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**“Father figure, mentor and positive role model to the fatherless.”**

African American Men of Unity  
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Date: April 2018  
FEIN: 010731449  
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Re: JuneTeenth Community Festival

Dear Community Partner,

African American Men of Unity (AAMOU) is seeking sponsors for our annual JuneTeenth community celebration that will take place respectfully **on Saturday, June 16, 2018** at Martin Luther King Jr. Park from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. AAMOU provides disadvantaged at risk youth ages 7 - 18 access to positive role models, and exposure to opportunities, education, training and mentoring for the purpose of avoiding gangs, drugs, violence, school failure and negative encounters with law enforcement. Our aim is to empower youth to discover their divine purpose, realize their true potential and actualize their dreams. The success of our event and our ability to continue to provide quality youth and family programs depend on your generosity.

JuneTeenth event will feature entertainment, singing, dance, spoken word, moon jumps, basketball tournament, games, motivational speakers and fun for the whole family. Last year we had a diverse crowd consisting of kids, teenagers, elders, clergy, and city officials reaching the capacity of 1200 plus people over the course of the evening. Sponsors, community partners, donations and volunteers are needed to make this event successful. I hope that we can depend on you to help out in any way that you can.

JuneTeenth or June 19<sup>th</sup> 1865 is considered the date when the last slaves were freed. JuneTeenth has come to symbolize for many African-Americans what the fourth of July symbolizes for all Americans—freedom. Juneteenth is considered African American Independence Day. It honors those African-American ancestors who fought during the civil war, survived the inhumane institution of bondage, and the abolitionist that had the courage, faith and perseverance to fight for full citizenship, voting rights and equal protection under the law.

Our goal for our Juneteenth Celebration is to provide knowledge that improve community cohesion, strengthen commitment to family, empower youth and adults to excel and reduce violence by participating in cultural enrichment activities that allow people of various ethnicities to interact, compete, share stories and bond.

Please consider being a sponsor for this very worthwhile community centered event. Since our inception in 1999 we have served and fed thousands of individuals and families and provided quality programs as a deterrent to gangs, drugs, violence and school failure. On behalf of individuals and families that we serve, we thank you in advance for considering investing in this particular event. Our organization will continue to provide quality programs and services to disadvantaged at risk youth residing in Aurora.

Harambee, Let's work together  
Ricky Rodgers, Executive Director

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# JuneTeenth Celebration Booth Registration and Sponsor Form

Please return registration form and donations by Friday, June 1, 2018:

Mail to:

**African American Men of Unity**  
**P.O. Box 1534**  
**Aurora, IL. 60507**

**Attn:** JuneTeenth Festival Committee  
Or contact Ricky Rodgers at (630) 606-1910

Date of event Saturday June 16, 2018 Martin Luther King Park located at Farnsworth and Grand Blvd from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. **Booth rental fee is \$25. Set up time 2-3pm**

Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Entertainer \_\_\_\_\_ Sports \_\_\_\_\_ Food \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Prize \_\_\_\_\_ Table  
Reservation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual JuneTeenth Celebration 2018 Theme: Unity: **Sponsors will receive an honorable mention and printed on the program. Platinum and Gold sponsors will also be placed on all promotional material, flyers, website etc...**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2000 dollars Platinum

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 dollars Gold

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 dollars Silver

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Donation Amount

\_\_\_\_\_ In-kind (Be Specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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