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JUNIOR CARNIVAL INSPIRES CULTURAL AWARENESS

It's a cause for celebration at the **Miami Broward Caribbean Jr. Carnival**. The event takes place on Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 1-8 p.m. at the **Central Broward Regional Park** (3700 NW 11th Place, Lauderhill, FL 33311).

The Junior Carnival is an annual parade and Caribbean inspired family event that gives young people the opportunity to celebrate their place within the Caribbean culture. Young masqueraders will compete based on their creativity, presentation and craftsmanship in their vibrant and colorful masquerade costumes. There will also be a band competition. Nine bands have registered so far including **Break Awae Kru; China Mas; Community Vibes; Fun Generation; Heritage TNT; Major Players; Mas Dynasty; Royalty Kids; and Wassi Babes**. Other highlights include Face Painting, a Bounce house, a slide, a steel orchestra, junior entertainers, food and drinks, Arts/Crafts on sale, and more!

Miami Broward Jr. Carnival is also one of the symbols of diversity and inclusion as there are non-Caribbean children of various backgrounds that also participate in the parade and festivities. The Jr. Carnival gives young people an opportunity to shine while taking part in an event that is important within the fabric of the Caribbean heritage.

For more information, call 305-653-1877 or visit the website at miamibrowardcarnival.com.



Photo courtesy Ricardo F. Reyes

Jazmeen De Gannes' portrayal of "The Street Vendor" from the band "Heritage TNT"

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that October is **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**? Early detection is the best protection! Do self exams and get mammograms!



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to raising awareness and educating individuals about breast cancer throughout the year.

According to Susan G. Komen, there are many risk factors which may put a woman at risk for breast cancer. These include getting older, having a personal history of breast or ovarian cancer, having a family history of breast cancer, having high breast density on a mammogram, having a previous biopsy showing hyperplasia, being exposed to large amounts of radiation at a young age, never having children, having your first child after age 35, having high levels of blood androgens or estrogens, using (current or recent use)

menopausal hormones, being overweight after menopause or gaining weight as an adult, having high bone density, having more than one drink of alcohol per day, starting menopause after age 55, being younger than 12 at the time of your first period, and taking (current or recent use) birth control pills.

Minimize your risk – do self exams and get mammograms! For more information on National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, visit www.nbcam.org.



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"There is POWER in the Wire... At Black PR Wire, we distribute the news our media can use!"

Power Profiler: Carolyn L. Williams

Black PR Wire proudly salutes Carolyn L. Williams, a well-known community leader and chairman of **The Gerald A. Williams Legacy Foundation.**

The Foundation is gearing up for its **Second Annual Charity Open**, set for **Saturday, October 19, 2013** at The President Country Club in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Foundation is a Florida not-for-profit corporation and a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity. Tax-deductible contributions to the Charity Open help fund scholarships for Florida high school and college students.

“My late husband left a legacy of service to family, education, law and the community. His life-long work spanned more than 30 years in the areas of labor and employment law and public education, where he served as general counsel to numerous school boards,” said Carolyn. “For distinguished



leadership and contributions to the legal profession, government and education, he was posthumously honored by the Palm Beach County School Board with the naming of the *Gerald A. Williams Esq. Law Academy*, and by the *University of Florida, Levin College of Law* with his induction into the Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society. We have been humbled by these and other gracious acknowledgements of his service and work. Since its creation, the Foundation has honored this legacy through scholarship and grant programs.”

The Foundation was established in 2010 as a donor advised fund with the U.S. Charitable Gift Trust. Endowed memorial scholarships were created at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law in 2010, and the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties in 2011. In 2012, the Foundation hosted its first scholarship fundraiser, the Inaugural Charity Open.



Carolyn L. Williams

In addition to the endowed scholarship funds, the Foundation, through the Trust, has awarded grants to support iPad technology integration in K-3 curriculum, and after school student enrichment and tutorials. In addition, Foundation grants have sponsored the participation of Florida law students, a state university professor and a UNESCO doctoral student from Africa in the Florida Earth Foundation/Dutch Consulate/ UNESCO international research and exchange program on water policy and flood protection.

Those interested in making a donation to the Foundation will help aspiring students achieve their career goals and continue building positive legacies that strengthen our communities. For additional information about the Gerald A. Williams Legacy Foundation Charity Open, please call 1-877-252-2577, ext: 222 or visit the website at www.gawlf4charity.org.

October Calendar of Events

This section is designed to keep you in the know and on the go. Check out some of the latest happenings in Black communities throughout the country in the month of October.

10/02/13-10/06/13
Hollywood Black Film Festival
Hollywood, CA
<http://www.hbff.org>

10/05/13
Great Grapes Wine, Arts and Food Festival
Charlotte, NC
<http://www.uncorkthefun.com/charlotte-north-carolina/site-info>

10/05/13-10/06/13
Sweet Auburn Heritage Festival
Auburn, GA
www.sweetauburn.com

10/09/13-10/12/13
African Diaspora Heritage Trails Conference - Lafayette, LA
<http://blackmuseums.org/blog/2013/07/african-diaspora-heritage-trails-conference-2013/>

10/11/13-10/13/13
Silicon Valley African Film Festival
Mountain View, CA
<http://www.svaff.org/>

10/06/13
Miami Broward Junior Carnival
Lauderhill, FL
10/13/13
Miami Broward Carnival
Miami Gardens, FL
<http://miamibrowardcarnival.com/>

10/19/13
The Gerald A. Williams Legacy Foundation
Second Annual Charity Open
West Palm Beach, FL
www.gawlf4charity.org

10/19/13
Taste of Soul Festival
Los Angeles, CA
www.tasteofsoulla.org

10/25/13-10/27/13
Arizona Jazz Festival
Litchfield Park, AZ
<http://arizonajazzfestival.com>

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