



TUSKEGEE HISTORY CENTER

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Museum and Visitor Center

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Esteemed Supporters,

As I approach my 93rd birthday on December 14, 2023, I reflect on the 69 years I've dedicated to practicing civil and human rights law in Alabama. Admitted to the Supreme Court of Alabama on September 7, 1954, my journey has been marked by unwavering commitment to justice. Throughout this time, I've championed numerous battles, safeguarding the rights of American citizens—encompassing the right to vote, use public transportation, obtain appropriate medical care, equal farm subsidies, public education, and more.

My endeavors, primarily fought and won in Alabama, have reverberated across the nation, benefiting all Americans. Noteworthy among those I've represented are iconic figures such as Dr. Martin L. King, Rosa Parks, Claudette Colvin, Congressman John Lewis, and the Freedom Riders.

The Tuskegee Human and Civil Rights Multicultural Center, also known as Tuskegee History Center (the Center), stands as a testament to the contributions of Native Americans, European Americans, and African Americans in shaping our nation. Our exhibits vividly depict the struggles of African Americans from slavery to the present day. Herman Shaw, one of the victims of the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment announced the formation of the Center at the presidential apology made by President Clinton on May 16, 1997. Mr. Shaw stated, "it is to serve as a permanent monument for the victims of the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment". Since its inception, I've tirelessly raised funds to establish and maintain this invaluable institution.

Over the years, my work has been recognized with prestigious awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the American Bar Association's Medal.

On behalf of the clients I've represented, I extend a heartfelt invitation for you to visit and **contribute** to the Tuskegee History Center. Your support ensures that the Center continues its mission of preserving and educating future generations about the struggles and triumphs that have shaped our shared history.

With gratitude,

Fred D. Gray

Co-Founder and President of the Board

