



FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: *Fort Lauderdale Community Center presents, "Healing the Racial Divide" Conference February 2015*

Fort Lauderdale, FL – Fort Lauderdale Community Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to uniting Broward County through Arts, Education and Social Services, will host a series of lectures and discussions in the month of February 2015 on the subject of race relations in Broward County. The conference is entitled "Healing the Racial Divide" in conjunction with Broward Sheriff Office's campaign "Unity Broward" which seeks to bring more awareness and cooperation to communities located in Broward County.

Part one of the series will seek to create an understanding and an intellectual dialogue between all people, but particularly those who identify themselves as white and those who identify themselves as Black.

In addition to that the Fort Lauderdale Community Center (FLCC) sees a definite need for the Black community to build and maintain a strong economic support system for itself, a support system that creates job opportunities presently unavailable in the community. We seek also to highlight the importance of supporting Black owned businesses, taking an interactive role in the education of our children, and participating in the political process to create the changes that we wish to see.

The volunteers helping to carry out this conference include Region V of the Florida African American Student Association in conjunction with their director Whitney Taylor and are from the Black/African student unions of Broward College, Nova University, Palm Beach State College, and Barry University.

The conference runs three weeks and one day during Black History Month beginning on February 2.

The three main topics of the conference are "A brief history of the people that populate America today," "How different groups of people have progressed in America," and "How do we fix the inequities created by institutional racism?"

Each week is dedicated to a different topic. There will be a combination of seminars, workshops, documentaries shown, and educational speakers. Secured speakers are local and national, both black and white, with the hopes of inspiring Broward County to be pioneers in this gallant effort. Speakers include Pastor William Gary, Tim Wise, Dr. Umar Johnson, Dr. Joy DeGruy, Jane Elliot, and Dr. Claud Anderson.

The goal is to create dialogue, and dialogue cannot be started or accepted without awareness.

Fort Lauderdale Community Center is actively trying to begin the healing that can lead everyone into understanding, acceptance, and improvement.

If anyone would like to be a part of the solution they can give their donations to one of the crowd funding sources listed below or mail check or money order to Fort Lauderdale Community Center, 1033 NW 6th Street, Suite 204 –C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33311 .

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