

BROTHERS UNITED
"SPEAK UP"
MAY 2001

"If you have something to say, SPEAK UP!"

Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. presents this newsletter, "SPEAK UP", in an effort to inform, educate and inspire the people of this community. Encouraged by an article in the March 2001 newsletter, "THE WRITTEN WORD" (Washington DC area), Oronde Miller wrote "**There is currently a need for more strong African publications that can galvanize the attention of and mobilize the greater African community. This is our challenge today**". Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc., has accepted that challenge and we are providing this medium as an instrument to share information and ideas.

The newsletter will feature several sections to help draw and encourage contribution by all:
EMPOWER THE PEOPLE, This section will be dedicated to articles about training, self-help programs and any other information that can possibly increase the readers potential.
WORD ON THE STREET, this section will be dedicated to passing along information as to what is going on in the Jonathan Street area and our community as a whole. Listed may be notification of employment opportunities, home owner opportunities, and what our readers know of what is going on in our community that can benefit or effect us all.
SPEAK UP, this section dedicated solely for feedback, if you have something to say, *SPEAK UP!*

Subscription is free, contact Brothers United Who Dare, Inc. phone/fax 301 393-9290.

EMPOWER THE PEOPLE

Brothers United Who Dare To Care, Inc. will be launching the Community Enrichment Initiative (CEI), a platform which can bring training programs and workshops to the Jonathan Street community. The initiative will provide training that can help improve and add to the personal value of the participants (Empower The People) and contributors. The initiative would encompass youth programs, computer training, a scholarship fund and workshops such as "How To Improve Your Credit", " How To Buy A Home", "How To Start A Small Business" and more.

Submitted by Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc.

Brother's United is embarking upon a series of projects that will provide a "Living History" of African-Americans past and present in Washington County and the Tri-State areas through the Visual Arts medium. Western Maryland and her sister states were very influential and essential in the historical development of the United States. African-Americans and Abolitionists both in our region also played a key role in this country's development. As you may already know, the "Underground Railroad" for slaves made its way through Western Maryland. This information is documented in our county's periodicals and also in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. We wish to provide our youth and community with a sense of self-esteem and awareness of this history. In order for us to do this, and in the light of today's new and inexpensive technology, we are requesting funding for a small package of "state of the art" Digital Video Photography and Editing equipment. By obtaining this equipment we will be able to accomplish several important goals for our youth and community.

Submitted by Greg McCampbell

WORD ON THE STREET

May 2001 is AFRICAN LIBERATION MONTH, See attached calendar citing THE BLACK FACTS including: Malcom X, Man of the people and Freedom fighter, born May 19th 1925.

Submitted by Mwamba Raheem

Did you know that you could buy a home for as little as \$500 down in the City Of Hagerstown Homeownership Program? Did you know the Maryland Mortgage Program has home buyers loans available around 6% interest rates? Did you know The Hagerstown Home Store (free help) can help educate you as to how to buy a home?

Submitted by Andy Smith

Washington County "Position Available" : Accounting Supervisor \$40,803 - \$65,284 with benefits; Office Associate II minimum \$18,900 with benefits; Combination Inspector - Plumbing Inspector (part-time) \$14.42 hr. no benefits. Apply at the Washington County Department of Human Resources, 100 W. Washington St., Room 202, Hagerstown MD or call 301 791-3175

Submitted by Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc.

Western Maryland Consortium is again gearing up for the Summer Youth Employment Program for ages 14-21, paid bi-weekly at \$5.15 per hour. Contact Debbie Gilbert at 301 791-3164.

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SPEAK UP

My grandfather, Caesar Doleman, attended the fashion show held at the Martin Luther King Jr. center, and he was in a wheel chair and could not use the building's wheel chair lift because the key to operate the wheelchair lift was not available. Where is the key to the wheelchair lift?

Submitted by Andy Smith

"We need more stuff for teenagers to do"!

Submitted by Mary Spencer

Vote for N. Linn Hendershot for City Council, he looks out for the people he represents.

Submitted by Andy Smith

Calendar Of Events

May 7, 21Brothers United Meeting 6:30 MLK center