an organ, a mic, and their unique interpretation of classic hymns, Gary and Aaron have moved congregations and concertgoers alike, bridging generations with the power of song.

Gary, married with twin toddlers, and Aaron, a newlywed, minister, and proud Omega Psi Phi member, continue to push forward in their music and ministry. For them, the greatest reward is seeing how their music impacts others. So, stay tuned, because the best is yet to come.

THE *Stewart* BROTHERS



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April Fools Day	2 Autism Awareness Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Passover Begins at Sundown
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday Last Day of Passover	21	22 Earth Day	23 Administrative Professionals Day	24	25	26
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Maria BROOM

Maria Broom's life is a vibrant blend of art, resilience, and authenticity. Born in West Baltimore, her passion for movement was nurtured early by her mother. At six, a life-changing trip to see the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo ignited her love for dance. By 13, she was studying ballet at the prestigious Peabody Institute, setting the foundation for a lifelong journey in the arts.

Maria continued her education at Morgan State University, focusing on modern dance, and later earned a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Germany. In Berlin, she became one of the few Black women in the city's performing arts scene. It was there she performed in the German production of *Hair* and joined the cast of *Murderous Angel*. Maria's time in Europe taught her that the best opportunities often come when least expected, and embracing the unknown can lead to extraordinary possibilities.

After returning to the U.S., Maria worked as a flight attendant for Pan Am, which gave her the chance to travel the world. During a layover in Nicaragua, a chance encounter with a news crew led to a career shift: Maria was offered a position as a reporter in Miami, later relocating to Baltimore's WJZ TV. Her distinctive voice and natural charisma quickly made her a local star, and her "Viva Maria!" billboard campaign cemented her as a household name. She even formed a lasting friendship with a young new hire—Oprah Winfrey.

Despite her television success, Maria's true passion remained with dance. At 28, she made the bold decision to return to dance full-time, opening a studio in Mondawmin Mall. She later earned a master's degree in dance therapy, using dance as a tool for emotional and spiritual healing in hospitals, prisons, and therapeutic settings.

While a generation of fans know Maria best for her iconic roles as an actress in *Clara's Heart*, *The Wire*, *The West Wing*, *The Corner*, and *Homicide: Life on the Street*, her true gift extends far beyond acting. Maria's real power lies in spreading joy and creating lasting impact through her authentic energy. She is a natural creator of positive vibrations.

Unlike other Hollywood elite, the positivity she radiates is no act—it is the essence of who she is. Her energy flows effortlessly, inspiring and uplifting everyone around her. Whether teaching at the Baltimore School for the Arts, Peabody Preparatory, and Center Stage, or advocating for restorative justice through her Village Bully Project, Maria empowers and uplifts others. Her life, soon to be chronicled in the documentary *Viva Maria*, reminds us that true greatness isn't about performing a role, but embodying the goodness you wish to see in the world.





May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Day of Prayer Asian American Pacific Islander Month	2	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 National Day Nurse's Day	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31



CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Vinny GREEN



Success for Vinny Green has always been about more than just the product. It's about community, leadership, and empowering young people to change their lives. A fixture in Baltimore, his journey with Taharka Bros., the city's beloved ice cream company, is a powerful testament to these values.

Starting as a high school freshman working his first summer job at Taharka Bros., Vinny never imagined that he would one day become a co-owner of the business. The company was founded by Sean Smeeton with the mission to provide opportunities for young people to lead and thrive. Vinny embraced the chance to grow with the company, taking on various roles over the years and eventually stepping into a leadership position.

What makes Taharka Bros. truly unique is its deep commitment to social change, with a focus on providing employees the chance to become owners. This co-op model, which Vinny himself benefited from, allows individuals to build a future and gain leadership experience. Beyond the rich, all-natural flavors like Honey Graham and Key Lime Pie, it's the company's belief in nurturing young people that sets it apart.

Raised in West Baltimore, Vinny understands the challenges young people face, but he used those challenges as fuel to push forward. Instead of falling victim to his circumstances, he seized the opportunities that came his way. Today, his story serves as an inspiration to many, showing that success isn't determined by where you come from, but by where you're willing to go.

Taharka Bros. now includes four retail stores and around 140 wholesale accounts, expanding its reach while staying true to its mission. Vinny is also deeply involved in local outreach, partnering with nonprofits, schools, and businesses to give back to the community. As a loving father, he believes in using his platform to help others succeed, just as he did.

For Vinny, ice cream is more than just a treat—it's an opportunity to spread joy. Every scoop of Taharka ice cream carries the love, passion, and dedication of a team committed to making the world a little sweeter, one moment at a time.



June 2025

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1 Pride Month	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Summer Begins	21
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CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

A woman with long, curly brown hair, wearing a green top and a necklace, is smiling and gesturing towards shelves of soap in a shop. The shelves are filled with various colored soaps, some with labels. In the background, there are more shelves and a chalkboard with text like 'TOTAL Exfoliation', 'LAVENDER', 'VANILLA SANDLEWOOD', 'PEPPERMINT', and 'HAIR & BODY'.

NADIRA CHASE

Nadira Chase's journey from the vibrant streets of the Bronx to the heart of Virginia is a powerful testament to resilience, creativity, and purpose. A serial entrepreneur and the founder of Adiva Naturals, a skincare and haircare brand, Nadira's story is driven by her love for her community and a deep passion for healing.

Her journey into natural skincare began at the age of 11 when she was diagnosed with psoriasis. Frustrated by conventional treatments that worsened her condition, Nadira turned to holistic remedies. She began experimenting with herbs and oils to soothe her skin and promote hair growth. What started as a personal quest for relief quickly became a mission: to offer others an alternative to the harmful chemicals found in mainstream beauty products.

Before founding Adiva Naturals, Nadira owned Tropical Soul, a beloved restaurant and lounge in Virginia. While balancing her love for food and hospitality, Nadira's passion for natural beauty began to flourish. It was in the basement of her former restaurant where the seeds for Adiva Naturals were planted. What began as a small, personal venture to create safe, effective skincare products soon grew into a thriving brand with a loyal following.

Adiva Naturals has since become a trusted name in natural skincare, with Nadira's products designed to nourish multicultural skin and hair. As one of the few small businesses in the U.S. that self-manufactures in her own facility, Nadira ensures every bottle reflects her commitment to purity and quality.

Beyond her work as a business owner, Nadira is a passionate mentor and advocate. Through her involvement with initiatives like Camp Diva, she empowers young women in her community, teaching them that true beauty begins from within and that their dreams are always within reach. She encourages them to embrace their authentic selves, take care of their bodies, and pursue their passions.

For Nadira, Adiva Naturals is more than a brand—it's a movement rooted in love, education, and empowerment. She believes that treating yourself with excellence leads to extraordinary results, inside and out. "If you treat yourself with excellence," she says, "you can achieve anything—and look, feel, and smell amazing while doing it."



March Funeral Homes

July 2025

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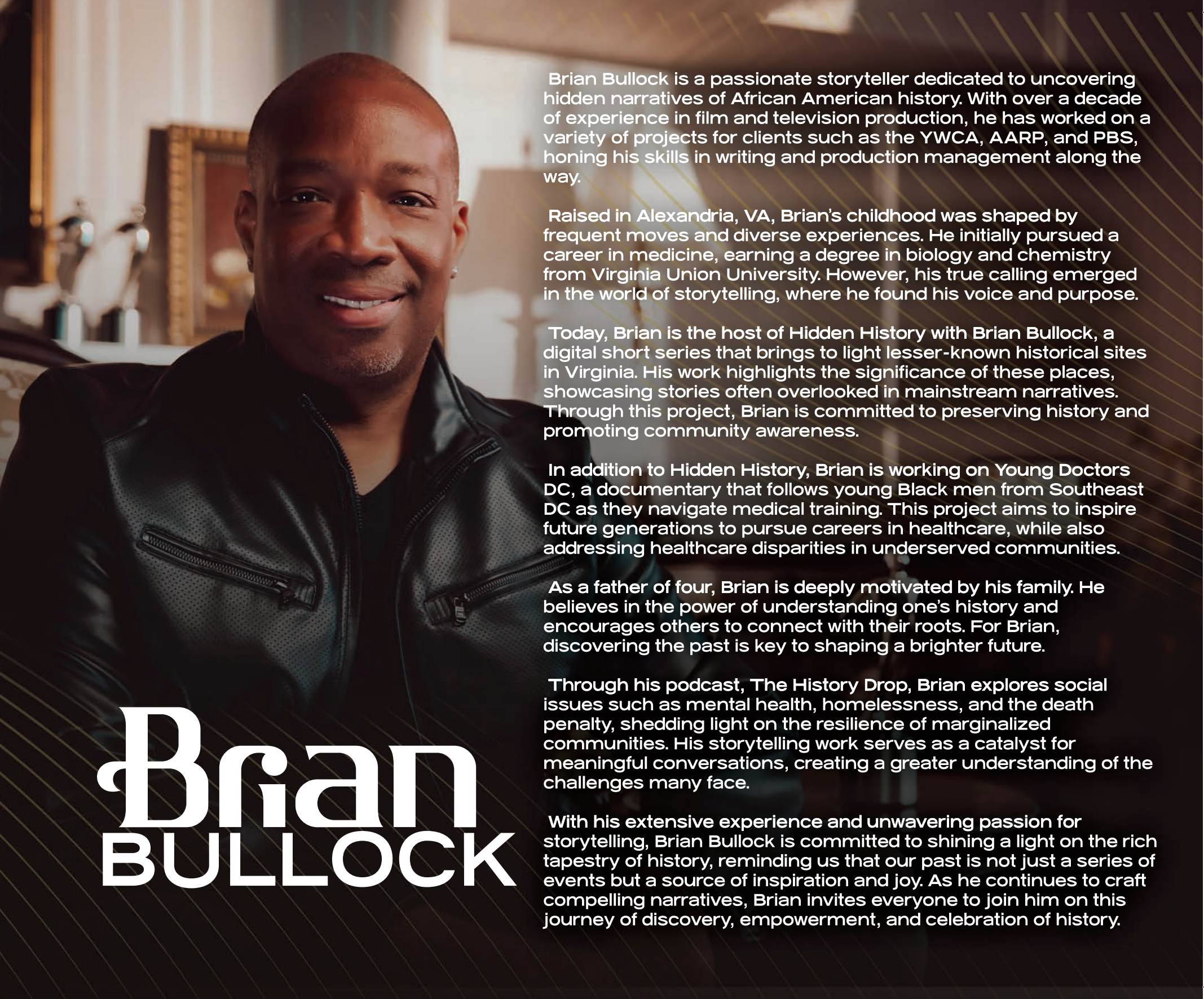
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CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



Brian Bullock is a passionate storyteller dedicated to uncovering hidden narratives of African American history. With over a decade of experience in film and television production, he has worked on a variety of projects for clients such as the YWCA, AARP, and PBS, honing his skills in writing and production management along the way.

Raised in Alexandria, VA, Brian's childhood was shaped by frequent moves and diverse experiences. He initially pursued a career in medicine, earning a degree in biology and chemistry from Virginia Union University. However, his true calling emerged in the world of storytelling, where he found his voice and purpose.

Today, Brian is the host of Hidden History with Brian Bullock, a digital short series that brings to light lesser-known historical sites in Virginia. His work highlights the significance of these places, showcasing stories often overlooked in mainstream narratives. Through this project, Brian is committed to preserving history and promoting community awareness.

In addition to Hidden History, Brian is working on Young Doctors DC, a documentary that follows young Black men from Southeast DC as they navigate medical training. This project aims to inspire future generations to pursue careers in healthcare, while also addressing healthcare disparities in underserved communities.

As a father of four, Brian is deeply motivated by his family. He believes in the power of understanding one's history and encourages others to connect with their roots. For Brian, discovering the past is key to shaping a brighter future.

Through his podcast, The History Drop, Brian explores social issues such as mental health, homelessness, and the death penalty, shedding light on the resilience of marginalized communities. His storytelling work serves as a catalyst for meaningful conversations, creating a greater understanding of the challenges many face.

With his extensive experience and unwavering passion for storytelling, Brian Bullock is committed to shining a light on the rich tapestry of history, reminding us that our past is not just a series of events but a source of inspiration and joy. As he continues to craft compelling narratives, Brian invites everyone to join him on this journey of discovery, empowerment, and celebration of history.

Brian BULLOCK



August 2025

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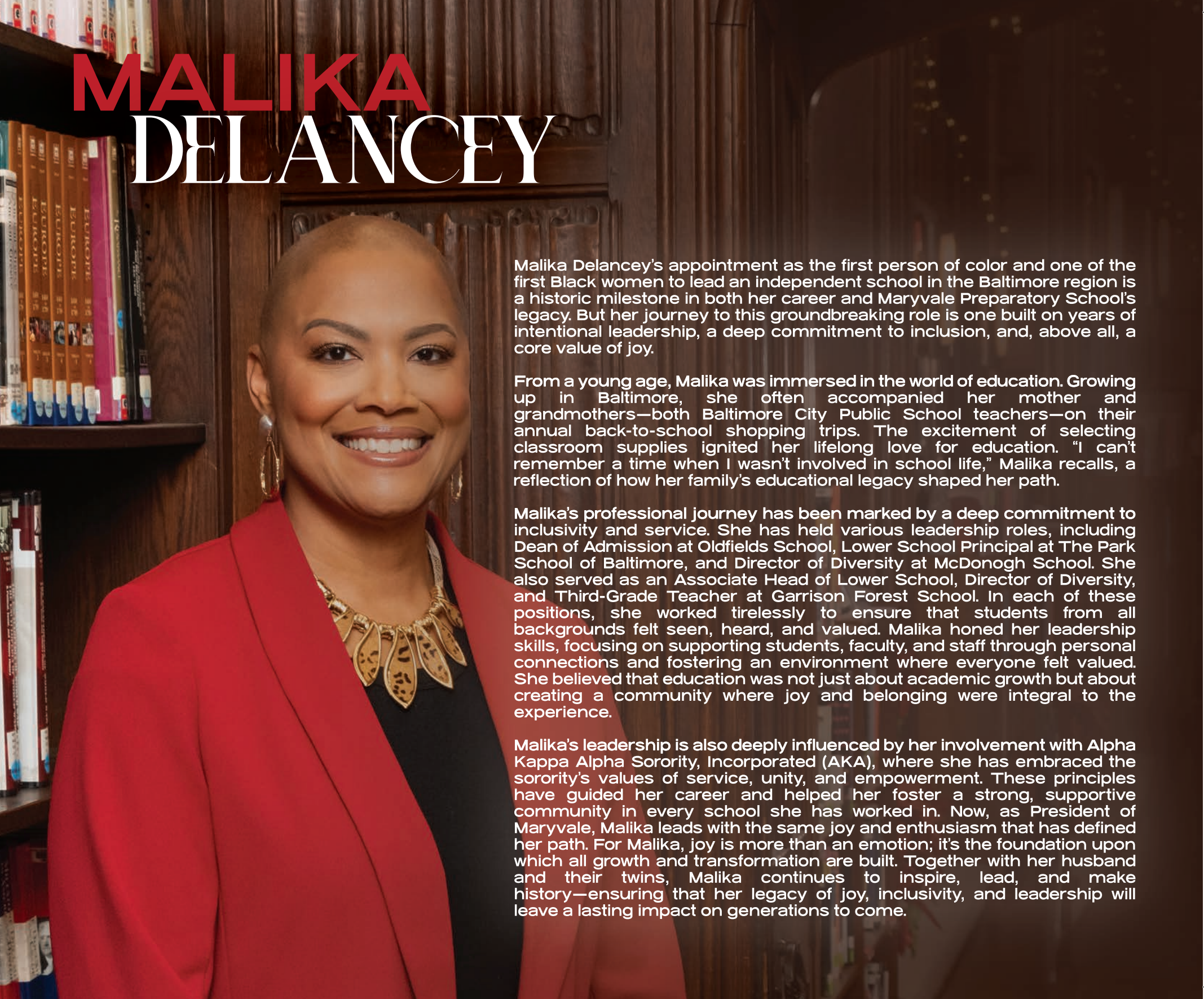
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CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

A portrait of Malika Delancey, a Black woman with a shaved head, smiling. She is wearing a red blazer over a black top and a gold necklace. The background is a wooden bookshelf filled with books.

MALIKA DELANCEY

Malika Delancey's appointment as the first person of color and one of the first Black women to lead an independent school in the Baltimore region is a historic milestone in both her career and Maryvale Preparatory School's legacy. But her journey to this groundbreaking role is one built on years of intentional leadership, a deep commitment to inclusion, and, above all, a core value of joy.

From a young age, Malika was immersed in the world of education. Growing up in Baltimore, she often accompanied her mother and grandmothers—both Baltimore City Public School teachers—on their annual back-to-school shopping trips. The excitement of selecting classroom supplies ignited her lifelong love for education. "I can't remember a time when I wasn't involved in school life," Malika recalls, a reflection of how her family's educational legacy shaped her path.

Malika's professional journey has been marked by a deep commitment to inclusivity and service. She has held various leadership roles, including Dean of Admission at Oldfields School, Lower School Principal at The Park School of Baltimore, and Director of Diversity at McDonogh School. She also served as an Associate Head of Lower School, Director of Diversity, and Third-Grade Teacher at Garrison Forest School. In each of these positions, she worked tirelessly to ensure that students from all backgrounds felt seen, heard, and valued. Malika honed her leadership skills, focusing on supporting students, faculty, and staff through personal connections and fostering an environment where everyone felt valued. She believed that education was not just about academic growth but about creating a community where joy and belonging were integral to the experience.

Malika's leadership is also deeply influenced by her involvement with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA), where she has embraced the sorority's values of service, unity, and empowerment. These principles have guided her career and helped her foster a strong, supportive community in every school she has worked in. Now, as President of Maryvale, Malika leads with the same joy and enthusiasm that has defined her path. For Malika, joy is more than an emotion; it's the foundation upon which all growth and transformation are built. Together with her husband and their twins, Malika continues to inspire, lead, and make history—ensuring that her legacy of joy, inclusivity, and leadership will leave a lasting impact on generations to come.



September 2025

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	1 Hispanic Heritage Month Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 National Grandparent's Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
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21	22 Rosh Hashanah Autumn Begins	23	24	25	26	27
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CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

BISHOP *WALTER SCOTT* *Thomas*, SR.



“Lord, I need you to show yourself mighty”
—this prayer, whispered from the depths of Bishop Thomas’s heart, has shaped not only his personal journey but his approach to spreading the goodness of God. Raised in a Presbyterian church, Thomas never planned on entering the ministry. But God had other plans. In 1971, he encountered the powerful preaching of the late Dr. Harold Carter, whose words ignited a deep calling within him. Thomas embraced the Baptist faith and received his calling to preach. Within two years, Thomas became the pastor of New Psalmist Baptist Church, which at the time had a modest congregation of only 200 members. Under his visionary leadership, the church grew, ultimately becoming one of the largest congregations with more than 8,000 active members. His unique ability to blend spiritual insight with practical leadership drew people in, building a community that thrived on faith, unity, and purpose.

Thomas’s education was as diverse as his ministry. Holding degrees ranging from economics to a Doctor of Ministry, he brought intellectual rigor to his spiritual leadership, blending scripture with real-world wisdom. In 2005 he was elected Presiding Prelate of the Kingdom Association of Covenant Pastors. He is known as a “Pastors Pastor” for his trusted advice to fellow leaders navigating the complexities of ministry. His written works, including *Spiritual Navigation for the 21st Century*, *Good Meat Makes Its Own Gravy*, *Hanging On By a Thread*, along with his editing of *Outstanding Black Sermons Volume 4*, further reflect his far-reaching influence.

A master storyteller, Thomas infuses his love for cinema into his preaching style, likening each sermon to directing a film. He approaches biblical texts not as a distant observer but as a director, vividly bringing scenes and characters to life. His sermons captivate the congregation, illuminating the profound truths of scripture through the lens of real-life experiences, struggles, and the ever-present grace of God. As he approaches 50 years of pastoring, Thomas has ensured the church’s future is in capable hands. His son, Dr. Walter Thomas, Jr., has been elected the next pastor of New Psalmist, while his daughter Joi serves as Director of Marketing, and his son Rev. Joshua pastors St. John Baptist Church in Gainesville, GA. With his wife Patricia by his side, Thomas steps into retirement, knowing his legacy will live on through the lives he’s touched. Well done, thy good and faithful servant.



October 2025

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			1 Pastor Appreciation Month Yom Kippur	2	3	4
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12	13 Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day	14	15	16 Boss' Day	17	18
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CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

THEA Washington

Thea Washington is not your average entertainment entrepreneur—she's a powerhouse of passion, creativity, and community spirit, weaving a career that spans the worlds of film, television, and music. Raised in Baltimore, with a mother deeply embedded in the music industry, Thea's early years were filled with the energy of live shows and behind-the-scenes exhilaration. From a Janet Jackson concert at six years old to touring with her mom, Thea was immersed in the heartbeat of the entertainment world.

Today, her career reflects that same vibrant energy. As the owner of Thea Washington Casting, she's worked on high-profile projects like *We Own This City* for HBO Max, *The Bachelorette*, *Big Brother*, and many more. Her experience spans reality shows, crime dramas, feature films, and commercials, with credits for Investigation Discovery, Reelz, TV One, and more. Whether casting everyday people or seasoned professionals, Thea has an incredible knack for finding the perfect fit.

But her work goes beyond casting. Thea has also made an impact as a media consultant for BlackPAC during Kamala Harris's campaign, where she developed and pitched media strategies to mobilize Black voters. She crafted powerful advertisements, organized events, and cast talent for campaign commercials to ensure they resonated authentically with the audience. Through this work, she became part of a larger mission to increase political engagement and give voice to underrepresented communities.

Her career began in the music industry at Sony, where she marketed emerging artists. From organizing club promotions to building relationships with tastemakers, she helped launch major artists while honing her ability to spot talent and spark buzz.

She is a dream maker that has shaped the careers of countless individuals while influencing the production landscape in the DMV area. But for Thea, it's about more than just work—it's about joy. A mother, fiancée, and active member of her community, Thea finds joy in simple moments, like watching her son catch the school bus after a hectic year of balancing family and career. "That small moment brings so much peace," she says. It's this joy and balance that fuels everything she does—from casting groundbreaking films to creating opportunities for young filmmakers through her Shining Stars Program in Baltimore City Schools. Through her work, Thea is not just casting actors—she's casting a brighter future for the entire community.





November 2025

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						1 Native American Month
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
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30 Advent Begins						



CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

CHARLENE

Fox

Charlene Fox's journey into caregiving and service for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities wasn't a path she initially envisioned. As a neonatal nurse practitioner, Charlene's career took a personal turn when her daughter was born prematurely. While caring for her daughter, Charlene began to explore a new venture alongside her family. Her sister, a mental health therapist, had developed a program to improve the lives of those with developmental disabilities, and though Charlene initially hesitated to work with adults, she embraced the challenge and joined her family's business—Family Life Services.

What began as a family venture driven by her sister's vision quickly became Charlene's lifelong calling. Over the next 24 years, she worked alongside her mother, brother, and sister to create a supportive and caring environment for individuals with disabilities. Each family member brought their own unique strengths: her mother, with a healthcare background, led the family's efforts, while her brother, a mortgage broker, secured the company's properties. Together, they built a successful, compassionate operation centered around love, care, and a shared purpose.

For Charlene, the work became deeply personal. She believes true joy comes not from fleeting moments, but from the ongoing commitment to serve others. Despite the challenges of caring for individuals with complex needs—ranging from physical and mental disabilities to dementia—Charlene and her team consistently seek to bring joy and dignity to their clients. She views joy as something renewable, sustained not by circumstances, but by the fulfillment of knowing she's living out her purpose. The company also strives to help their clients experience fun, adventure, and excitement by organizing outings, recreational activities, and vacations, ensuring they live vibrant, joyful lives.

Today, Family Life Services, located throughout the Richmond, Virginia region, provides residential care in six facilities and offers day programs that include life skills training, community outings, and even vacations for clients who might otherwise miss out on such experiences. Charlene and her family continue to live out their mission, bringing hope, dignity, and a sense of belonging to those they serve, leaving a lasting impact on their community. Charlene's story is one of faith and resilience. Her advice to those struggling to find joy is simple yet profound: trust that joy will come, and remember that it's a journey, not a destination.





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21 Winter Begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



CELEBRATING LIFE ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



William and Roberta never asked that any of their children should work in the funeral business and encouraged each to pursue their own dreams. By God's grace, each received their own personal calling to follow in their parent's footsteps, became licensed Morticians, and can be credited as the visionaries of the March expansions. Today, their funeral business has spread well beyond their family home on North Avenue. With eight funeral homes in three states, the March businesses serve as the only regional family-owned funeral company in the country. The March family also own and operate, a crematory, the largest African American cemetery in the United States, King Memorial Park, and have been internationally recognized for their philanthropic work.

William and Roberta would retire with the comfort of knowing they could successfully turn over full operations and ownership of the businesses to their four children. Victor, Sr., a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), would be named President and CEO. Erich, who worked with his parents managing the operations would serve as VP and COO of the funeral homes and President of King Memorial Park Cemetery. Annette, a Registered Nurse, is VP of Community Engagement and the President and founder of Roberta's House, the family's largest non-profit. Cynthia is also a Registered Nurse, lives in Richmond, VA, and serves as VP and Director of the Virginia operations.

A true family business, five other family members serve to build the legacy. Lola is the childhood sweetheart and wife of Victor, Sr., and is a VP and licensed Mortician. Many in the community know her for the care and love she extends to the families she serves as Manager of March-West and the March Life Tribute Center-Randallstown. Arthur "Dino" Grier, Annette's husband, is a VP and manages the company's fleet of vehicles. Although he is responsible for the core of the business's logistics, he's also well known for his days as a DJ. Blessing the booth of Gatsby's and many other hot clubs in Baltimore.

Three members of the 3rd generation grew up watching their grandparents and parents serve with honor and humility. Ultimately, receiving a calling all their own. Attending mortuary school together while working to expand and enhance the family business. They go on to graduate at the top of their class and become licensed Morticians. Nathan, son of Cynthia, is a Lawyer and serves as Legal Counsel for the companies. Victor, Jr. (Vic) and Carmalita (Carma) are the children of Victor, Sr. and Lola. Vic serves as the Director of Information Technology (IT) where he develops and manages the computer systems and network infrastructures across all the companies. Carma serves is General Manager of the funeral operations in the Washington DC metro area, Marshall-March Funeral Homes, and the March Life Tribute Center in Laurel, MD.

Together, the March Family is dedicated to building the future of funeral service and service to mankind. Read more details in the pages to follow:

William C. and Julia Roberta March were no strangers to hard economic times. They both grew up poor, by a different standard than we understand today. The grandchildren of slaves, they lived in a time of the Great Depression, segregation, and multiple wars. In their high school years both graduated from night school because they had to work during the day to support their family. William would be drafted to WWII. Upon his return home, he would use the GI Bill to pay for an education he wasn't previously afforded and went to Mortuary School. Years later, William the dreamer, wanted to purchase a fixer-upper row house and open a funeral home. Roberta supported her husband, packed up the home she loved, and with their young children in tow, moved to 928 E. North Avenue. Three months later, they hung a sign announcing that the William C. March Funeral Home was open for business. Success was not immediate. In their first year of business, the funeral home conducted a total of two services. The following year there were four. Even in the face of challenges, they were not deterred. The goal of providing their children with educational opportunities they never had was the driving force that caused them to work over 100-hours per week. His business mind and her compassionate heart combined to form what would become the March Legacy.



The rowhome at 928 E. North Avenue, which once served as a family home for six, transformed over time into a funeral home that would serve thousands each year. But within these walls, the March family built not only a business, but a deep and enduring commitment to their community. At the heart of this commitment was a shared belief in the transformative power of education, and the family's dedication to providing opportunities for future generations to succeed.

In 1981, the March family established the Thelma March Scholarship Foundation in honor of Thelma March, the late sister of William C. March. The foundation was created to empower young people from Baltimore's historic Black high schools, offering them a chance to rise above their circumstances and reach their dreams. To date, nearly one million dollars in scholarships has been awarded to deserving students from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and Frederick Douglass High School. These four-year college scholarships not only alleviate financial burdens but also provide students with the tools to pursue their academic and professional goals. The foundation's impact is a reflection of the March family's unwavering belief in the importance of education, and their desire to help students unlock their potential. The foundation is an essential part of the March family's legacy of community partnership and service. Through this commitment to education, March Funeral Homes has helped generations of students create brighter futures, ensuring that the March family's legacy will stand for joy, opportunity, and a belief in the power of education to transform lives.

The founding Marches would also be proud to know that their works, initially influenced by their desire to educate their four children would not only set a standard in their own family but also lead to the renaming of Harford Heights to the William C. March Middle School, now known as the William C. March Memorial Campus.



March Funeral Homes

EAST

1101 East North Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21202



To meet the needs of the expanding business, in 1978 the March family construct the first million-dollar funeral home in Baltimore. Located at 1101 E. North Avenue the new state-of-the-art building sits across the street from the rowhome that served as the original funeral home. The building's construction would serve as another example of the power of perseverance. Funding the project would prove difficult as banks denied any loan opportunities. Even the bank that held funds for the funeral home would not take a chance on the growing Black family business. Eventually 2 savings and loans and the SBA would help fund the expansion. The experience would help fuel the Marches participation in the founding of the Harbor Bank of Maryland, the first minority-owned commercial bank in the Baltimore area. They knew from their own experience the difficulties African Americans often have financing for their business ideas. Other ways the March family would invest in their neighborhood is the East North Avenue Community Development Corporation (ENACDC). Apples and Oranges, a grocery store Erich opened to provide healthy options in a food desert. Additionally, Roberta's House would revitalize the entire city block of the original funeral home.

March Funeral Homes-West opens. The new location increases the Marches' capacity to serve and was welcomed by residents of West Baltimore that were previously choosing to cross the invisible boundaries between the two sides of town. The building has two equally sized large chapels and peaceful viewing rooms to better serve each family's needs.

WEST

4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215



Laburnum Chapel

2110 East Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222



March Funeral Homes of Virginia is established. Located in the Richmond county of Henrico, this is the family's first venture outside of Baltimore, MD. A new name in a new city, business grew based on a reputation of excellence and a commitment to serve. Cynthia, who served as a public health nurse until 2003, returns to the family business as the Managing Director and Vice President. The beautiful facility, grand chapel, and March Way of conducting services and caring for families smooth a path to success.



In 2010, after 43 years of building her business with her late husband, Harold Marshall, Dr. Julia Marshall sells Marshall's Funeral Homes in Suitland, MD and Washington, DC to the March Family. The acquisition becomes Marshall-March Funeral Homes. With a motto of "One High Standard of Service", the pairing of the two companies was a natural fit.

4217 9th Street Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20011



The best practices from Marshall's and March were merged to better the entire brand. The original staff remained and Carmalita is named General Manager. The addition of locations in the DC Metropolitan area closes the gap between Baltimore, MD and Richmond, VA, making March the only regional family-owned funeral business in the nation.

4308 Suitland Road, Suitland, Maryland





LAUREL

7601 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707

The first March Life Tribute Center opens in Laurel, MD. The new facility is the first in the brand to house a banquet hall for repasts following services or various community events. More than a funeral home, the concept of a tribute center is established to celebrate all of life's occasions. Carmalita is named the Managing Director. The location also has an onsite crematory. This addition means families who choose cremation can be comforted in knowing their loved ones remain in the March's care. The March Life Tribute Center in Laurel also serves as a welcomed space for a mix of religions from Christian to Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu and others, and is as an ideal venue for cultures where witnessed cremations are vital to fulfilling rituals and traditions.



RANDALLSTOWN

5616 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, Maryland 21244

A second March Life Tribute Center opens in Randallstown, MD. This Baltimore County location immediately conveys the true concept of a Life Tribute Center. The multi-use venue not only has a grand chapel that can seat 500 guests and large banquet halls, but other rooms that can be customized to suit each individual need. This premier location has proven to be sought after as more than just a funeral home, hosting several weddings, parties, community events and more.



The March family is proud to announce the addition of the newly acquired Johnson-Fosbrink Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A. The already well established funeral home has thrived in the Towson community since 1960. With the passing of its owners, the March family steps in to build on the legacy of both companies.

Conveniently located in Towson, just off of 695 on Loch Raven Blvd., this new location extends our services to the northeast region of Baltimore County. Adding to the vision and planned expansions of the March Legacy.

The Intimate and soothing environment is designed with chapels that can be customized to seat guests for services or with an open floor plan to host family and friends in a warm home environment, full of keepsakes, mementos and love. Friends and family may also step away and have a refreshment in the cafe or a private moment in a side sitting room.

With the addition of a Northeast Baltimore location, families throughout Maryland, DC, and Virginia may be served with the highest standards of care and service consistent with then promises of The March Way.



Signature Vehicles

Riding the last mile with distinction—because we know this is a difficult time for you and your family, let us offer you a moment of comfort. Allow us to be your guide, so you can simply sit back, relax, and let us handle the journey.

From our historic first purchase of custom-made 6-door stretched limousines to our signature champagne-colored fleet, we've always been ahead of the curve. Now, we're proud to introduce our latest addition—2025 vehicles that continue to set the standard for elegance and comfort. Our Mercedes Sprinter offers an exceptional experience, providing a cozy, spacious environment for families to ride together, with room for 12-14 guests and refreshments onboard to make your journey as comfortable as it is dignified.

When it comes to honoring your loved ones, we don't just provide a ride—we create a lasting impression.



Holiday Giving

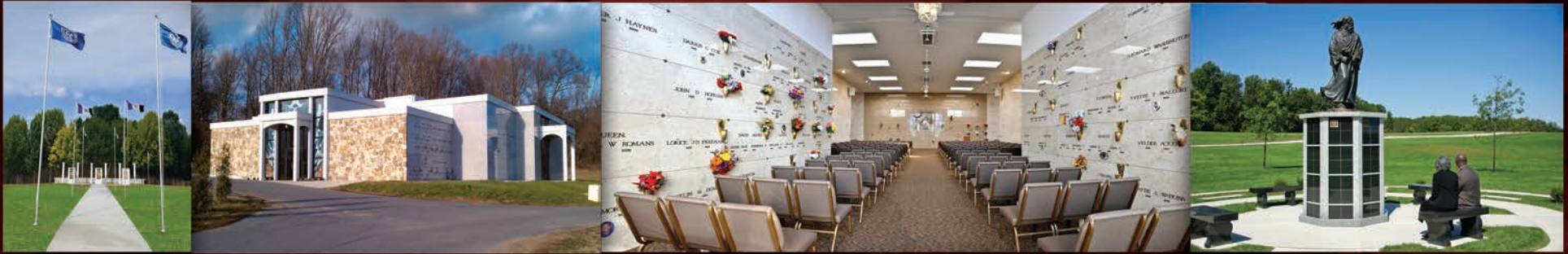


Adopt a family with us!
During the 2025 Holiday Season the March Family & Staff invite you to join us as we bless selected families with gifts and cheer for Christmas. For more information logon to MarchFH.com



WINDSOR MILL

8710 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21244

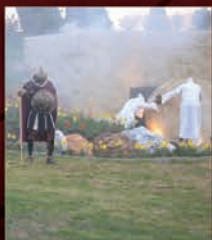


King Memorial Park Cemetery & Grand Chapel Mausoleum

The family's service to the community did not stop with the creation of March Funeral Homes. In 1971, as business was beginning to grow, the March family had the opportunity to buy fifty acres of land, zoned for use as a cemetery. William March gathered a group of several other black Funeral Directors, and together they partnered to form King Memorial Park. The accomplished Funeral Directors would soon learn that operating a cemetery required a different knowledge base and skillset. In addition to clearing the land to develop burial gardens and roads. They would need to learn things like, mapping the land, and how to encourage people to travel to what in those days, was a back woods part of West Baltimore County. The most sensitive challenge of a budding cemetery is, it required people to adjust their generational traditions and choose a new location for their family's final resting place.

As with many new ventures, the obstacles would prove too difficult for the other partners. In 1988 the March family acquired full ownership of the cemetery. Later, in 2001, they purchased additional acres, making King Memorial Park the largest Black-owned and operated cemetery in the United States. They would continue to develop the property with unique burial gardens, cremation niche options, and two mausoleums including the Grand Chapel Mausoleum which provides a beautiful indoor sanctuary where services can be held.

A belief that everyone deserves a dignified funeral and burial has always been a guiding principle of the March family. King Park is intentionally priced well below the industry with enhanced offerings included as standard. From dove releases to double depth burials. To sections for distinguished communities like First Responders and the Islamic Community. The cemetery provides a place of refuge and reflection as well as celebration. Annually hundreds gather for music and observance for the Memorial Day Service, Sunrise Easter Resurrection Service, and First Responder's Day.



King Memorial Park Cemetery & Grand Chapel Mausoleum

At King Memorial Park, there are tears and longing, but there is joy and memories also. Founded in 1973, on 155 acres of beautiful rolling hills, King Park is the premier African-American owned cemetery in the United States, serving more than twelve hundred families annually. Throughout the year, King Park celebrates the significant holidays for its families, to gather at the site of loved ones eternal resting place and give thanks for the blessing and gifts of the life they lived, with joy.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH, Month of February

King Park is honored to be the resting place of some of the Baltimore community's historically significant individuals that have made significant contributions and had a meaningful impact on many lives, such as the Mother Teresa of Baltimore, Bea Gaddy, Hall of Fame Football star, Jim Parker and Nationally recognized entertainer, Slappy White and the first black owner of Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise and philanthropist, Harlow Fullwood.

MOTHER'S DAY, May 11th & FATHER'S DAY, June 15th

At no other times, is the cemetery filled with thousands of bouquets of flowers placed on the graves of beloved parents with tears and the joy of gratitude.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, April 20th

Before the sun rises, hundreds of Christian believers make the trip in the dark to King Park to gather, at the cemetery's site of The Open Tomb. Every year, the preached word is provided by the pastor of a different host church. As the sun appears over the horizon, the faithful witness the reenactment of the angels rolling away the stone from the entrance and Jesus coming out at sunrise, to the joyful applause and prayers of everyone.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 26

With the Participation of the 9th and 10th Calvary of Buffalo Soldiers, a featured prominent speaker and local gospel choirs, King Park recognizes the military service and sacrifices of those who fought for our freedoms. This holiday is also a time to recognize the deceased family members that made a way for our families to thrive during times of hardship.

FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY, October 24

King Memorial Park established the First Responders' Memorial Garden of Heroes to honor and pay tribute to the dedicated service of Police Officers, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians. This memorial serves as a resting place for their earthly remains in a prominent section of the cemetery. Each year, on or near First Responders' Day, King Memorial Park invites the families of deceased first responders, as well as those currently serving in allied agencies, who selflessly put themselves at risk for the safety of the public, to an event held in their honor.

Scan here to view our
Annual First Responders Day!



To Tour our grounds virtually
please scan here!



Roberta's House

A Time of Sharing



Within these walls of 928 E. North Avenue, the location of the first March Funeral Home, the March family worked tirelessly, not just in business, but in fostering a sense of healing and joy even amidst the grief of others. Their commitment to serving the community extended far beyond their funeral services, with a profound focus on providing hope and opportunity to those navigating the hardest moments of their lives.

In 1982, the March family launched "A Time of Sharing," a peer support group aimed at helping those suffering from loss. This humble beginning laid the foundation for what would become Roberta's House, a nonprofit grief and loss center established in 2007 and a newly constructed building in 2019 on the site of the family's former funeral home. Named in honor of the March family matriarch, Roberta's House serves as a beacon of healing, offering bereavement support to children, families, and individuals coping with the loss of loved ones. With a deep belief that grief should never be faced alone, Roberta's House provides a safe space for individuals to heal and recover, restoring hope and joy to those in their darkest hours.



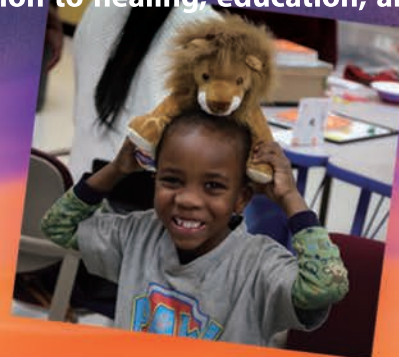
The path to the \$15 million facility was not an easy one, but it was driven by the March family's unshakable commitment to the community and their belief in the power of support during times of sorrow. Roberta's House grew out of the March family's long-standing dedication to bereavement care, which had already touched the lives of thousands through funeral services and peer support groups.

Today, Roberta's House offers 15 grief support programs that serve an average of 2,000 individuals annually, with all types of death losses including programs for children, teens and families and those dealing with homicide loss, survivors of traumatic loss. The organization has expanded its reach to include a new location in Prince George's County with like programs.



Annette R. March-Grier, the visionary founder of Roberta's House, has been recognized for her work as a Top 10 CNN Hero, further highlighting the impact of the family's mission to bring healing and joy in the face of grief. The programs offered at Roberta's House are free to participants, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their background or financial situation, have access to the support they need to heal. It also provides individual therapy for those with mental health needs. This community-driven initiative is supported by a network of health providers, businesses, and volunteers, and has received grants from local, state, and national organizations.

The March family's legacy of bringing joy even in grief continues to grow through Roberta's House, which serves as a testament to their commitment to helping others find hope, healing, and wholeness. What began as a funeral service has evolved into a lifeline for those suffering the profound pain of loss—showing that even in the darkest times, the March family's dedication to healing, education, and community remains a powerful force for good.



A Time of Sharing

A support group for adults aged 18+ that uses a holistic approach (mind, body, spirit) to guide participants through their grief journey. Professional counselors facilitate sessions to help individuals find meaning after loss.

Behavioral Health Services

Offers individual, family, and couples therapy to address grief, anxiety, and depression. Services include personalized treatment plans, evidence-based approaches, and free or sliding-scale payment options.

Camp Erin® Baltimore

A weekend bereavement camp for children ages 6-17. Camp Erin blends fun camp activities with grief counseling and emotional support, offering a safe space for children to connect with peers who have experienced similar losses. Camp Erin Baltimore is presented in partnership with Eluna.

Changing the Game

A teen support group that empowers high-risk youth ages 13-17 who have experienced multiple losses. Teens learn coping skills, strengthen social support, and focus on building purposeful lives.

Families Healing Together

Brings families with children aged 5-17 together for meals and age-appropriate support groups. This program provides tools to address grief as a family and introduces strategies to move forward.

H.O.P.E. Project

(Healing Ourselves Through Peer Empowerment) Supports women who have experienced fetal or infant loss. This program includes groups like "Life After Loss" and "Still A Mom," offering peer support and strategies to heal.

Homicide Survivors Advocacy Program

Roberta's House provides compassionate grief services in Baltimore City and Prince George's County, Maryland, through this program. Free for all participants, services range from 8 weeks to 6 months and cater to adults, families, youth, and community outreach. As a national leader in bereavement care since 2007, Roberta's House has helped thousands transform their grief and find purpose after loss. Peer support groups, held in the Center's intimate atmosphere, assist participants in coping with change,

Learning Institute

The Learning Institute at Roberta's House offers professional development and training in grief counseling and bereavement support. Designed for community leaders, educators, clergy, and healthcare professionals, workshops focus on equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to support grieving individuals effectively.

Pathways to Hope & Joy

Roberta's House Grief Support and Healing Programs

Roberta's House offers a wide range of grief support services to help individuals and families navigate loss and find healing. Below is an alphabetical overview of key programs and initiatives:



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for more information!

Men of Loyalty and Dignity (M.O.L.D.)

A peer support group for men, providing a safe space to navigate grief and address unhealthy grief responses such as anger, substance abuse, or controlling behaviors.

Rays of Hope

A family peer support group for those impacted by homicide, serving children ages 2-17 and their families. Sessions are held throughout the year in Baltimore City and Prince George's County.

School-Based Grief & Emotional Wellness Project

Provides support for youth ages 5-17 through workshops, peer groups, and educator training. Key components include the "Growing Through Loss" in-school support group, "Good Grief" workshops, and weekend bereavement camps.

Un Tiempo de Compartir

A Spanish-language support group for adults 18+ who have experienced the loss of a loved one. This 8-week program provides guidance and resources to help participants understand and navigate their grief journey.

Volunteer Opportunities

Roberta's House offers various ways to get involved, from administrative tasks to serving as group facilitators for children, teens, and adults. Facilitators receive specialized 24-hour training to lead peer support groups.

Youth Peer Ambassadors

A leadership program where youth receive grief training and act as liaisons between peers and adult providers. It fosters resilience and emotional wellness, empowering youth to demonstrate and apply coping skills in their communities.

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