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WE CARE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Back to School Bash!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES GUIDE

AUGUST 23, 2025

10AM - 6PM

WASHINGTON PARK

3130 E. 30TH STREET

INDPLS, IN 46218

FOR MORE INFO:

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WE CARE ABOUT YOU & YOUR FAMILY!

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Dear Community Member,

What is the “We Care Community Festival”?

People are hurting due to laws that have changed how families live, learn, and survive. From food insecurity and mental wellness, challenges to cuts in education and healthcare access-our neighbors are facing real hardship. The “We Care Community Festival” is a united response from local nonprofits, faith leaders, and advocates who believe love must take action. Together, we’re creating a space of joy, support, and healing – because we care about our children, our families, and their quality of life.

We believe every child’s success is a community victory. This is a movement of love, dignity, and empowerment. And we need you to be part of it.

The Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color (ICESC), along with our nonprofit partners, invites you to join us in supporting families and students in the Washington Park community. Together, we can remove barriers, foster academic success, and spread hope.

Here’s how you can help:

We’re seeking donations, sponsorships, and volunteer services. Let’s demonstrate together what it looks like when a community chooses to care. Please contact us soon to confirm your involvement.

With appreciation and hope,

Diana Daniels
Executive Director,
Indiana Council on Educating
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Executive Director,
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We Care Honorary
Festival Co-Chair



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Ms. Annie Robinson
Chairperson

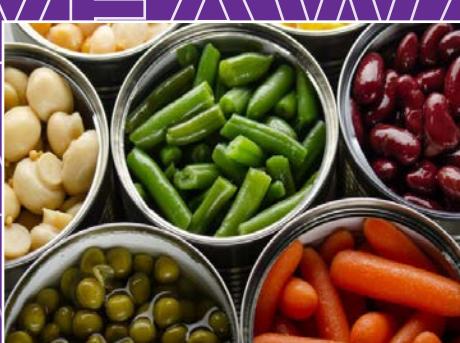
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Food GIVEAWAY!



FOOD BAGS ARE LIMITED!

(Non-perishables only)

Reserve your bag today!
Pick-up Time: 11AM – 2PM



SCAN HERE or Visit www.HowAreOurChildren.org

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Ms. Stacia Gray
Chairperson

Do You Need Baby Diapers?

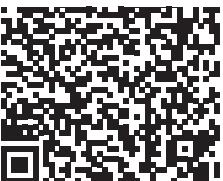


**We care about you and
your family!**

If you're a parent with
children ages 0-3, we're
giving away **FREE Diapers!**
at this event.

Pick-up Time: 11AM – 1PM

SCAN ME!



***PRE-REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED TO RECEIVE
DIAPER GIVEAWAYS**

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Ms. TaQusia Sharkey
Chairperson

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FREE HAIR
CARE SERVICES!

SCHOOL
AGES!
(K-12)

Hair braiding and
styling for girls.
Hair cuts for boys.
[no adult services]



HAIR CARE SERVICES:
11AM - 3:30PM
(NORTHSIDE OF MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM)

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REQUIREMENTS: GIRLS' HAIR
MUST BE WASHED AND
BLOW-DRIED. BOYS'
HAIR MUST BE WASHED.

SERVICES BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY!!!

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**WASHINGTON PARK
CENTER - (THE ROUND ROOM)**

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JOIN OUR PANEL!!

BE APART OF OUR "WE CARE, WE LISTEN, WE GROW" EDUCATION PANEL TO SHARE YOUR VOICE AND HELP SHAPE REAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY.

FREE

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS!



Ms. Shaquala Ford
Chairperson

Join us for four powerful workshops on addressing **five Critical Issues Facing African American Education**, grounded in the legacy of *Brown vs. Board of Education*:

- 1. Black Student Achievement:**
Absenteeism, Discipline Disparities, Literacy, Low Test Scores
- 2. Social Issues Impacting Education:**
Health Disparities, Media Misrepresentation, Mental Health, Racism
- 3. Research & Resource Development:**
Digital Divide, Economic Inequalities, Resource Disparities
- 4. Curriculum and Instruction:** Black Educator Underrepresentation, Lack of Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Disconnect
- 5. Segregation, Integration, and Segronomics:** Consistent Education Inequity, Inadequate Funding, Public vs. Charter

These sessions aim to empower families, educators, and community members.

DON'T MISS THIS!

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Dr. Myrtice Macon
Chairperson

First Aid Station is
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Frankie McCroy &
local nursing students
from Arsenal Tech
High School

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FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

11AM - 3:30PM

Supporting Your Wellness at the
We Care Community Festival

- Heart Health Screenings
- Checkmark Wellness Resources
- Heart Health Education
- Community Referrals

Join us for onsite healthcare services to
help you and your family stay informed,
healthy, and cared for.



Location: WASHINGTON PARK FAMILY CENTER (GAME ROOM)



BOOTS ON THE GROUND

LINE DANCING!

It's sure to get your toes tapping
and your heart pumping!

Grab your boots and join us on
the dance floor at the festival—
fun for all ages!



1:30PM - 3:30PM

Ms. Alice Hopkins
Chairperson

Location: WASHINGTON PARK FAMILY CENTER (SOUTH SIDE OF MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM)

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Mr. Rodnie Bryant
Chairperson

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON STAGE!!

1PM - 5PM

CELEBRATING JOY, EDUCATION & FAMILY EMPOWERMENT!

GREG BACON - JAZZ

JOSHUA WASHINGTON - GOSPEL

DEAD SILENCE - RAP



JOHARI MCGEE - GOSPEL

**COME
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US!**

AMOS ISAAC - GOSPEL

TIFFANY MOSLEY - GOSPEL



JEFRI PAYNE TRIO - JAZZ

**FREE
ADMISSION!**

Enjoy live music, educational workshops, food trucks and local resources as we come together to celebrate and prepare for a successful school year!

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Ms. Jann McMillian
Chairperson



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS & VENDORS!

We're looking for energetic **volunteers** and passionate **vendors** to help make this year's event a powerful, joyful, and unforgettable event for families!

This is your opportunity to give back, connect with others, and celebrate, education and community in action.

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VOLUNTEERS – Help with setup, activities, family support, and resource tables

VENDORS – Share your services, products, or information with our attendees

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FACE PAINTING
11AM - 4PM



**CHILDREN'S
BOOK
GIVEAWAY**
11AM - 4PM



**AND
GOOD FOOD!**



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES MAP



Inside of the Washington Park Family Center:

- Food Giveaway
- Diaper Giveaway
- Educational Workshops
- First Aid Station
- Hair Care Services
- Line Dancing
- Restrooms

Outside of the Washington Park Family Center:

- LIVE Entertainment ON STAGE!!
- Food Trucks, Facepainting, and Children's Book Giveaway
- For-Profit & Nonprofit Vendors

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COMMITTEE & CONTRIBUTORS



Representatives of the Divine 9 and other Non-profits in the Indianapolis community

We would like to acknowledge and thank all WCCF Committee Chairs, Support Teams, and.....

100 Black Men of Indianapolis, Inc.

100 Black Women of Indianapolis, Inc.

Allen Chapel AME (Rev. Dr. Charles F. Macon and Ms. Liz Gore)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Ms. Sheila Bonds)

Rho Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,

DePauw University (Roderick Wheeler, Secretary)

Wheeler - Dowe Boys and Girls Club (Christina Roney)

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (Margaret Pannell)

Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Inc. (LaToya Black and Shaquala Ford)

Indianapolis Parks Department

Indianapolis Uplift Foundation (Daniel Pierson)

Marion County Public Health Department

Mezell Feeding Ministries (Stephanie Sanders)

Zeta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

(Daniel Pierson and Dave Rozzell)

Xi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

(Chris Howard)

Chandler Phillips, Fishers High School

Daezili Ely, Face Painting

Jean Ely, Children's Book Giveaway

Kaleaha Smith, Hair Stylist

Tara Rachell, Hair Stylist



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Mr. Ron Gibson
We Care Honorary
Festival Co-Chair

On Behalf of Councilman Ron Gibson,

As a representative of our city's leadership and a lifelong advocate for community-driven progress, I am proud to stand in support of the We Care Festival and the Washington Park community.

Events like the We Care Festival remind us that collaboration between neighbors, nonprofits, and public servants is how we create real change. I commend the organizers for their vision and their dedication to lifting up families in 46218.

Let this festival be a seed for continued renewal and a visible reminder that **We Care** and that Washington Park community matters.

Ron Gibson

Councilman - Honorary Festival Co-Chair
City-County Council, Indianapolis



Mr. Daniel Pierson
We Care Festival
Chair

On behalf of the Indianapolis Uplift Foundation,

It is with great pride that we join the effort to uplift and invest in the Washington Park community through the We Care Festival.

As an early sponsor and ongoing supporter of this movement, the Indianapolis Uplift Foundation is honored to show **We Care** by bringing resources, joy, and tangible hope to an area that deserves our collective investment. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, to give, and to believe in what's possible when we act together.

Daniel Pierson

We Care Festival Chair
Indianapolis Uplift Foundation / Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.