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Annual Harambee Festival provides safe alternative to Halloween; The celebration is the largest African-American cultural event in DFW

DALLAS - The public is invited to attend the 36th Annual Harambee Festival, the oldest and largest African American cultural event in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The theme for this year's festival is "Harambee....from Roots to Fruit." Harambee, an East African Swahili word meaning "Let's Pull Together" or Unity, began as a safe alternative to Halloween and has grown into a community celebration.

Festival activities will include diverse musical entertainment, the Frances Burns Heritage March, arts, crafts and exhibits; treat bags for the kids, ethnic foods, a health fair, and senior care information. The Arthello Beck, Jr. Watoto Village children play area will be provided by the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Children.

This year's sponsors include District 7 Councilmember Carolyn R. Davis, the Dallas Morning News, Elite News, Dallas Weekly, Rolling Out Magazine, and radio stations KKDA, KGGR, KHVN, KRNB and KNON, The Greensheet, Schepps Dairy, VITAS, DART, TXU and many other local sponsors.

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