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McCormick County Community Relations Council Black History Month Program



(from the McCormick Messenger) - It's not often that 260 people crowded into a high school gymnasium are quiet, but anyone could have heard the proverbial pin drop at the McCormick Schools gym. The reason was a young man named Chris Singleton speaking at a McCormick County Community Relations Council dinner entitled "Building Bridges of Hope and Faith."

Singleton is the son of Sharonda Coleman Singleton, one of nine people shot and killed by a young racist in Charleston in 2015. Although Singleton has every reason to be bitter and resentful, he travels around the country to spread a message of love and unity that is born out of his pain and tragedy.

The Singleton presentation theme is "Love Is Always Stronger Than Hate," and he referred to Dr. Martin Luther King. "I don't think we're done with the civil rights act," he said. "Today's divisiveness is one dividing the people up at the

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top from those at the bottom."

Read the full article in the McCormick Messenger - <https://www.themccormickmessenger.com>

Beaufort Community Relations Council is Building Relationships

We have a lot going on here in Beaufort! Our CRC has been connecting to other groups with similar missions. One is a group called Bridges4Unity. And, another group is based in Hilton Head call the Low country Coalition Against HATE. Also, in March a local church in Beaufort is hosting a community forum on education and racism. We are pleased by the synergy and these various groups are finding ways to support each other's efforts.

Anderson CRC Involved in Numerous Activities

The MLK Day Celebration hosted by Anderson County Ministers Organization, along with the Anderson County Human Relations Council as one of the sponsors for this event had as their keynote speaker Charleston native Cyrus Birch, actor in the movie Black Panther.

The Anderson County Human Relations Council celebrated Black History month with a display board at the Anderson County Library. This year the Council chose to feature artifacts from the County Museum to recognize Corporal Freddie Showers who was the first African American to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart posthumously for World War I.



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March 21st marks the commemoration of
End Racism Day
officially observed since 1966
by the United Nations as The International Day for the
Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



Annually, the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission commemorates End Racism Day on March 21st. We hope that through this one-day observance, residents of this State will take time to learn about South Carolina's diverse citizenry and celebrate the differences in others – such as race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, and religion.

The South Carolina Human Affairs Commission is optimistic this commemoration will encourage understanding, respect, and tolerance. We invite and encourage all citizens, schools, and community organizations to take a few minutes to participate in an activity on March 21st to bring about unity throughout the State.

This year the SC Human Affairs Commission is partnering with the South Carolina Collaborative on Race and Reconciliation and the South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships to host a panel discussion in York County titled: *'No Blame, No Shame: A Conversation About Race'* at City Hall located at 155 W. Johnston Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730. The hour-long panel discussion begins at 6:00p.m., and is free and open to the public.

This year the Commission plans to host four conversations on race across the state. Location and date announcements coming soon.

Annual Event Calendar for COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

January
MLK/Interfaith Awareness

February
African American History

March
Women's History/End Racism Day

April
Fair Housing

May
Law Enforcement/
Community Relations

June
Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9
Remembrance, Peace & Reconciliation

July
Employment Discrimination/
Economic Opportunity

August
Youth Project/Back to School

September
Hispanic Heritage/
Cultural Diversity

October
Disability Employment Awareness

November
American Indian Heritage/
Veterans' Appreciation

December
Aging & Poverty Issues