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CSOSA SUPPORTS PRO-SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL METHOD TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY.

CSOSA'S CJAN NETWORK
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On Saturday, June 15, 2013, CSOSA supported the vision of one of its CJAN members, Lamont Carey, to bring a special event to the Ward 8 Community. Lamont Carey is an author, a poet, a writer, instructor, motivational speaker, and supporter of Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency. This event was a Ward Eight Book Festival, and to my knowledge, it was the first book festival that was conceived, planned and brought to fruition of this magnitude east of the Anacostia River.

The event was held on the DC Lottery Board parking lot located at the corner of M.L.K. Jr. Avenue and Chicago Street, SE, and the hours were from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Collaboration was the key to this event, and Lamont Carey was the energetic organizer that brought Council Member Marlon Barry's Constituent Service Team, the Office On Returning Citizen Affairs (ORCA), and CSOSA's Restorative Justice Modeled Community Service Program together to create the back-drop for a very successful event.

The event hosted a transit crowd of about 300 individuals, and they were treated to multiple workshops and presenters, music, the spoken word of poetry, and the introduction of scores of book authors willing to sell autographed copies of their books.

One of the workshops was designed especially for authors. During that workshop the discussion centered on presentation, marketing, and building a brand. I observed that many aspiring and struggling authors seemed especially interested in that particular workshop, since getting their product to production and into the consumers hands was said to be the order of the day for a new or struggling author.

One third of the area was designated for vendors who had food, clothing (new & old), shoes, hats, and art craft items. Music and the smell of food engulfed the neighborhood surrounding MLK Avenue. There was something for everybody at the Ward 8 Book Festival. Good food, information, and good community people. The Book Festival was a great event for Ward Eight and the District of Columbia.



Shown above, CSOSA community partner and supporter, Lamont Carey was the visionary for the first Ward 8 Hot Spot Book Festival that was held on the parking lot of the D. C. Lottery Board (June 15, 2013). In attendance were approximately 300 transit community residents, fifty writers/artist, and vendors selling just about everything.



Authors, vendors, and other participants of the Ward 8 Hot Spot Book Fair came together to memorialize this event by taking a group picture on June 15, 2013.

PHOTO GALLERY: CSOSA AROUND THE CITY



CSOSA's Director Nancy Ware passionately addresses the attendees at the Employer Forum on 5/14/2013 that was hosted by the DC United States Attorney's Office. She stressed the importance of hiring reformed offenders.



CSOSA's Deputy Director Adrienne Poteat (center) set poised to lend support to her fellow panelist as they responded to Fifth District residents' concerns during a Crime Summit on June 20, 2013 . at Israel Baptist Church..



CSOSA Associate Director Cedric Hendricks, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs addressed the attendees that were present for the film viewing of, "The House I Live In" on May 24th, 2013, at Metropolitan AME Church.



While building capacity on behalf of CSOSA's CJAN. I attended a cultural event to bring awareness to the "Cuban Five." This historical picture was taken of Councilman Marion Barry and social activist Angela Davis on June 1, 2013.

Announcements/ACTIVITIES

- ◆ BEAT the STREETS Activity for the Sixth District - July 24th,2013; 3:30PM - 7:30PM located at 300 - 37th Street SE. (A community and MPD collaboration)
- ◆ BEAT the STREETS Activity for the Seventh District - July 10th, 2013; 3:30PM - 7:30PM located at 4226 4th Street, SE - Atlantic Gardens. (A community and MPD collaboration)

A MESSAGE FOR THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH DISTRICTS

Residents and Community Partners of the Sixth and Seventh District:



Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA) mission remains to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice, in close collaboration with the community. In the Sixth and Seventh District, we intend to achieve our objectives through the support of pro-social activities, and the strict accountability towards the men and women that we supervise. I have not formally met each and every community partner in the Sixth and Seventh Districts, but my intentions are to do so in the very near future. Until then, look forward to the service with integrity that you have grown accustomed to receiving.

Respectfully, *Lawrence E. Jordan*

To submit a community announcement, a scheduled activity or for more information about the Sixth District Community Justice Advisory Network, contact: Lawrence E. Jordan at (202) 220-5515 or (202) 220-5320.

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