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Day of the Girl Child

alistically done to support the girls of this community that are hurting and have challenges. The evening ended with a commitment by the women to keep the discussions going and to determine ways women of the church and other organizations can provide assistance. First Lady Michelle Obleton acknowledged and thanked Sheila January and the women of the Harbor Lites Chapter of the Links Incorporated for their commitment to and participation in this most important cause.

On Wednesday, October 11, the official Day of the Girl Child, the International Facet of the Harbor Lites Chapter of the Links Incorporated hosted a mini Town Hall event planned and led by the middle school girls of Lions Math & Science Christian Academy.

Sixteen girls of Lions Academy, WCC and the NAUW Jades were invited and ten girls actually participated. Five members of the Harbor Lites Chapter were joined with women of the National Association of University Women and Waukegan Community Church to serve as hostesses and consultants for the girls. The women participants were Links Jean Swopes, Gerri Gray, Marva Courtney, Sheila January, and Gwen Beckwith, Michelle Obleton, Loreal Tolbert, and Sylvia England. The girls ranged in ages from 10 years to 13 years of age. The girls began the evening with two breakout sessions where they provided a very honest, open and candid dialogue of the following Topics (chosen by them):

1. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
2. FEARS – NATURAL DISASTERS
3. TEENS & GOD: DO YOU HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST? IF NOT, WHY NOT?
4. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?

The girls ended the evening with a very elegant dinner and a commitment to keep the momentum going by starting a “Girl Talk” Book Club for and led by adolescent girls. The names of the participating girls were, Kenyah Hankins, Amariyah Hill, Jayanna Jackson, Madison Johnson, Lynsy Jones, Azhanna Lester, Jada Miller, Nyasia Short, Madison Tolbert, and Zayre Keyes. All of the adult participants stated how impressed they were with the candid and openness of the young girl participants.

A People's Voice Special Report

The International Facet of the Harbor Lites Chapter of the Links Incorporated and the women of the WINGS Ministry of Waukegan Community Church hosted two events to commemorate the October 11, Day of the Girl Child. In 2011, as the result of youth advocacy around the world, the United Nations declared October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child. Its mission is “to help galvanize worldwide enthusiasm for goals to better girls’ lives, providing an opportunity for them to show leadership and reach their full potential.” It’s a day when activist groups come together under the same goal to highlight, discuss, and take action to advance rights and opportunities for girls everywhere.

On Tuesday evening, October 10, 2017, five members of the Harbor Lites Chapter – Links Jean Swopes, Marva Courtney, Gwen Beckwith, Sheila January and Kamil Smith – joined First Lady Michelle Obleton and approximately 115 women and 13 girls of Waukegan Community Church in a very engaging evening of food and discussion. The evening began with a Pot Luck supper, followed by a viewing of two videos depicting the horrors and fears experienced by young girls of third world countries forced into childhood marriages. The evening ended with a very spirited discussion on what should and could be re-

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Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. Takes selfie as he extends his congratulatory greetings to Attorney John and his wife Jacqueline on their 20th Wedding Anniversary and 21 years in operating his law practice. Rev. Jackson and the Joanems enjoyed the afternoon relaxing, eating and watching the Chicago Cubs play at Wrigley Field. Rev. Jackson told the couple that he's pleased to know that whatever they've gone through in 21 years, that they went through it together.

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A Peoples Voice Special Report

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The Public Safety Fair consisted of more than 15 public safety information booths, interactive displays and activities including an obstacle course and police academy training scenarios, CPR demonstrations, free smoke detectors and more. The schedule of activities included keynote speaker Lake County State's Attorney, Mike Nerheim's, citizen awards and a formal swearing in and promotion ceremony by the North Chicago Fire Department. In addition to North Chicago Fire and Police, participating vendors at the event include Veterans Affairs Police, DEA, Great Lakes Police and Fire Department, Canadian National Railroad, North Shore Gas, ComEd, First Midwest Bank and others.

"Keeping North Chicago safe and secure is my highest priority as Mayor," said Mayor Rockingham. "This fun and informational event builds on the City's commitment to maintaining a network of strong, sustainable neighborhoods, and will bring families, local partners, and stakeholders together to keep our community safe."

"As we continually reinforce at community meetings throughout the year, the safety of our neighborhoods is a collaborative effort between law enforcement and residents," says Public Safety Chair Bonny Mayfield. "Saturday's event provided an opportunity for a community dialogue that will continue to foster a culture of safety."

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, North Chicago is home to the only training center for United States Navy recruits. With the involvement of its citizens, the city provides effective and responsive municipal services to a population of 32,574. Nearly 300,000 people visit the city each year to at-



Alderman Bonny Mayfield and Mayor Leon Rockingham are joined by the Friends of the North Chicago Library staff.

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Community Action Partnership Hosts Dinner to Benefit Veteran Housing



Pictured (L to R): Mayor Sam Cunningham, US Congressman Brad Schneider, CAP CEO Mary Lockhart-White, and Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.

GURNEE, IL – US Representative Brad Schneider was the keynote speaker at the Community Action Partnership of Lake County benefit dinner at PRIMO Restaurant on October 19. Elected officials, Mayors Sam Cunningham and Leon Rockingham Jr., and Sheriff MarK Curran joined business leaders in recognizing local veterans who have participated in CAPOLC volunteer events that support local military veterans. To date, CAPOLC has completed rehabilitation of ten 3-bedroom townhouses and one single family house. Rehab funding has been a combination of corporate grants, corporate volunteer events, IL Dept. of Veteran

Affairs Cash grants, private donations and fundraising such as this benefit. Veteran families come to Veterans Housing at Hervey from diverse challenges. They may be living doubled up with family members, living under imminent eviction, homeless in shelters or homeless without housing. Mary Lockhart White, CAPOLC Executive Director/CEO and Community Action Foundation Board Chairperson asks the community to support veteran affordable housing as a volunteer or donor. To contribute this holiday season via #GivingTuesday, please visit: <https://www.crowdrise.com/communityactionpartn6>

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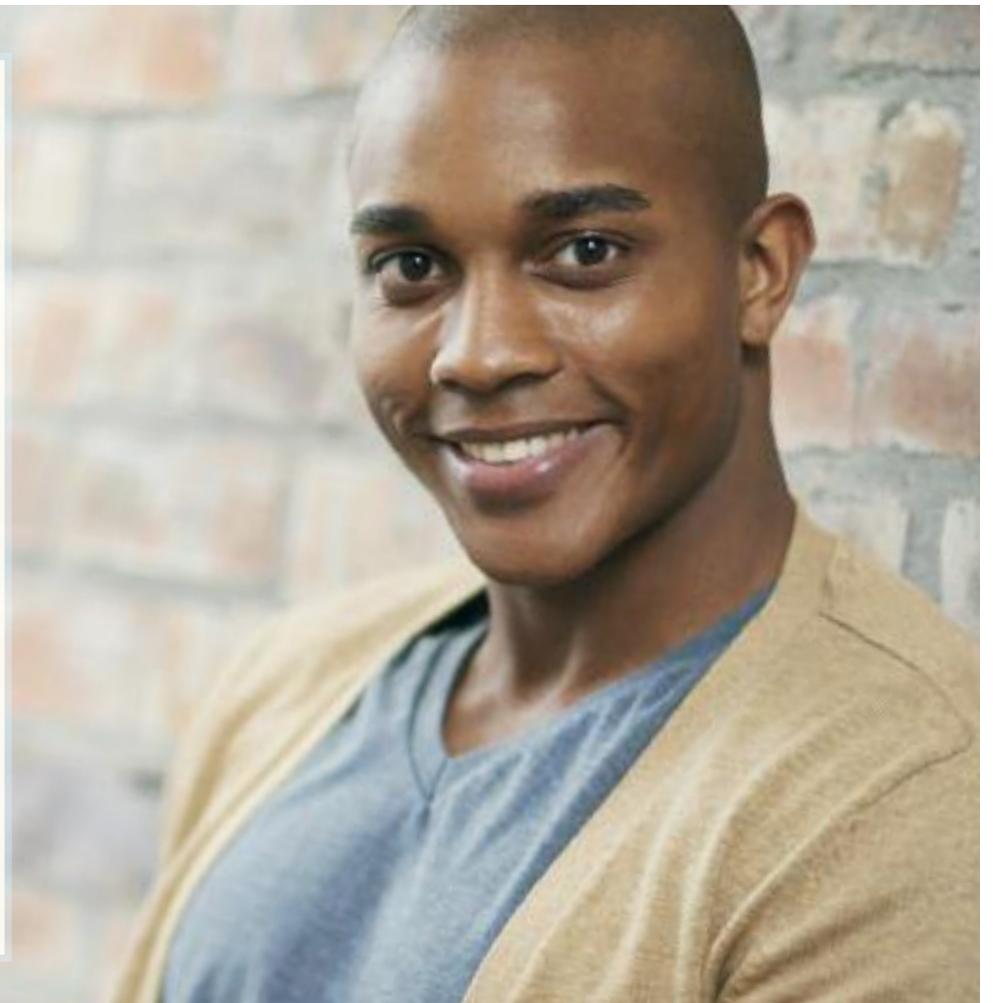
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WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET?

Managing Your Credit Cards – A few tips and tricks to increase your credit scores

Everyone needs at least one credit card in their wallet. Credit cards should not be a financial burden to you, but an asset. For example, when you travel or need to make purchases online a credit card comes in handy. Most credit card companies allow you to earn points or rewards as you use your credit cards, an extra bonus!

If you own a credit card and have great credit scores you should try to pay it off each month to avoid the interest. But if you're looking to build your credit scores you should utilize your credit cards (added) wisely. The rule of thumb is you should not use more than 30% of your credit limit on each credit card. For example: If you have a credit limit of \$1,000 your balance should not exceed \$300. This demonstrates restraint and will prove you don't depend on your credit cards to handle your household expenses. It's better for you to have 3 credit cards with a balance at



Tammy Moore

30% of the credit limit than to have one credit card maxed out.

Another tip that will drive up your credit score is to pay more than the minimum monthly payment. For example: If the minimum payment is \$30, you should pay at least \$40 or more per month. The additional payment will show the credit bureaus you have additional cash available and are not living paycheck to paycheck.

These simple tips can increase your score as much as 50-100 points if you apply it to your revolving debt. Stay tuned for more tips to increase your credit scores!

Tammy Moore is Division President at Diamond Residential Mortgage, A motivational speaker and Credit and Financial Coach. In her spare time, she is the Budget Conscious Fashionista, where she teaches Style Sense: How style you outfit on a budget! Visit her website <https://www.tammymoore.com/iteach-style-sense.html> for fashion tips and a look book of outfits.

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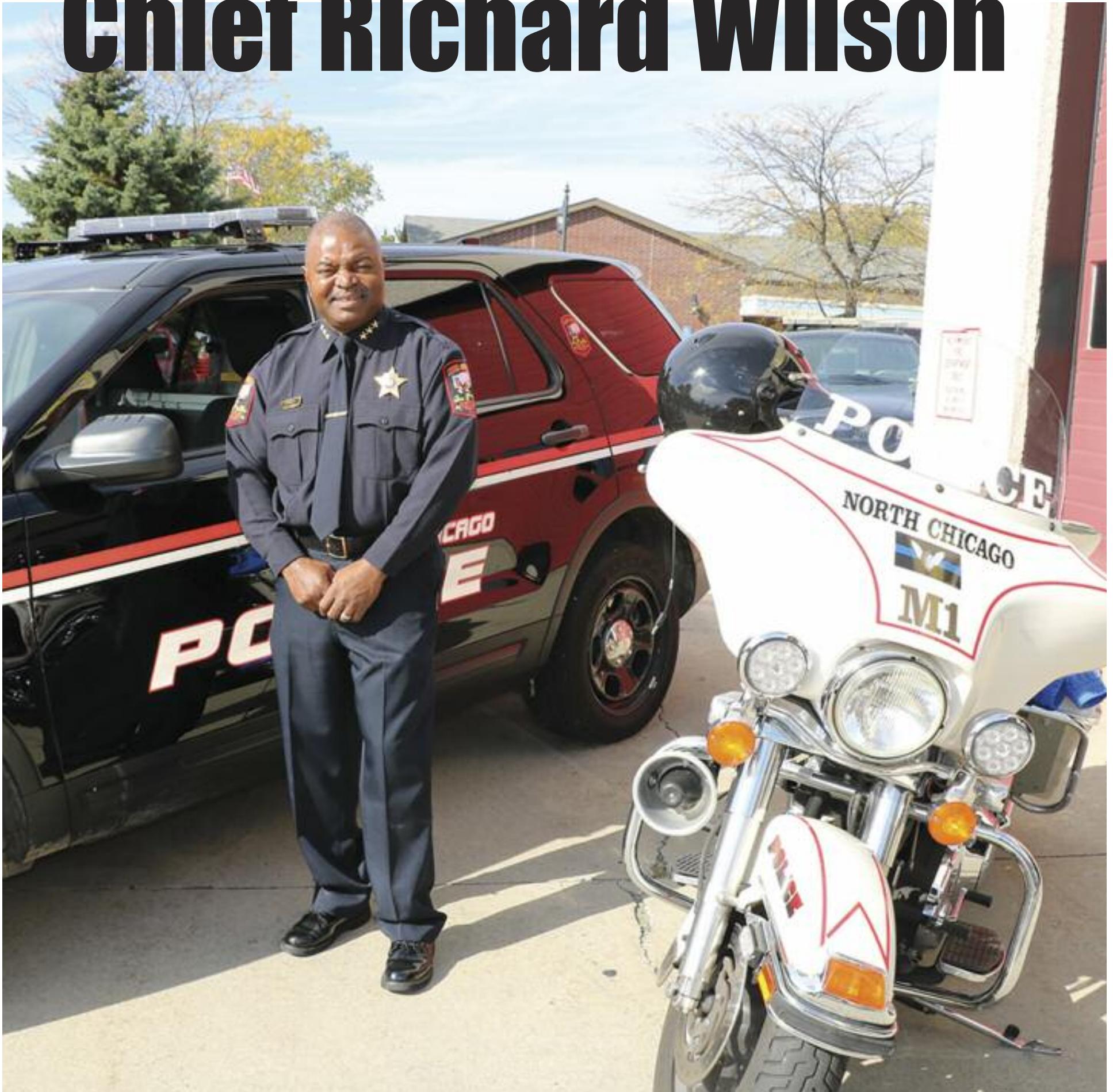
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North Chicago's Top Law Enforcement Officer Chief Richard Wilson



Editor's Note: The People's Voice Newspaper asked Chief Richard Wilson, Chief of Police for the City of North Chicago a few questions. Here is the information that he shared with us.

Q: Chief Wilson tell us about the scope of your job at the North Chicago Police Station.

A: The primary focus as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer at the North Chicago Police Department has been to bridge the gap between Law Enforcement and the Community. My goal is to bring more transparency and provide a safe community for all North Chicagoans.

Q: How long have you been there, and progressively, what has your tenure been like?

A: I have served the North Chicago Police Department for 24 years and 9 months. I started out as a patrol officer in March of 1993. I have been assigned to the Marion Jones Housing project, the North Chicago High School, and has served on the Lake County Major Crime Task Force. In May of 2002 until February 2007, I was the Senior Juvenile Investigator for the North Chicago Police Department and from there was promoted to Operations Sergeant for Internal Affairs. I have worked in various capacities in Internal Affairs as a Supervisor and Investigator until September of 2013 where I was promoted to be Deputy Chief of Police. In May of 2016 I was appointed by Major Leon Rockingham Jr. to the position of Chief of Police.

Q: Over the years, what was your greatest accomplishment?

A: I have been named the Officer of the Year twice, in 1995 and in 2003. I have also been instrumental in bringing positive community involvement programs to North Chicago such as Shop with a Cop and National Night Out, and the Community Organized Police Spirit (COPS) program.

Q: What is Shop with a Cop?

A: It is a program set up to make sure that underprivileged children in the community will have a good Christmas. An additional goal is to foster positive relationships between youth and Police officers. Young kids, K - 6th grades, are selected during the end-of-the-year holiday season to shop at one of the local

area stores to purchase gifts. It's usually Walmart or Target. Each child is given a generous amount of money to spend, normally \$100-\$150. One child and their family member is assigned to each police personnel, who then escorts them around the store and assists in selecting appropriate holiday gifts. After shopping, the children will eat Christmas Dinner, take photos with Santa, and continue enjoying this one day holiday event.

Q: What is National Night Out?

A: National Night Out is something that is done in communities across the country designed to help communities reduce crime and violence. It promotes police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. There are a number of activities that go on that day and evening.

Q: What is Community Organized Police Spirit (COPS)

A: This is an event that I started back in 1995. It is an activity that engages the youth in basketball tournaments in three age groups. We start out with a pancake breakfast and anyone in the community can come and have a free pancake breakfast with police personnel. Then we have basketball contests in three age groups; a) 10-13 years of age, b) 14-17 years of age, and c) 18 years of age and older. We give away hot dogs and prizes all day.

These programs help bridge the gap between the community and the Police department.

Q: What would you say to the youth of today?

A: The world is forever changing, and with each day there is a new challenge. Prepare yourself with knowledge and be prepared for these new challenges.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: I was born in Chicago in 1958 just after my family had relocated from Indiana. I am number ten of 11 children. I am married (Lynnette Hodge-Wilson) with a blended family of eight children and 14 grandchildren.

Q: What are your hobbies or things that you do in your leisure time?

A: I enjoy playing Golf, playing card and vacationing.

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November 2017

A communique of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County

Veterans remain at higher risk of experiencing homelessness than the rest of the population. Although some veterans have access to health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Medicaid plays an important role for this population, particularly those experiencing homelessness. But, with Medicaid cuts on the table, some people are concerned that homeless veterans will lose coverage.



Mary Lockhart-White
 Executive Director

Although the number of veterans experiencing homelessness on a given night has declined by 17% since 2015, veterans remain more likely to experience homelessness than the overall population. Veterans make up about 9% of the adult population but constitute nearly 12% of persons experiencing homelessness. While the exact number of veterans experiencing homelessness is unknown given the difficulty of tracking the homeless population, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that in 2015, nearly 133,000 veterans experienced sheltered homelessness at some point throughout the year. They also estimate that on a given night in January 2016, 40,000 veterans experienced homelessness, including over 13,000 unsheltered homeless veterans living on the streets.

Veterans experiencing homelessness have significant health needs that are often complicated and exacerbated by lack of housing. Veterans who are poor; have a disability, chronic health condition, or mental health issue; lack support networks; and/or have a history of substance use are at particularly high risk of experiencing homelessness. Veterans experiencing homelessness are disproportionately male (91%), young (43%), Black (39%), and live in a city (74%) as compared to the overall veteran population. Approximately 53% of veterans experiencing homelessness have some type of disability as compared to 28% of the overall veteran population. Homelessness is also associated with chronic health conditions, as these conditions can be a cause or preceding factor to homelessness or be the result of or exacerbated by lack of stable housing. Given the high needs of these individuals, homelessness is often associated with high rates of emergency department use and inpatient hospitalizations, and health complications.

Though rates of homelessness have been on the decline among the veteran population, veterans remain overrepresented among the homeless population and at high risk of experiencing homelessness. Medicaid plays an important role for veterans, covering some who would otherwise be uninsured and supplementing Medicare, private, VA or military coverage for others. Medicaid coverage is particularly important for veterans experiencing homelessness who often lack access to other coverage options and have high rates of chronic health conditions, disabilities, mental health issues, and alcohol or substance use disorders

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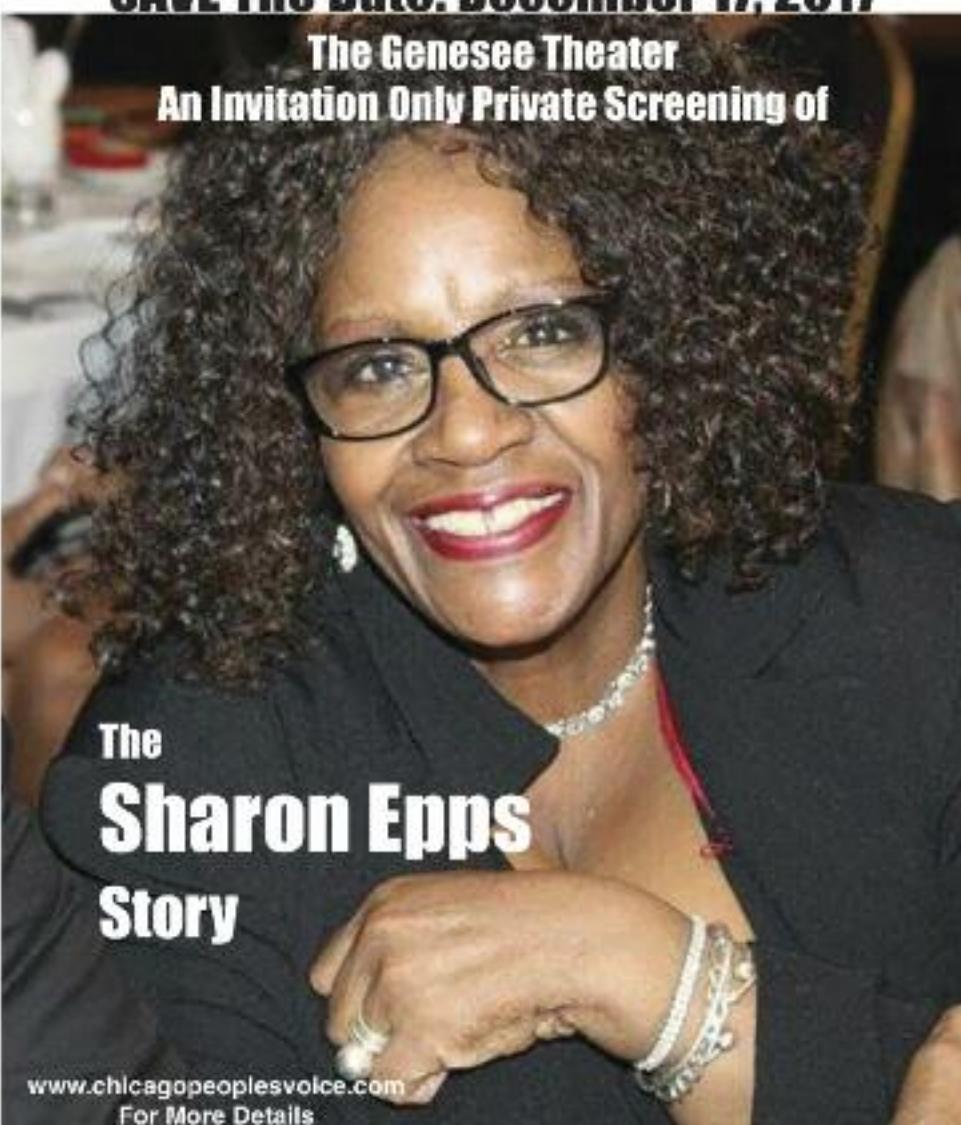
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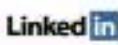
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THURS.BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.

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Sunday:
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-week Worship Study 7:00 p.m.



Pastor: Rev. Arthur J. Gass Sr.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. -John 3:3



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Rev. Rosemarie Green,
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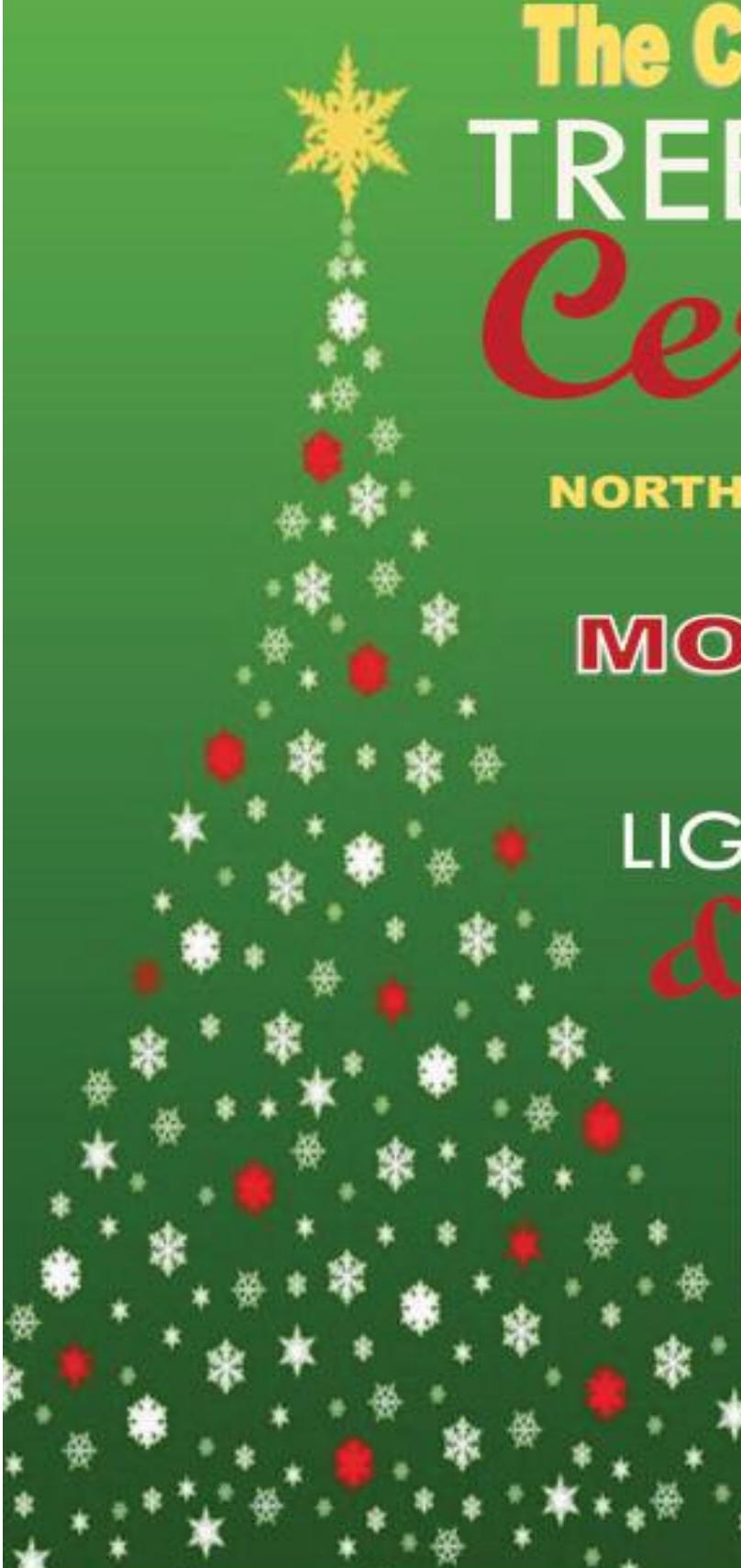
**Sunday Morning
Worship Service.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:00 AM
Sunday Worship...10:45 AM
BTU..... 5:00 PM**

Soup Kitchen.....3:00 PM
Every Saturday in the
Annex Building at
Greenfield and 16th Street,
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Pastor and First Lady
Eugene Roberson



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