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Cicely Tyson died Thursday, January 28, 2021 according to her manager. She was 96 years old. This image shows Tyson speaking onstage on January 16, 2020 in Pasadena, California. (See article on page 2) Photo: Amanda Edwards/Getty Images

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By Sandra Gonzalez, CNN

(CNN) — Cicely Tyson was a petite woman, but to those lucky enough to walk any of the paths she carved in Hollywood, she was the giant on whose shoulders they stood.

Tyson, an actress known for her pioneering career on stage and screen, died Thursday, January 28, 2021 according to her manager. She was 96 years old.

In light of the news, Tyson's many collaborators, colleagues and admirers took to social media to pay tribute to the legendary talent.

Viola Davis

"I'm devastated. My heart is just broken. I loved you so much!! You were everything to me! You made me feel loved and seen and valued in a world where there is still a cloak of invisibility for us dark chocolate girls. You gave me permission to dream...because it was only in my dreams that I could see the possibilities in myself. I'm not ready for you to be my angel yet. But...I also understand that it's only when the last person who has a memory of you dies, that you'll truly be dead. In that case, you will be immortal. Thank you for shifting my life. Thank you for the long talks. Thank you for loving me." — via Instagram

Debbie Allen

"#CicelyTyson, you will always be the Life of our Party; celebrating the Beauty of Blackness and the Grace of Greatness. We will forever speak your name." — via Instagram

Zendaya

"This one hurts, today we honor and celebrate the life of one of the greatest to ever do it. Thank you Cicely Tyson. Rest in great power." — via Twitter

LeVar Burton

"This one cuts deep. @IAmCicely-Tyson was my first screen Mom.. Elegance, warmth, beauty, wisdom, style and abundant grace. She was as regal as they come. An artist of the highest order, I will love her forever." — via Twitter

Shonda Rhimes

"She was an extraordinary person. And this is an extraordinary loss. She had so much to teach. And I still have so much



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to learn. I am grateful for every moment. Her power and grace will be with us forever." — via Instagram

George Takei

"Cicely Tyson has passed. She led a pioneering career in film, a remarkable feat for an African American woman born 96 years ago. An Emmy and Tony award winning actress, her career on screen and on stage stretched an incredible seven decades. We will miss you dearly, Cicely. RIP." — via Twitter

Common

"I'm so sad to hear the news that trailblazing artist and cultural icon Cicely Tyson has passed away today. While she may be gone, her work and life will continue to inspire millions for years to come. God Bless." — via Twitter

Tyler James Williams

"Queen Mother Cicely Tyson, I pray for you as glorious and regal a transition as your presence was here with us. Thank you for all of your contributions to the

movement & the culture and for allowing so many of us to stand on your incredibly strong shoulders. Rest In Power." — via Twitter

Reverend Al Sharpton

"Deeply saddened at the news of the death of Cicely Tyson. She was the ultimate actress, artist, trailblazer and role model. Nobody possessed her grace, intellect, and sensitivity. I'm blessed to have known her and bathed in her wisdom. May she rest in Power and Peace." — via Twitter

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Robin Roberts

"Incredibly sad to learn of the passing of Cicely Tyson. She was a true icon in many ways. Whenever you were graced to be in her presence it was an unforgettable blessing. My heart goes out to her family and loved ones." — via Twitter

Kim Fields

"All Hail... in the wake of your Power, Strength, Beauty, Grace AND SKILLS we bow down in gratitude. We forever will be lead by your light Queen Cicely" — via Twitter

Gabrielle Union

"We have lost a visionary, a leader, a lover, an author, an ICON, and one of the most talented actresses the world has ever seen. A life, a career, a fire to celebrated forevermore! #RIPCicelyTyson" — via Twitter

Laverne Cox

"To have gotten to be in the same room as you multiple times, is truly to have been in the presence of GREATNESS!! There are no words, just all the feelings you've evoked in us all and the indescribable blueprint, legacy you leave for us all. Thank you REST IN POWER!" — via Twitter

Cynthia Nixon

"America has had a lot of great actresses, but none greater than Cicely Tyson. Rest in Power." — via Twitter

Taraji P. Henson

"WOW...what a life!! Rest In Peace Cicely Tyson, you paved the way for SO many of us and I can't express my gratitude enough! A true icon, legend, and showstopper—you will be truly missed." — via Instagram

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Ravens face tough defensive free agent decisions

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens have established a reputation of strength as a defensive team. Entering last season, GM Eric DeCosta signed free agents Calais Campbell and Derek Wolfe in addition to selecting Patrick Queen in the first round of the draft.

DeCosta orchestrated a trade with the Minnesota Vikings to bring Yannick Ngakoue to the Ravens in October. Ngakoue is part of a group of pending defensive free agents the Ravens have to make decisions on this offseason.

According to OverTheCap.com, the Ravens are starting this offseason with \$14.221 million in available cap space.

“The salary cap sometimes dictates the players that you can have on the team, but we do see some opportunities to bring some guys back. There are certainly some guys we want to target out of the gates. We do feel that we have some younger players that have a lot of potential to help us,” Ravens GM Eric DeCosta said.



Yannick Ngakoue (91) and Matt Judon (99).
Photo Credit: AP Photo/Terrence William

In addition to Ngakoue, Baltimore has fellow pass rushers Matt Judon, Tyus Bowser and Pernell McPhee set to become free agents.

The Jacksonville Jaguars applied the franchise tag to Ngakoue last March. Ngakoue was traded to the Vikings after he agreed to reduce his one year contract from \$17.788 million to \$12 million only to be traded weeks later. Ngakoue finished last season with eight sacks while playing for the Vikings and Ravens.

Ravens coach John Harbaugh acknowledged that Baltimore had a crowded situation at outside linebacker which limited opportunities for Ngakoue. But he gave indications that those opportunities would increase if he came back to Baltimore in 2021.

“Yes, I love the guy, and he wants to contribute. We had a unique situation here with all the outside ‘backers we had,” Harbaugh said of Ngakoue.

“So, going forward, if he [Yannick Ngakoue] chooses, and we work it out and he’s here, it’ll be a little different, because he’ll be here from the beginning, and he’ll be starting, and he’ll get a lot more snaps than he got this year. This year was kind of more of a role, probably, at the end of the year. It was only the second half of the season, so I don’t think you can really judge it based on what you saw, in terms of that. It was a little more of passing downs, really.

“So, he’s a great guy, he’s a very talented guy, he plays hard as heck. He

bought in 100% to what we’re doing, as far as the different techniques we use, like setting the edge and things like that, and I love him. He’s a great pass rusher, too, and [a] high-motor guy. So, I have nothing but love and respect for ‘Yan’ and the type of player and person that he is.”

At 25 years old, Ngakoue will be an attractive option for teams looking to improve their pass rush. The Ravens will have competition to re-sign the University of Maryland product. Ngakoue will be looking to secure a long-term deal for the first time in his NFL career. Baltimore may not have the funds to grant his wish.

Judon, a 2016 fifth-round pick, has evolved into a team leader for the Ravens. The fifth-year veteran was voted to the Pro Bowl the last two seasons. The Ravens placed the franchise tag on Judon last season which equated to a one-year, \$16.808 million deal. He is reportedly looking to sign a contract that will pay him \$20 million per season.

That number will likely be a little much for the Ravens and most other teams. But it’s clear Baltimore would like to get Judon back at the right number.

“I want Matt Judon back, yes. Whether that will be possible ... Again, it’s such an unpredictable year with the salary cap,” Harbaugh said. “So, we’ll have to see about that. But Matt had a great year. [He’s an] all-around player, plays super hard, very good leader, awesome competitor. He does everything well. He rushes, he plays the run, he drops, he plays special teams. He’s an all-around, excellent, excellent football player. So, nothing but applause for Matt Judon and what he’s done.”

Bowser won’t fetch a deal as large as Ngakoue or Judon but he’s a player the Ravens would surely like to keep. The 2017 2nd round pick had two sacks and three interceptions last season.

There should be a lot of action on the free agent pass rusher front in the coming months.

An advertisement for Stay COVID Safe. It features a photograph of Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive, wearing a black face mask with the text "Stay COVID Safe" and a logo. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "wear a mask", "keep your distance", "wash your hands", and "get tested". At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the "Stay COVID Safe" logo and the website "StayCOVIDSafe.howardcountymd.gov". Below the banner, it says "Calvin Ball Howard County Executive".

Biden Administration in push to put Harriet Tubmanon \$20 Bil

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire
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After four years of push back from the administration of Donald Trump, Underground Railroad heroine Harriet Tubman may finally appear on U.S. currency.

“The Treasury Department is taking steps to resume those efforts to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill,” White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said on Monday, Jan. 25 2021.

“[The Biden administration] is exploring ways to speed up that effort. It’s important that our notes, our money reflect the history and diversity of our country, and Harriet Tubman’s image on our new \$20 note would certainly reflect that,” Psaki commented.

In April 2016, then-President Barack Obama announced that Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill. Obama wanted the release of the new bill to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment in 2020 that gave women the right to vote.

However, Trump had expressed an affinity toward Confederate figures and sang the praises of Jackson, claiming that he had led the U.S. to great success during his two-terms in office from 1829 to 1837.

Jackson, a slave owner, joined the Confederate army after Virginia seceded in 1861. He served under Gen. Robert E. Lee during the Civil War.

Tubman, an escaped slave, led countless people to freedom. Trump suggested that he might consider placing her image on a \$2 bill, but not replace Jackson.

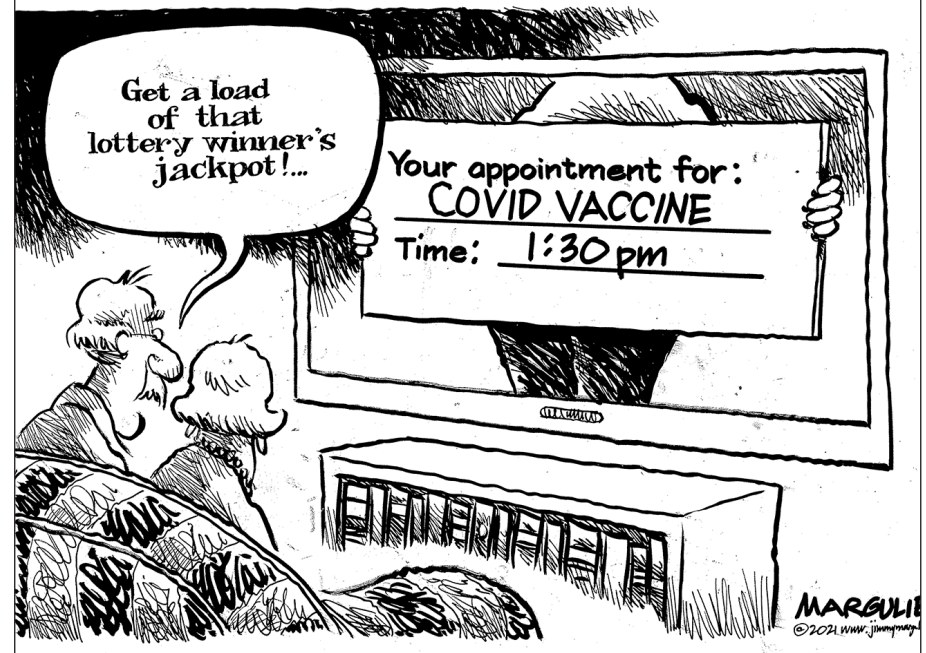
President Biden has vowed to right the many wrongs of the Trump administration, including working toward improving race relations in America and offering more opportunities to people of color. Tubman would be the first African-American woman featured on U.S. currency.

“The \$20 currently features a former president, Andrew Jackson, who not only owned slaves, but ordered the death march of thousands of Native Americans,” NNPA’s General Counsel A. Scott Bolden wrote in a 2019 editorial.

“Euphemistically called ‘Indian Removal,’ the Trail of Tears made way for white settlers to claim millions of acres of southern land,” Attorney Bolden wrote.

He continued:

“The attempted erasure of Tubman represents yet another move in the Trump playbook to disconnect racial reality from white fantasy. Harriet Tubman should be a respected and lauded icon for people of every race and ethnicity. Did she not personify American ideals, at the risk of her own life? As a Black woman in antebellum times, she was vulnerable to capture, prison, assault or lynching, but did she falter? Did she not refuse to kneel to any man or any king? Did she not fight for freedom against overwhelming odds? Are these not the qualities we hold dear in our American heroes?”



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I just knew that those opposing the much-needed \$1.9 trillion Pandemic Relief Aid proposal would cite as their reason the belief (that I don’t recall ever hearing from them in the last four years) that we need to be “fiscally responsible” and not add to our national debt and federal budget deficit. It is one thing to say that we “can’t afford” to bankrupt our nation over expensive items like “The New Green Deal” and “Medicare For All.” But it is different when we are having a national crisis such as this pandemic and when most of our citizens (both Democrats AND Republicans) are truly hurting and struggling financially. Even many upper-middle-class Americans are struggling to pay their bills.

This is NOT the time to preach “fiscal responsibility.”

If you want to find out the real reason behind why many of these sanctimonious Senators and Congresspeople are saying that the proposal is “too generous”, then do what is called “Follow the money trail” and find out who their biggest, richest, and most powerful and influential campaign donors and contributors are, and find out how THEY want them to vote on this and other proposals, and you will learn why they are taking this particular stance. The big donors pressure the legislators to vote in favor of what is in the donors’ economic and financial self-interest, not on what is best for the American people as a whole.

Because, as my dad always said to me—“Stewie, the Piper must be paid.”

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Back to Normal? What's Normal?

By **Julianne Malveaux**,
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I got my first COVID vaccination last week. No big deal, an achy arm, but otherwise, just like a flu shot. The young lady who administered the shot smiled and said, “after you get your second shot, you can get back to normal.” I wanted to ask her what was normal, but the man in line behind me seemed impatient, so I smiled and made my way out of the store.

I thought about it all the way home, though. What's normal? I don't think crowding thirty or forty young people into a classroom is normal. I don't believe that food lines snaking for blocks is normal. I don't think that high Black unemployment rates are normal. I don't think the wealth gap is normal.

I don't think that more than 400,000 people dead is normal. The inability to formally mourn our departed loved ones isn't normal. Crazy white people storm-



Julianne Malveaux

ing the Capitol surely isn't normal. And conspiracy theorist, Marjorie Taylor Green, is so far away from normal that she is on the insanity spectrum.

In the ten months since the pandemic hit, we have seen changes in our communications, our employment, our economy, and more. Many of us, reasonably, yearn for the “normal” days when we could sit at a restaurant and have a meal, go to a play or a concert, invite a bunch of folks over to gather. But we should ask ourselves what was normal about our normal. In other words, were we so comfortable in our world that we didn't look outside our world? We can't miss the food lines now, but there were food lines, too, a year ago. We are focused on disparities now, but those disparities aren't new. Does back to normal mean

accepting the inequities and absurdities of life as it was?

Somebody tweeted that “Rona was a disruption, and she is an opportunity.” I embrace that sentiment (though I had to do a double-take at “Rona” and pray that nobody chooses to name their child after this virus). This virus is an opportunity for us to scrutinize what we consider normal and how we need to change it.

Let's start with education and the achievement gap. Students who come from low-income families don't have the same academic support that others do. They often don't have the technology to do virtual learning or the support to work through their assignments. Too often, their parents are essential workers—nurses, bus drivers, grocery store workers. Do we ever take a look at the people who serve us and notice that they are disproportionately Black and Brown? When we see them do we wonder about their facts of life, about their challenges, or do we know the status quo as “normal”?

Is it normal for teachers' unions and mayors to be so far apart? If we want students back in their classrooms, why can't we vaccinate every teacher and school worker? But the conflict between teachers and elected officials, especially in Chicago, calls for a national conversation with educators, students, and parents. We've heard from everyone but

students in this conversation. What are they thinking and feeling? Is any of this normal?

We never saw mask-wearing as standard, and even now, with more than 400,000 dead, some fools refuse to wear them. But here's the real deal—vaccine or not, I'll likely be wearing double masks until the end of the year, and so should you. People who have had the vaccine have still tested positive. They still need to wear masks and wash their hands frequently. But too many have made mask wearing a political statement. Our non-mask-wearing former president contracted COVID and got priority treatment and had access to the drug Regeneron, which is not available to the general public. And he still won't wear a mask, emboldening his sycophants.

I really don't know what is normal anymore, but I am sure that if 2019 was normal, we must embrace the abnormal. Or we need to define the new normal as safe, fair, and equitable. As my anonymous tweeter said, “Rona” is an opportunity for us to check ourselves and maybe get it right.

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Morgan Graduate Launches Motivation Journal

Seeks to Help Readers Create a More Positive Life During COVID and Beyond

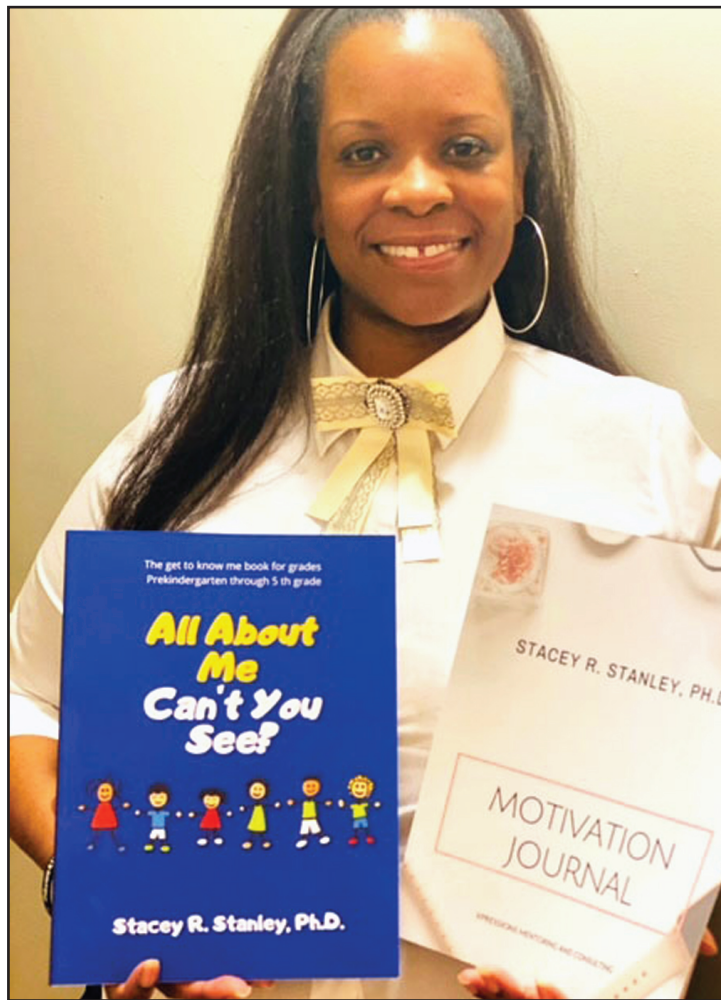
By Ursula V. Battle

COVID-19 has had a major impact on our everyday lives. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) the pandemic has caused many people to face challenges that can be stressful, overwhelming, and cause strong emotions in adults and children. The CDC further notes public health actions, such as social distancing, are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but they can make us feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety.

Baltimore native Dr. Stacey R. Stanley has authored a motivation journal that she says gives valuable tips and information to help cope with the stress some have experienced as a result of COVID-19 and other challenges.

"I understand the hardships of experiencing a change and having to adjust," said Dr. Stanley. "COVID-19 has taught me how to balance better, complete tasks, and focus on my mental health and physical well-being. When you are a working person and you have to parent, juggle multiple tasks, and other responsibilities, it's hard to take time-out just to relax. The book is a 52-week guided motivation journal that teaches us about Relaxing, Relating, Releasing, Rejoicing, and Reflecting, which I call the Five Rs."

She added, "Journaling is not something you always have to do every day, but it helps us to be mindful and aware of our self-care. The journal is a wonderful tool in helping its reader to look at a week that they would like to start a new shift in their life and what they want to



Dr. Stacey R. Stanley is the author of Xpressions Mentoring and Consulting's Motivation Journal and a children's book entitled All About Me Can't You See?

do more of and what they want to do less of. It's important to keep track of that. Sometimes, we don't know that we are overdoing things, or not doing enough of something."

Xpressions Mentoring and Consulting's Motivation Journal is a 52-week guide to creating a more positive life. Designed to inspire self-exploration and growth, the motivation journal includes powerful quotes, a weekly goal and gratitude worksheet, and notes.

"This motivation journal is your first step to creating positive habits that will change your life," said Dr. Stanley. "It will help its reader to focus on what

they need to do in a week's timeframe instead of doing so much in one day. Everything we do goes back to what we do more of and what we do less of. We have weekly highs and weekly lows the Journal helps us focus on."

She continued, "Keeping track of that through the journal will help it's reader to see some days will be very productive. Other days will seem unproductive and make us feel as if we are not accomplishing our goals. It's okay to feel that way. We have to be realists. You can do everything in one day."

The 42-year-old said the book highlights the importance of

gratitude and gratefulness.

"Gratitude is noted in the book. Being able to do something for someone else is key. The journal helps its reader to acknowledge something they did or want to do for someone else. The book also talks about being grateful and realizing we have so much to be thankful for. If we don't write those things down, we can't reflect on them. Writing them down allows us to rate ourselves. Sometimes we are so hard on ourselves, we are unable to push ourselves like we could. Only you can rate yourself when it comes down to your intentions. I used this same concept when I was completing my doctoral program. Sometimes, we get overwhelmed with everything we need to get done. This was a tool that helped me to get to the finish line."

Dr. Stanley is a graduate of Milford Mill High School and holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Morgan State University, a master's degree in Child and Adolescent Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and a doctorate in General Psychology from Capella University. She is the founder of Xpressions Mentoring and Consulting, which targets females ages six to 21. The vision of Xpressions Mentoring and Consulting is to create a healthy mental and physical path in girls and young women to

help them reach their goals by helping them to develop their social skills, building their self-confidence, inspiring them to bring about positive social change, and preparing them for independent living.

Dr. Stanley has also authored a new children's book entitled "All About Me Can't You See?"

"The book focuses on social and emotional development, and targets children ages Pre-k through fifth grade," she said. "It was created during the height of COVID-19 when children were less likely to make new friends, play sports, attend family gatherings, or participate in other activities. These are some of the things that make childhood fun."

Dr. Stanley also hosts a free weekly event called Dr. Stacey's Social Hour via Zoom for children in Pre-K through grade one. Further details can be obtained by calling (410) 705-4522.

Dr. Stanley said "Xpressions Mentoring and Consulting's Motivation Journal" sells for \$25 on AMAZON, and sales are going well. For more information or to purchase a copy call (410) 908-1429, or visit https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08MSMP323/ref=cm_sw_r_em_apa_fabc_GKP2AXZPK0WNNM4JMK6D?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1.

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Fathers Inc. Begins Campaign for Baltimore's Father of the Year

By Stacy M. Brown

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 24 million children in America live without their biological father, and reports show that children without fathers in the home have a greater risk of poverty, are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, are more likely to drop out of high school, and to go to prison. It represents a cycle that Ernest Woodson and his nonprofit Fathers Incorporated want to stop.

So, he has begun that mission in Baltimore, where each year the organization selects and recognizes outstanding fathers in urban communities that also include places like New York, Philadelphia, and Detroit.

"The focus is the heartbeat of the Black community," Woodson said. "We will recognize a father who changed the lives of his family and community for the better. We will recognize a father whose challenges and triumphs are manifested in his life experience and personal journey, beyond his profession and career achievements.

"Ideally, the recipient of the award will be a father whose actions and achievements reflect unifying values and founding principles of fathers, brotherhood, manhood, fatherhood, and gentleman-ship."

For consideration as Baltimore's Father of the Year, a recipient must be a U.S. citizen residing in Charm City. Family and community members can nominate a father, but a potential awardee may not nominate himself. Those holding political appointments and individuals associated with Fathers Incorporated also are ineligible for consideration.

The Father of the Year winner will be determined by a careful evaluation of each applicant, who judges will score in several categories, including brotherhood, fatherhood, and their reputation as a gentleman.

"Right now, our kickoff for this year began on Jan. 1, and the campaign runs through Mar. 31," Woodson noted.

"We want to get the word out about the Father of the Year Award and really find those fathers who are committed to



Ernest Woodson (left) with Hakeem, Father of the Year 2020-Washington DC (center), and the Chairman of the Board of Fathers Incorporated (right). Courtesy Photos

being a role model."

The selection criteria include individuals who promote what Woodson called traditional values of brotherhood, manhood, fatherhood, and gentleman-ship.

Among the organization's definitions of the criteria are those who believe in practicing characteristics that demonstrate all people should act with warmth and equality toward one another regardless of race, sex, faith, or nationality.

Woodson said the individual selected should have a "state of maturity that allows a male child to become an adult male with all the composite characteristics of courage, steadfastness, virility, intelligence, and vigor required to be an upright responsible man."

They should also have the quality of exercising paternal care over persons or promoting the development in others the proper capabilities of honor, respect, value, and the confidence needed to ensure their ability to function within their family, community, and the larger society, Woodson stated.

He defines gentleman-ship as art that

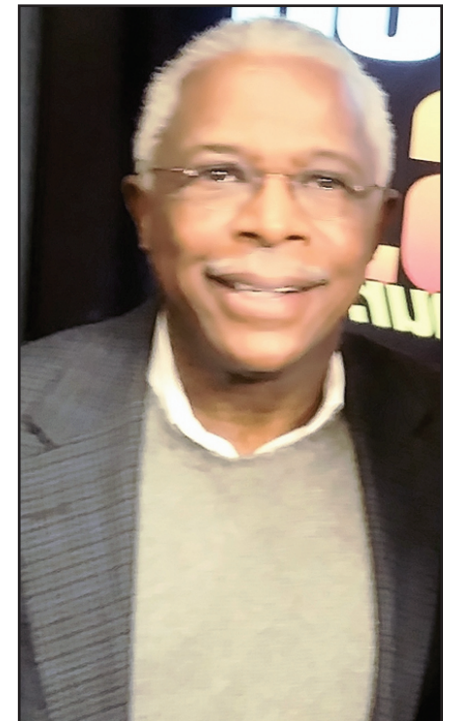
"embraces the quality of being a well-informed man of benevolence, civility, character, sensitivity, and manners, with self-respect and respect for others."

"The nominee receiving the highest rated score receives the award and a \$2,000 cash prize," Woodson said. For official rules and more information, visit www.fathersincorporated.net/.

Last year's winner beat out men that included nominees who held Ph.D.'s, entrepreneurs, and other highly-regarded candidates, Woodson said.

"The aim is to find a compassionate, loving father who is doing what is good, and we want to hold him up as a role model," Woodson added.

"We want to encourage men to be benevolent, to take care of children, and be a father to everybody in the community even if they don't have any children themselves."



Ernest Woodson

Toyota continues to help local Baltimore families in need, even in the midst of COVID-19

“Walk In My Boots” Community Outreach Program

Enriching Lives...One Step At A Time Through The Salvation Army of Central Maryland

Baltimore, MD – Even though the Motor Trend International Auto Show has shifted from winter to spring, Toyota continued its commitment to support local families in need by donating winter boots and socks to help shield families from the snow and rain through its “Walk In My Boots” community outreach program.

On Saturday, January 30, 2021, over 200 children and youth along with their families from The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs servicing Franklin Square, Middle River and Glen Burnie neighborhoods received new Bogs waterproof insulated boots and Smartwool socks meant to protect a person’s feet from harsh weather conditions.

Toyota also donated \$15,000 to The Salvation Army of Central Maryland enabling them to continue to provide support for families in need. The event is usually held during the auto show in partnership with The Salvation Army of Central Maryland.

“At Toyota, we’re more than just a car company that builds great cars and trucks,” said Alva Adams Mason, senior director, Multicultural Business Alliance and Strategy, and Multicultural Dealer Relations, Toyota Motor North America. “We care about the communities in which we live, work and play. The COVID-19 environment has been extremely hard on families in need, and we hope that our donation of all-weather boots and socks will help to enrich their lives...one step at a time in these times of crises. We also want the work that is being done at The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of Baltimore to continue for years to come.”

Winter is the hardest time of year for homeless and low-income families. When temperatures drop below freezing,



Families in need receive new boots and socks from Toyota through The Salvation Army. Courtesy Photos



or the rain and snow take center stage, people are at severe risk for hypothermia and consequences can be fatal. While many programs offer winter coat, hat and glove giveaways, a person’s feet are often left exposed. Having the proper footwear can help keep feet dry, comfortable, and warm for longer periods of time.

“With the pandemic, it’s even more difficult for families who are living from paycheck to paycheck to supply everyday needs as some have been forced to stay home due to loss work, or care for their children,” said Major Roger Glick, area commander, The Salvation Army of Central Maryland. “The Salvation Army of Central Maryland is so grateful to Toyota for all they do and their commitment to Baltimore’s children and families.”

The timing of the winter boots and socks giveaway was a comfort to many as freezing rain and snow was predicted

to hit Baltimore this weekend. Following social distancing guidelines, the families were also treated to a catered “Thanksgiving-style” lunch to take with them prepared by Black Tie Caterers.

This is Toyota’s fifth year supporting the program in Baltimore. Overall, Toyota has donated over 1,000 pairs of boots and socks to local Baltimore families in need and contributed more

than \$75,000 to The Salvation Army of Central Maryland. The project has also been held in Detroit, Chicago, Washington DC, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



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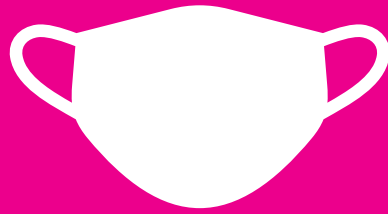
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