

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Hip Hop Performance to Raise Cancer Awareness



Pictured from left to right: Sowandé Keita; DJ Invisible; MIKE-E; and Kenny Watson
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Relay For Life of Savannah will sponsor the 2009 "AfroFlow Tour," a live music, Hip-hop and poetry tour spanning colleges and communities throughout the United States on Friday, March 27 at 7:30pm at Savannah State University.

The purpose of the event, which is free and open to the public, is to raise awareness about cancer prevention and treatment and the harmful effects of tobacco use.

The AfroFlow Tour is a major component of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) initiative to engage

colleges and communities in addressing alarming cancer rates, while counteracting the disproportionate tobacco advertising aimed at young audiences.

The AfroFlow Tour is also supported by urban clothier Pelle Pelle and FUZE Beverages.

AfroFlow, meaning flowing from Africa, recognizes Hip-hop's indigenous roots and inspirational messages.

The show features rap and spoken word recording artist, MIKE-E, along with soulful vocalist Kenny Watson, the world-traveled DJ Invisible, and dynamic

African percussionist Sowandé Keita.

The group entertains audiences and conveys important health related messages.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

For information, call 24 hours day, seven days a week 1.800.ACS.2345 or log onto www.cancer.org.

Youth Commission Makes Annual Trip to New York



Youth Commissioners and Advisors pictured with Matt Lauer of *The Today Show*

The Chatham County Youth Commission began its 12th Annual Trip on Saturday, March 7, 2009 with a 10:30 PM departure from the Savannah Civic Center.

Arriving in the Nation's Capitol early on the next morning after a Daylight Savings Time Adjustment, Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Alderman Van R. Johnson, II, the 40 members of the Chatham County Youth Commission and 4 delegates of the Savannah Youth Council visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the NEWSEUM, a museum dedicated to news, the National Museum of American History, the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

On Monday, March 9,

2009 the Chatham County Youth Commission were VIP attendees of the National Association of Counties Annual Legislative Conference where they met with over 2,000 County Commissioners from around the country and discussed issues such as the economy, juvenile delinquency and climate change.

The Youth Commissioners were treated to lunch as the special guest of the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) to launch its HIV/AIDS awareness campaign. From there they traveled to Arlington, VA to tour the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. They discussed further continued partnership in the Coastal Empire before departing for Philadelphia,

PA.

The Chatham County Youth Commission began the 3rd Day of their Annual Trip in transit from Philadelphia, PA to New York City where they visited Ground Zero and surveyed the progress of the building of the September 11th Memorial.

This visit marks the 8th consecutive year that the Chatham County Youth Commission has visited this sacred site. After visiting various New York destinations, the Youth Commission watched the Broadway production of "SHREK".

On the final day of their trip, Wednesday, March 11, 2009, the Youth Commissioners were featured on the NBC Today Show, and met host Matt Lauer, Meredith Viera, Al See **Youth**, page 14

Local Child Care Provider Selected to Receive Tylenol Child Care Award

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation (TLLCCF) is proud to announce that Katrina Robinson-Williams, child care teacher and owner of God's Rainbow Family Child Care, here in Savannah, GA, was selected to receive the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Award™.

Robinson-Williams—one of 50 exemplary early care and education teachers nationwide -- was chosen for her commitment to maintaining high quality child care practices and dedication to the children she teaches.

She will receive a \$1,000 award on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at a special

ceremony in King of Prussia, PA, located in the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

Each year, child care teachers from across the nation participate in the program.

As part of the application process, applicants designed an enhancement project that illustrated the educational, social and emotional benefits for the children in their care.

With her award-winning project 'Make Me a Soft Space,' Robinson-Williams will create a soft play area for the infants in her child care center.

The area will provide a safe play area for the infants to play on the floor separated from the toddlers. It will

allow the infants to explore and practice their gross motor skills.

As one of the top ten scorers, Robinson-Williams is eligible to answer an additional essay question to qualify for the Foundation's Helene Marks Award™ as National Child Care Teacher of the Year™.

The Teacher of the Year recipient -- announced at the luncheon held the day of the awards ceremony -- receives an additional \$1,000 award and a \$500 shopping spree, courtesy of Bloomingdale's in the King of Prussia Mall.

A committee of 45 early childhood educators and experts from the United States reviewed and scored each application.

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Bishop Named Teacher of the Year



Lavonia Bishop receives Teacher of the Year Award

Lavonia Bishop, an instructor at Woodville-Tompkins, has been named the 2009 Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Teacher of the Year for SCCPSS.

Bishop is a Career Technical Instruction Coordinator, who works with Special Needs students.

She has taught at Woodville-Tompkins since

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Support BRAVO Music Camp

The BRAVO Music Camp Annual Fundraiser, a luncheon, will be held at the Marriott Savannah Riverfront, Saturday, March 28, 2009, 100 General McIntosh Boulevard, 12 noon.

The price is \$40 a ticket. You may call 912-236-6681 or 912-236-1934 for tickets.

The BRAVO Music Camp, organized as Black Youth Reaching to Achieve in Vocal and Orchestral Music, is opened to all children in the Savannah and surrounding area.

BRAVO will hold the 11th summer music camp

July 6 - 17, 2009, at Alfred E. Beach High School. The ten day camp includes band, strings, theory, music appreciation, private tutoring, vocal training, beginner keyboard, piano master classes, ensemble and a culminating concert on Friday, July 17.

During the year, the BRAVO Music Company performs for many charitable causes in Savannah.

The tuition for each camper is \$385, exception, the family plan: 1st child_ \$385, 2nd child_ 285. Some campers need financial assistance to attend.

We offer full or partial scholarships to students who have demonstrated an interest in music but lack the money to attend.

The camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some expenditure include: the professional musicians, guest artists, breakfast, hot lunch, snacks, the facility used, and the custodian of the facility.

Due to the recession, some services that we provide may be eliminated.

The worth of this camp for young people is extremely vital.

Please be a contributor to ensure its success.

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