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NNPA President Extols the Black Press, Black Voters at NAACP Convention



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By Stacy Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), delivered a rousing speech about the importance of the Black Press and the Black vote, during the 109th NAACP Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

The NNPA is a trade group that represents more than 200 Black-owned newspapers and media companies in the United States. NNPA member publications reach more than 20 million readers, combined, in print and online, every week.

NNPA Board Chairman Dorothy Leavell and a several other NNPA members also attended the convention.

"I can't think of a better place to be in the world than to be here at the NAACP [convention]," Dr. Chavis said as he began his speech. "Brother and sisters, you look so beautiful this morning."

Dr. Chavis noted that 2018 marked the 191st year of the Black Press in America.

"Since 1827, when 'Freedom's Journal' was published in New York, we've been on the case," Dr. Chavis told the convention audience. "All of you should be subscribing to the Black Press. Don't worry about the 'Fake News'; pay attention to Black News."

Dr. Chavis also reminded the audience that the NAACP and the NNPA signed a memorandum of understanding, earlier this year, during the NNPA's 2018 Mid-Winter Conference in Las Vegas.

"We're going to work together to increase the membership of the NAACP and we are going to work together to strengthen the Black Press of America," Dr. Chavis said.

Dr. Chavis addressed the NAACP convention on the 100th birthday of Nelson Mandela.

"Some of you recall in 1993 at the national convention of the NAACP, we invited Nelson Mandela to the stage and he reminded us that the African National Congress sought guidance from the NAACP," Dr. Chavis said. "It's been a long, working relationship, starting with W.E.B. Du Bois on up to today, between the NAACP and the ANC...our brothers and sisters in Africa are making progress and we need to make progress here in America."

The NNPA President lamented the current state of politics in Washington, D.C. and the attacks on voting rights across the nation.

"It's a reaction to us going to the polls and voting," Dr. Chavis said. "Voter suppression is taking place, because we're voting...but we're going to overcome voter suppression this year."

In 2018, the NNPA launched a campaign promoting the importance of voter registration in the Black community with the goal to encourage 5 million Blacks to register to vote and go to polls during the midterm elections in November.

"We want the largest, Black voter turnout in American history led by the NAACP; led by the Black Press of America," Dr. Chavis said.

Dr. Chavis continued: "There is a spirit in this place, an abiding spirit that, for 109 years, the NAACP has always been there, and we have to remind our young people. I'm so glad to see so many young people at this convention. We need to raise up a new generation of freedom fighters. We need to raise up a new generation of courage seekers that will stand up for the truth."

Dr. Chavis said that he was confident about the future of the NAACP, the Black Press and the Black community.

"I didn't come to San Antonio pessimistic," Dr. Chavis said.

"I'm optimistic. I'm fired up and ready to go! Fired up and ready to go! Long live the spirit of the NAACP!" Dr. Chavis exclaimed to thunderous applause. "Long live the spirit for freedom, for justice, and for equality! God bless!"

Principal's passion sparks direction for new IGNITE Middle School



DALLAS - While enrolled in medical school and doing night rounds at a hospital, Michael Gayles came to a life-changing decision: he would follow his dream of becoming an educator.

After graduating from medical school, Gayles went on to serve as a teacher at North Dallas High School and, several years later, as an assistant principal at T.W. Browne Middle School. Today, Gayles is helping open and serving as principal at IGNITE Middle School, the new Dallas ISD Personalized Learning transformation campus opening in August.

For Gayles, his goal for IGNITE Middle School is simple: help students envision their best possible life, and set them on the path toward making that life a reality.

"Growing up I didn't have anyone who helped me think about what I was passionate about or possible career paths I could pursue," Gayles said. "What I'm most excited about is how Ignite Middle School will help students discover their passions at an early age."

IGNITE Middle School is seeing tremendous interest: more than 700 incoming sixth-graders applied for what was originally 150 seats. Due to the high interest, the campus increased its inaugural class to 230 students.

IGNITE Middle School is a Personalized Learning campus that will provide individualized instruction, not only based on each student's academic needs, but also on their interests and goals. The students will take field trips to high schools, colleges and workplaces to help them better envision their future.

"The most important resource in a child's educational life is their own potential. If we can ignite that potential, they will be unstoppable," Gayles said. "Ignite is dedicated to helping students discover their super powers."

IGNITE Middle School is opening thanks to the Office of Transformation and Innovation' Public School Choice Competitive Proposal Process. The process gives educators the chance to create high-quality, best-fit options for Dallas ISD students to realize their full academic potential.

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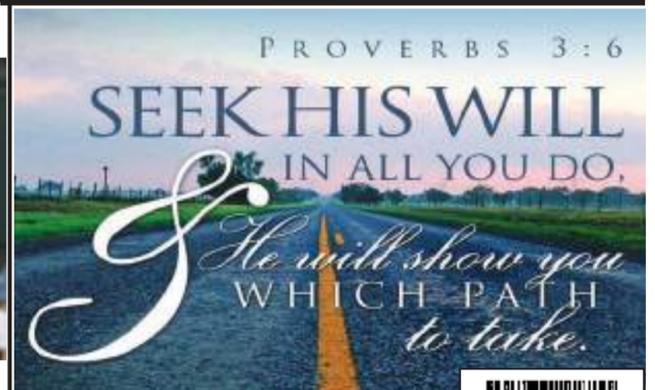
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EDITORIAL PAGE

Ritz Recall? Oh No!

My Day
By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Are you reading the labels of the foods you purchase? For any unknown reason, have your allergies been more active than usual or is your stomach having a disagreement with more of your desired foods?

What about 'pop-up' headaches? I am of the opinion that Americans, especially African Americans must be aware that agriculture and our food supply is a matter of national security.

I love Ritz! A Ritz Cracker is like a Lays Potato Chip. You cannot eat just one. They go with everything. And can stand alone as a snack you can eat in your hand. But this week there was a potential presence of salmonella and they were pulled from grocer's shelves. How could that

be? It's a cracker for Pete's sake!

Well, there is more undelicious news about food. This is a very important topic especially doing the summer months with vacations, visitors, picking up foods in other cities, eating out more. Be careful too of those 'quick-for-sell' items. An allergic reaction or a 'sour stomach' will most assuredly ruin a well-planned vacation and hinder you from enjoying your 50th high school reunion. Let me mention a few recall listing from Food Safety.gov, both the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). . . all in the month of July, 2018.

Gift Tree issued an alert on "undeclared" pecans, walnuts, almonds, peanuts in Sherman Candy Caramels. Flowers Food Brands of Swiss

Rolls and Captain John Derst Old Fashioned Bread issued an allergy alert. Another allergy alert issued for "undeclared" milk in Food Lion Brand Dill Pickle Potato Chips, a potential serious life threatening allergic reaction. HEB voluntarily issued a recall for Creamy Creations Ice Cream and Sherbets in three (3) ounce cups due to a broken metal found in processing equipment doing routine maintenance. This recall included HEB stores in Texas. Aldi recalled a Hawaiian brand due to storage at incorrect temperature. I wonder with the three-digit heat, how many of these have we had without recall notices to the public. Ready-to-eat beef jerky products recalled due to misbranding.

Reviewing further down the list at Food Safety.gov, in the month of July, 2018, there

was more "undeclared" peanuts due to misbranding mistakenly included in a pack instead of cashews. There were several product recalls due to misbranding and "undeclared" allergens. A sausage company recalled approximately 10,800 pounds of canned chicken gravy products that may have been under processed.

This is a very insightful website. Please read labels and check Food Safety.gov, regularly.

Share the information. We need you to . . . stay well.

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Overcoming Spiritual Poverty

Written through the inspiration of God by Prayer Warrior/Missionary, Evangelist Ms. Cm Carter

Spiritual growth is greatly necessary. We must pray, admit our spiritual poverty and invite Jesus to rule over our life. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. (St Matthew 6:33); Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)

We must make God first choice in our life. Growing spiritually is a necessity and a

great sign of strength. When we are called to serve our strength skills, and education don't always matter; because it is the Lord who does the work through us. He doesn't seek out the most qualified people but instead calls men, women, boys and girls who are willing to surrender themselves to him. When God's strength works through their weakness; it is obvious that only God could have achieved the results.

With prayer and surrender

to God there is no limit to what God can accomplish through his power in us.

Additional words of wisdom in overcoming spiritual poverty.

1. Before studying God's word, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what he wants you to get from his word.
2. Admit you sins and ask God to rule over your life
3. If we spent more time praying on our knees we will have less trouble standing on our feet.



Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding.

Embrace God's wisdom.

Supporting Our NATO Allies!

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

Like many of you, members of my family served in our armed forces during times of war to protect our nation, and our allies against aggression and invasion. Historically, more than any other nation on earth, the United States has been relied upon by others to come to their defense and, when necessary, to protect them.

Perhaps the most importance military and cultural alliance we have with other nations for mutual defense is NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which was established in 1949 as a counter-balance to Russian encroachment in Europe.

Certainly, our NATO allies, like many of us, were shocked recently when our president

embraced Russian President Vladimir Putin while turning his back on American intelligence agencies, and the men and women who risk their lives while serving our nation.

NATO consists of twenty-nine of the world's leading democracies, including Germany, France, Great Britain, Norway, Spain, Belgium, and Canada. NATO members are committed to one another's economic growth, stability and military protection.

Because of statements made before and after the presidential election by President Trump some NATO members are concerned about whether the United States can be relied upon during a time of military crisis, and whether or not we are fully committed to the principles of the alliance.

Our NATO allies must

look beyond the rhetoric and be assured that the American people stand shoulder to shoulder with us after our nation was attacked by domestic terrorists on September 11th 2001.

Our European partners, for the most part, are also members of the European Union, which President Trump sadly called a "foe" during his recent trip to Europe. The comment was a mistake and flies in the face of the fond and earnest relationships we have built with our European allies, beginning seventy years ago.

The president must also remember that many of our NATO allies have troops fighting side by side with American soldiers against Islamic terrorists in Afghanistan. The soldiers of the countries that he belittles are risking their lives, and dying

for a cause that our country believes is righteous.

Mr. Trump must also understand that NATO is critical to the safety of the United States and its people. No one country can defeat evil on its own. It is just not the case in today's world.

While the president is new to diplomacy and international relationships his behavior towards our allies in Europe and in other places in the world is inexcusable.

He must abandon the role of a reality television host and assume the mantle of a statesman, a leader that is able to achieve consensus, and earns the respect of world leaders. That is how we continue to build bridges with our allies. It is not accomplished by destroying that which took decades to create.

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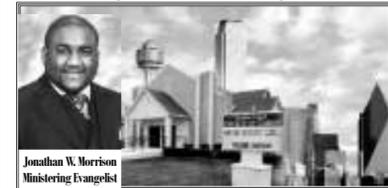
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Monarch Dental of Dallas/Fort Worth Offers Savings to Families Who Donate School Supplies

The affiliated offices of Monarch Dental are again joining forces with Community Partners of Dallas to collect backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children across the Dallas/Fort Worth area from now through August 18th.

Nearly 170,000 children across Dallas and Fort Worth currently live at or below the poverty line. Monarch Dental aims to make it easier for these kids to get the support they need to succeed in school and in life, whether that means affordable dental and orthodontic care or their basic school supplies. By turning all 51 Monarch Dental Dallas/Fort Worth locations into drop-off points, the company is making it easier than ever for area residents to make a difference. In an effort to encourage even more families to participate this year – Monarch Dental will be providing a \$200 discount off braces for anyone who donates a new backpack and school supplies through August 18th.

"At Monarch Dental, we are deeply committed to supporting the communities we serve," says Dr. Robert Crim, Chief Dental Officer. "We are proud to work together with Community Partners of Dallas, helping ensure that these children feel supported and start the school year with the tools they need for a successful year of learning."

This effort is part of Community Partners of Dallas' annual Back-to-School Drive which aims to collect more than 3,500 backpacks filled with supplies for school-aged children throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

"With support from partners like Monarch Dental, the Back-to-School Drive will make a difference in the lives of more than 3,500 abused and neglected children throughout Dallas County," said Paige McDaniel, CEO. "Equipping children with new supplies and uniforms allows these kids to focus on their education and achieve academic success."

To make a student smile this Back-to-School season and earn \$200 off orthodontic treatment, bring a new backpack with supplies totaling \$50* in value to any Monarch Dental location. For more information and a list of the most needed supplies, visit Monarch Dental's blog page.

*To receive \$200 coupon off braces please present receipt totaling \$50 for backpack/school supplies at any of the 51 affiliated Monarch Dental locations. Offer available for patients not using insurance.

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About Monarch Dental

Monarch Dental provides general dentistry, children's dentistry and specialty care services such as orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontics and endodontics at 89 locations throughout Texas, Arkansas and Utah. Monarch Dental affiliated practices makes it easy and affordable for individuals and families to get the dental care they need with convenient locations, extended hours and same-day appointments. The Monarch Dental mission is to create healthier smiles by making dental visits easy and enjoyable. Learn more at www.monarchdental.com.

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Serena Williams hits out again at testing 'discrimination'



(AP) - Serena Williams has complained on social media that it's "test Serena" time again as she once more hit out at the frequency with which she is selected for anti-doping tests.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion took to Twitter on Tuesday night after she received another visit from a tester.

Williams tweeted: "And it's that time of the day to get 'randomly' drug tested and only test Serena. Out of all the players it's been proven I'm the one getting tested the most. Discrimination? I think so. At least I'll be keeping the sport clean."

In a second message, the

36-year-old American added: "But I'm ready to do whatever it takes to have a clean sport so bring it on. I'm excited."

Williams has complained before at being drug-tested more than other American tennis players this year.

"Just test everyone equally," Williams said on the eve of this year's Wimbledon, where she lost to Angelique Kerber in the final.

A report by Deadspin said Williams had been checked five times in 2018 by June, more than other U.S. women and men in the sport.

Williams returned to competition this season after missing more than a year as

a result of pregnancy. She gave birth to a daughter last September.

As part of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's "intelligent" out-of-competition testing program, it is not unusual for top athletes — those who have had sustained success in their sport — to be tested more often than others.

Following her loss to Kerber, Williams said she had proven to herself that she could still compete to win Grand Slams. Her next Grand Slam title would tie her with Margaret Court for the most with 24. She already has the most major trophies in the professional era.

PRESS ROOM: NIH and Prostate Cancer Foundation Launch Large Study on Aggressive Prostate Cancer in African-American Men



The largest coordinated research effort to study biological and non-biological factors associated with aggressive prostate cancer in African-American men has begun. The \$26.5 million study is called RESPOND, or Research on Prostate Cancer in Men of African Ancestry: Defining the Roles of Genetics, Tumor Markers, and Social Stress. It will investigate environmental and genetic factors related to aggressiveness of prostate cancer in African-American men to better understand why they disproportionately experience aggressive disease—that is, disease that grows and spreads quickly—compared with men of other racial and ethnic groups.

RESPOND is supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), both parts of the National Institutes of Health, as well as by the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF). The NCI funding will be provided from the 21st Century Cures Cancer Moonshot Initiative.

"Understanding why African-American men are more likely to be diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer than men of other racial and ethnic groups is a critical, unanswered question in cancer disparities research," said NCI Director Ned Sharpless, M.D. "This large, collaborative study can help the cancer research community better understand and address these disparities."

African-American men have about a 15 percent chance of developing prostate cancer in their lifetimes, compared to about a 10 percent chance for White men, and African-American men are more likely to be diagnosed with aggressive disease. In addition, the risk of dying from prostate cancer for African-American men is about 4 percent compared to about 2 percent for white men. With the RESPOND

study, researchers aim to learn more about why these disparities exist.

"This study, which is combining state-of-the-art molecular approaches with social and environmental science, will help unravel the complex interactions of biological, behavioral, and environmental factors that contribute to excess prostate cancer burden and poorer outcomes in African-American men, allowing development of tailored approaches for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in this population," said NIMHD Director Eliseo Pérez-Stable, M.D.

The investigators aim to enroll 10,000 African-American men with prostate cancer into the RESPOND study. The participants will be identified primarily via NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Cancer Registries. In addition, this study builds on years of research collaboration involving investigators who are part of the African Ancestry Prostate Cancer (AAPC) consortium. These investigators will contribute additional information and samples from 10,000 African-American men with prostate cancer. In accordance with NIH data sharing policies, and with appropriate informed consent, the de-identified data and samples collected as part of this research will be made available as a resource to the scientific community, aiding future research.

Investigators in the study will examine possible associations between aggressive disease and exposures to neighborhood/environmental stressors such as discrimination, early-life adversity, and segregation. They will also study DNA and tumor samples to identify gene variants associated with aggressive prostate cancer. Once researchers have

identified genetic changes associated with aggressive prostate cancer, they will investigate how the social environment interacts with those genetic changes.

"Previous research on prostate cancer disparities has investigated social and genetic factors separately, but we know these components interact with each other to contribute to disparities," said Damali Martin, Ph.D., program director for the study in NCI's Epidemiology and Genomics Research Program. "The ability to integrate genetic and environmental factors, including individual, neighborhood, and societal factors, into one large study will enable us to have a better understanding of how all of these factors contribute to the aggressiveness of prostate cancer."

RESPOND, a cooperative agreement, will be led by Christopher Haiman, Sc.D., of the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, in collaboration with John Carpten, Ph.D., Ann Hamilton, Ph.D., and David Conti, Ph.D., also of USC; Scarlett Gomez, Ph.D., of the University of California, San Francisco; Tamara Lotan, M.D., of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; and Franklin Huang, M.D., Ph.D., of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

NCI's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics will perform genotyping, and the Center for Inherited Disease Research at Johns Hopkins University will conduct DNA sequencing for the genetic component of the study. NCI's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences is administering the study grant.

"No group in the world is hit harder by prostate cancer than men of African descent, and, to date, little is known about the biological reasons for these disparities, or the full impact of environmental factors," said Jonathan W. Simons, M.D., PCF's president and CEO. "We celebrate our partnership and applaud NIH for spearheading this study, which we believe will help pave the way for groundbreaking discoveries that will improve health equity for African-American men and their families."

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Parkland makes changes to financial assistance program



Parkland has changed the eligibility requirements for the Parkland Financial Assistant (PFA) program to improve access to care. PFA is not health insurance, but it may help patients pay for health services if they cannot afford them.

The biggest changes are the eligibility requirement, which moved from 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Level (FPIL) to 250 percent of the FPIL with sliding scale payment requirements. This will allow more

Dallas County residents to benefit from the program.

All applicants to PFA will continue to undergo a financial screening to determine if there are any programs they qualify for that will help pay for their care. Patients also must provide documents that show their eligibility and apply for all other programs they may be eligible for. In addition, participants must agree to make good faith payments at the time of service based on their ability to pay.

The PFA program is only open to Dallas County residents. For more information, visit www.ParklandHospital.com/PFA.

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Wells Fargo is helping empower students for their futures

Thandi Moses has always had clear plans for her future. As a high school student in Rochester, New York, she knew she wanted to go to a historically black college or university. Now that she's a student at an HBCU, she plans on attending an Ivy League law school after she earns her bachelor's degree.

"I want to go to school with people who want to succeed," Moses said. "It empowers you."

Thandi Moses applied and was accepted to Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida, during UNCF's Empower Me Tour in 2017.

But as a high school student, she wondered how she would adjust to college life and the curriculum, so she attended United Negro College Fund's Empower Me Tour in Rochester, New York, in 2017 to find out more about college opportunities. There, she learned about Florida Memorial University — which she applied to and was accepted at during the event — Tuskegee University, and North Carolina A&T University, and she even received one of five \$5,000 scholarships from UNCF, the largest scholarship granting organization for students of color. Today, Moses is a freshman at Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida, majoring in law and government with a minor in business administration.

With support from UNCF, Najma Calhoun, a senior at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, is working to complete her undergraduate studies.

The Empower Me Tour travels to colleges and universities nationwide,

providing free information about financial education, college and career readiness, college completion, and self-empowerment for high school students; college students, alumni, and administration; parents; educators; and the community. High school student participants have the opportunity to attend HBCU workshops with speakers, presenters, and recruiters, who typically offer acceptances and academic scholarships on the spot.

"There are three big things that students take away from the tour, starting with how to think of themselves and the set of experiences they have for a career," said Larry Griffith, senior vice president for Programs and Student Services for UNCF. "Often, students aren't able to associate their particular major with what might be out there for them in the world, so we help them think that through. The second thing we do is give them tools so that they can then take their knowledge, ready themselves for interviews, and make things pop on their resume. The third thing we do is give them a chance to practice. We put them in front of professionals who will look at their resumes and conduct mock interviews so they can receive feedback in a low-risk environment. The students come away thinking about what their opportunities are, are able to explore their opportunities, and put everything into practice."

The Empower Me Tour was created in 2008 by founding sponsor Wells Fargo, and the company continues to provide financial support and volunteers. It

provides \$1 million each year for UNCF's programs and scholarships, and Wells Fargo team members regularly volunteer at events like the Empower Me Tour, mentoring attendees, teaching financial capabilities, and serving on local UNCF boards. In 2017, 133 team members volunteered about 560 hours with UNCF.

Dewey Norwood, relationship manager for Wells Fargo's Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations, said it's important to provide students with guidance about college and their careers. "If you help them, they're going to want to come back and help the next generation," he said. "They are going to come back to their campuses. They are going to remember that person from Wells Fargo. They may not remember our names, but they are going to say, 'hey I met somebody from Wells Fargo who helped me build my credit,' or 'I was on a Wells Fargo webinar, and they told me the importance of building good relationships.' All of those pieces come to be a great reward long term."

Even though she is just starting her college career, Moses already plans to come back and share her story with younger students. She hopes to inspire others to take advantage of the opportunities UNCF and the Empower Me Tour provide.

"The Empower Me Tour can help people realize what they actually want to do in life and provide you with what you need," Moses said. "I would encourage all students to go to the Empower Me Tour, receive information, and put forth your best effort."

Wells Fargo ups donations to more than \$1 Million a day to charities

Wells Fargo & Company last year continued to invest in communities across the country through its philanthropy and volunteerism, donating more than \$286.5 million in 2017 to more than 14,500 nonprofits, the company announced.

The company's plan to target \$400 million in donations to nonprofits and community organizations in 2018 is an increase of approximately 40 percent from 2017. Wells Fargo already is one of the top corporate cash donors, ranking first among financial institutions and third among all U.S. companies in a 2016 report (most recent ranking) by The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

"We understand the important role we play in helping our communities, so we will continue to identify additional opportunities where Wells Fargo can make a difference," CEO, Tim Sloan said. "Wells Fargo's increased philanthropy will have a positive effect on the causes and communities we support and further enhance our Corporate Social Responsibility efforts, which will continue to focus on advancing diversity and social inclusion, creating economic opportunities in underserved communities, and accelerating the transition to a lower-carbon economy and a healthier planet."

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Wells Fargo employees volunteered a record of 5,500 hours per day

In addition to corporate donations, Wells Fargo's team members volunteered a record 2 million hours in 2017, valued at \$48 million (source — Independent Sector*), which included 183,528 hours of service on 3,679 nonprofit boards supporting community revitalization and resiliency, homeownership, small business, food insecurity, and other global challenges. During the company's annual employee giving campaign, more than 65,300 team members pledged \$85 million in 2017 to 40,000 nonprofits. As a result, United Way Worldwide named the company's workplace giving campaign No. 1 in the U.S. for the ninth consecutive year.

"We couldn't be more proud of our Wells Fargo team members who, year after year, exhibit selfless commitment to strengthening the communities we serve and enriching the lives of others," said Wells Fargo President and CEO Timothy J. Sloan. "We honor the volunteerism, determination, and leadership of our team members, who are the cornerstone of our efforts to build a better bank for all communities. Their generosity underscores one of our company's most important core values and inspires the investments in communities across the country that we will continue to make."

"We're grateful to Wells Fargo and its team members for their growing investment and commitment to building stronger communities," said Brian Gallagher, President and CEO of United Way Worldwide. "Whether it's volunteer financial coaching, charitable giving through their workplace campaign, helping to fight hunger or supporting new job opportunities, Wells Fargo is leading across the board to make a difference in every community across America."

Wells Fargo commits \$3.5 million to increase financial capability across U.S.

Toncé Jackson was at a low point four years ago. In Chicago's Cook County Jail for a fourth time, she was struggling with substance abuse, had no job, a limited education, terrible credit, and was burdened with debt — she didn't even have a bank account. Caught in a painful cycle that was destroying her family, she resolved to change.

"I wanted to start my life over," said Jackson. "I just needed a little help with my beginning."

The Wells Fargo Financial Capability Grant program focuses on helping people, like Jackson, who are facing destabilizing economic challenges. Started in 2017, the program's grants help people from diverse populations who are underbanked by connecting them to income supports and financial training.

The program has just awarded \$3.5 million to two nonprofits with thoughtful and focused financial capability programs — the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund.

The Wells Fargo grants will provide \$1 million funding for the CFE Fund and \$2.5 million funding for LISC financial capability programs in a total of 25 U.S. cities and regions over three years.

"All of the cities we are working with demonstrated that they are looking to make financial empowerment front-and-center in the way they can do," said Tamara Lindsay, a principal at the CFE Fund. "The long-term vision is to create a permanent home for this work, to help make sure it is sustainable."

City leaders collaborate with CFE Fund partners to open Financial Empowerment Centers, or FECs, for their residents. At FECs, professionally trained counselors help consumers with low and moderate incomes manage their finances, pay down debt,

increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products. The FEC model integrates counseling into other social services, including housing and foreclosure prevention, workforce development, prisoner reentry, benefits access, domestic violence services, and more. First piloted in New York City under Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in 2008, the FECs are a proven success — about 80,000 consumers have reduced individual debt by almost \$94 million and increased their families' savings by about \$12 million. A recent CFE Fund evaluation showed that this program works even for residents with very low incomes and other complex financial challenges.

"Offering financial counseling as a public service, though local governments, helps stabilize struggling households and communities. Local leaders know the importance of helping families and neighborhoods build financial stability and make better use of social services," said Jonathan Mintz, president and CEO of the CFE Fund.

Wells Fargo's grant to LISC will strengthen and expand the Financial Opportunity Center, or FOC, model across 15 target markets. Working through local nonprofits nationwide since 2006, FOCs offer services including employment and career counseling, one-on-one financial coaching and education, and connect individuals with low-cost financial products that help build credit, savings and assets. FOCs also have a remedial education component that provides participants with foundational reading and math skills that they need in order to get into job training programs that can lead to higher paying, living-wage careers.

"Promising talent exists in all our communities, and we have to invest to

help people realize their full potential. That's where FOCs come in," said LISC CEO Maurice A. Jones. "By connecting people to the tools they need, they can compete for the quality jobs that employers must fill to innovate and grow. They'll be able to earn more, save more and access life-changing opportunities for themselves and their families."

During a conversation with her parole officer, Jackson found out about a local Financial Opportunity Center housed at Chicago's Jane Addams Resource Corporation, a nonprofit local community resource center. The FOC helped Jackson find additional education opportunities and got her into a job placement program. After she successfully landed her welding job, Jackson continued to receive guidance from a financial coach. She created a budget, reduced her medical debts, and established credit.

Mike Rizer, head of Wells Fargo Community Relations, said results like Jackson's are the goal.

"We are very excited to be working to help build strong and resilient communities by improving the financial capability of American families," Rizer said. "We take our responsibility to the communities we serve very seriously, and with the help of organizations like LISC and the CFE Fund, we will continue to invest in community-based programs that address critical needs at the local level."

Now addiction- and debt-free with a solid credit score and a path to a career, Jackson said one of the keys to her transformation was getting a financial plan.

"I am very focused now that I've started my life over," she said. "I want to do my very, very best. So whatever it takes — I say, 'Put me in, coach!'"