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## **Juneteenth Festival of the Carolinas presents its 24th Annual Celebration**

### ***featuring the Juneteenth Freedom March***

**Charlotte, NC** –The FREE Multi-cultural Festival will celebrate 24 years on June 17th-20th, in the heart of Plaza Midwood, on Thomas Ave. and Commonwealth Ave. **Multi-cultural vendors that** travel from all across the country and parts of Africa will showcase food, exquisite art, music and culturally relevant specialty items.

**On Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9AM-5PM, children from all over Mecklenburg County will participate in our popular **Cultural Camp** at Elizabeth Traditional Elementary School (adjacent to Independence Park). Children and youth, ages 5-17, will again engage in a true cultural experience from making crafts, jewelry, tie dyeing, perform skits and much more. **Please bring a t-shirt for our tie-dye class.**

**On Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>,** we will host our ever-popular **Drum Circle** in front of the House of Africa (1215 Thomas Ave). The Drum Circle attracts drummers and dance enthusiasts of all ethnicities from all over the US and the World. **(5PM until 10PM)**

**On Saturday and Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (12PM until 10PM): Juneteenth March, Prayer, History and Education** are integral parts of the festival.

**The Juneteenth Freedom March, created to encourage peace and unity, will step off Saturday at 10AM from Marshall Park, 800 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St, and finish at Central and Thomas Avenue.**

**Juneteenth Luncheon, 2PM,** Saturday to honor local, state elected officials and community leaders

The **Marilyn Griffith Turner Scholarship Fund** is named posthumously after our long standing Chairwoman. The scholarship is given to a deserving youth approved by our selection committee.

A **Healthcare Village** staffed with health care professionals from local clinics and hospitals, nutritionists and fitness experts are on the premises. In addition, there will be various **healthcare screenings, wellness sessions and exercise workshops on the premises at no charge.**

**Children's Village** - Children will enjoy the Juneteenth Festival as well, with our special area filled with entertaining and educational crafts, as well as a story teller, performing stage and other interactive activities designed just for kids. There will be Jumps, Rides, Crafts, Lunch and Snacks.

The **Entertainment Stage** spotlights all genres of entertainment to include drumming, fashion, African dance, reggae music, R&B music, hip hop music, poetry, a Church service with The Park Ministries and Gospelfest. Join us for four days of Fun, Food, Music, and Art. Juneteenth Festival of the Carolinas is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Website: [juneteenthofthecarolinas.com](http://juneteenthofthecarolinas.com) (**Info: Pap, 704-953-3990, papsafrica@aol.com**)