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TEENTH**

**CELEBRATING FREEDOM
TO RISE**



**MY BROTHER'S &
SISTER'S KEEPER**
WAKE COUNTY

WHAT'S GOING AT EVOLVE MENTORING?



Welcome to the Summer!

June has been an amazing month of celebration! First, Congratulations to the Class of 2022!! We wish you much success in your future endeavors. May they always be Evolutionary!!

We kicked off the month celebrating the ribbon cutting of AMIKids Infinity Wake's first Tiny Free Library. The students at AMIKids came up with the idea to open a Tiny Free Library right outside the school to bridge together the community with literacy. It was wonderful to see how everyone came out to support them and donate a book to the new library. The first of many to come. The students surprised our Founder and CEO by dedicating the bench to Ms. Tolulope Omokaiye. Tolulope is passionate about supporting youth and serves as a Board of Trustee to the school. Please check out our Partner Spotlight for more info on AMIKids Infinity Wake.

Then it was off to New York for the Seeds to Bloom awards. The Seed to Bloom Awards is an annual award celebrating the financial empowerment of young women of color. At the awards, we celebrate our high school and college members that have received millions in college scholarships to top universities. The Seed to Bloom Awards also celebrates extraordinary women in the community inspiring the next generation of women in finance, government, business, entrepreneurship, and community activism. They honored our Chief Evolutionary, Tolulope with their Business Community award for her work with EVOLVE Mentoring to serve all youth, especially youth of color.



FEATURED PARTNER

AMIKIDS INFINITY WAKE



ANTWAUN ARNOLD
Executive Director

ABOUT AMIKIDS INFINITY WAKE

Since 2011, AMIkids Infinity Wake County has been devoted to helping kids discover the potential that is within, transforming their lives, and strengthening the community. AMIkids Infinity Wake County was established to serve kids in the Raleigh, NC area who are struggling in school, displaying learning disabilities, or behavioral issues. This alternative school allows kids to find solutions to their issues and catch up on their grades and classes to be re-inserted into their schools or complete their high school education.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Adolescent wrongdoing in the United States has arrived at pestilence extents. Almost 3,000,000 violations are committed every year by kids younger than 18, and when a teen is imprisoned only a single time, their chances of reoffending are 75%.

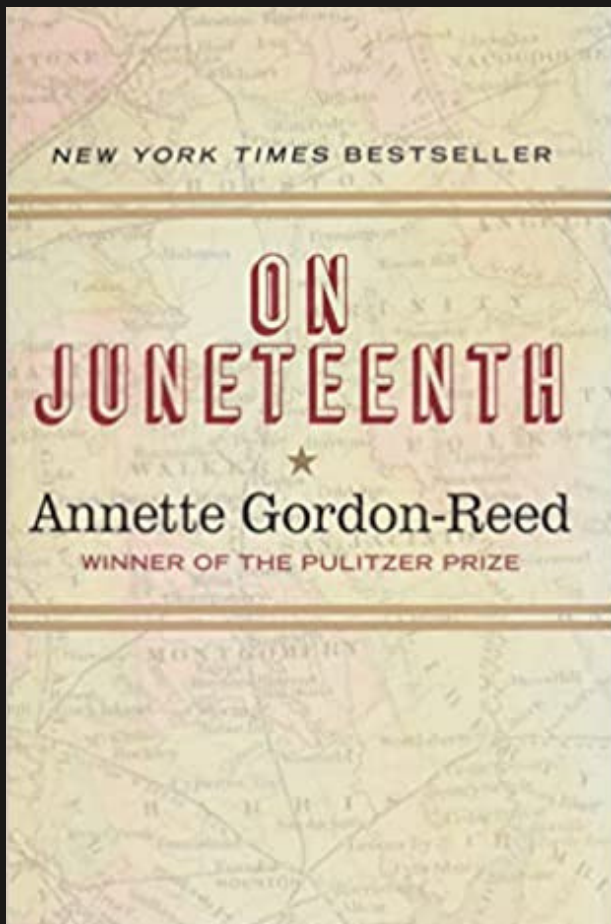
AMIkids North Carolina Family Services takes a long haul, reasonable way to deal with help our local area's childhood to find their true capacity and get the devices to succeed. Studies have shown that redirecting one high-endanger youngster from an existence of wrongdoing might actually save society \$2.6 to \$5.3 million, breaking the pattern of wrongdoing.

On normal in the United States, 3,000,000 secondary school understudies drop out every year, 1,000,000 of which are shipped off jail. Furthermore, secondary school dropouts don't meet all requirements for 91% of accessible positions cross country. Subsequently, they are bound to connect with the overall set of laws (63% of all young violations are brought about by secondary school dropouts), use government assistance, or live on food stamps.

This costs our country a normal of \$235,680 per dropout over their lifetime and sums \$1.6 trillion every year. AMIkids North Carolina Family Services and AMIkids Infinity Wake County take a long haul, reasonable way to deal with help our local area's childhood to find their true capacity and get the instruments to succeed and by recognizing every individual's issues, or general family concerns, and introducing answers for surviving.

Our projects have served almost 1,000 children and their families beginning around 2011.

BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



On Juneteenth

By: *Annette Gordon-Reed*

Weaving together American history, a dramatic family chronicle, and searing episodes of memoir, Annette Gordon-Reed's *On Juneteenth* provides a historian's view of the country's long road to Juneteenth, recounting both its origins in Texas and the enormous hardships that African-Americans have endured in the century since, from Reconstruction through Jim Crow and beyond. All too aware of the stories of cowboys, ranchers, and oilmen that have long dominated the lore of the Lone Star State, Gordon-Reed—herself a Texas native and the descendant of enslaved people brought to Texas as early as the 1820s - forges a new and profoundly truthful narrative of her home state, with implications for us all.

Combining personal anecdotes with poignant facts gleaned from the annals of American history, Gordon-Reed shows how, from the earliest presence of Black people in Texas to the day in Galveston on June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger announced the end of legalized slavery in the state, African-Americans played an integral role in the Texas story.

Reworking the traditional “Alamo” framework, she powerfully demonstrates, among other things, that the slave- and race-based economy not only defined the fractious era of Texas

independence but precipitated the Mexican-American War and, indeed, the Civil War itself.

In its concision, eloquence, and clear presentation of history, *On Juneteenth* vitally revises conventional renderings of Texas and national history. As our nation verges on recognizing June 19 as a national holiday, *On Juneteenth* is both an essential account and a stark reminder that the fight for equality is exigent and ongoing. 2 black-and-white illustrations





FREE AT LAST

By: Sojourner Kincaid Rolle

This lyrical celebration of Juneteenth, deeply rooted in Black American history, spans centuries and reverberates loudly and proudly today.

After 300 years of forced bondage;
hands bound, descendants of Africa
picked up their souls—all that they owned
leaving shackles where they fell on the ground,
headed for the nearest resting place to be found.

Deeply emotional, evocative free verse by poet and activist Sojourner Kincaid Rolle traces the solemnity and celebration of Juneteenth from its 1865 origins in Galveston, Texas to contemporary observances all over the United States. This is an ode to the strength of Black Americans and a call to remember and honor a holiday whose importance reverberates far beyond the borders of Texas.



WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?



Juneteenth (another way to say "June Nineteenth") denotes the day when government troops showed up in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to assume command over the state and guarantee that all subjugated individuals be liberated. The soldiers' appearance came an entire more than two years after the marking of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth praises the finish of servitude in the United States and is viewed as the longest-running African American occasion. On June 17, 2021, it formally turned into a government occasion.

Confederate General Robert E. Lee had given up at Appomattox Court House two months sooner in Virginia, yet servitude had remained generally unaffected in Texas — until U.S. General Gordon Granger remained on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: "individuals of Texas are educated that, as per a decree from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in Confederate states in rebellion against the Union "*shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.*"

But in reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn't instantly free any enslaved people. The proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. However, as Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many enslaved people fled behind Union lines.

JUNETEENTH AND SLAVERY IN TEXAS

In Texas, subjection had gone on as the state encountered no huge scope of battling or a critical presence of Union soldiers. Numerous enslavers from outside the Lone Star State had moved there, as they saw it as a place of refuge for bondage.

After the war came to a close in the spring of 1865, General Granger's arrival in Galveston that June signaled freedom for Texas's 250,000 enslaved people. Although emancipation didn't happen overnight for everyone in some cases, enslavers withheld the information until after harvest season celebrations broke out among newly freed Black people, and Juneteenth was born. That December, slavery in America was formally abolished with the adoption of the 13th Amendment.

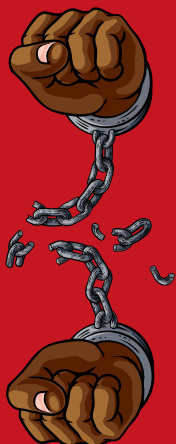
The year following 1865, freedmen in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of "*Jubilee Day*" on June 19. In the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations featured music, barbecues, prayer services, and other activities, and as Black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country the Juneteenth tradition spread.

In 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday; several others followed suit over the years. In June 2021, Congress passed a resolution establishing Juneteenth as a national holiday; President Biden signed it into law on June 17, 2021.

TO READ MORE VISIT: <https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth>



WHAT'S GOING ON IN WAKE COUNTY



JUNETEENTH JOY: A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM AND GOSPEL MUSIC

Kick off your weekend with the live, in-person concert Juneteenth Joy: A Celebration of Freedom and Gospel Music. The evening kicks off at 6:45 pm with pre-concert performances by local gospel artist Gene Hoskins and North Carolina's legendary gospel quartet The Napper Singers. This special event features Grammy- and Dove-nominated artist Kelontae Gavin, Grammy, and Stellar Award-winning vocalists Kierra Sheard and Le'Andria Johnson, and Grammy, Stellar, and Dove Award-winning gospel music legends Hezekiah Walker and Fred Hammond.

DATE: JUNE 17TH, 2022 | 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

LOCATION: JOSEPH M. BRYAN, JR THEATER IN THE MUSEUM PARK

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://ncartmuseum.org/events/juneteenth-joy-a-celebration-of-freedom-and-gospel-music/>

JUNETEENTH SHOPPER'S BLOCK ALL-DAY FESTIVAL!



The Black Dollar Corp.'s 3-Month Shopper's Block Outdoor Series kicks off this year with a special Juneteenth Celebration in the heart of Downtown Raleigh in the Prince Hall District! Last year, over 1,500 people attended the outdoor festival - filled with live music, food, drinks, video game trucks and kid activities, shopping, and overall family-filled fun! Come join us again this year for another great celebration in Downtown Raleigh!

DATE: JUNE 18TH, 2022 | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: 427 SOUTH BLOUNT STREET | RALEIGH, NC 27601

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

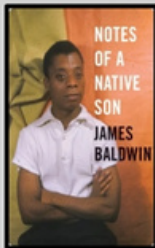
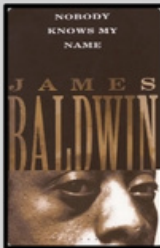
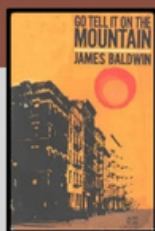
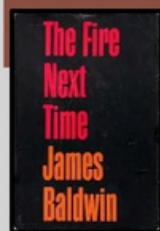
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SAVE THE DATE !

Evening of Evolution

An Evening Of Evolution
Honoring and celebrating excellence in our community
Saturday, September 17th, 2022 at 6 P.M.



Community Awards Banquet

Youth Advocacy Initiative

Leaders of Color Restorative Retreat



Community Collaborator Collective

Policy Change Initiatives

Capacity Building for Leaders of Color

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