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Juneteenth “The Legacy of Freedom” to be observed June 19

The annual event celebrates achievements of the African-American community

DALLAS - The public is invited to attend the annual Juneteenth “Legacy of Freedom” celebration at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Jr. Blvd., from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 19. The free family event will feature food, vendors, live music from R&B soloists and Gospel groups, live broadcasts from Soul 73 KKDA, K104 FM and KR&B 105.7, games and bounce houses.

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19 by African-Americans as the anniversary of the date in 1865 when slaves in Texas found out they had been emancipated on January 1, 1863. “This is an important event that brings the Dallas community together to commemorate this important event in our nation’s history,” said MLK Community Center Manager Patrick N. Jackson.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Board and staff host the annual event. This year’s sponsors include: Capital One, WellCare, Rolling Out Magazine, Soul 73 KKDA, K104 FM, and KR&B 105.7, The Dallas Examiner, Coca-Cola Bottling of North Texas, Frito-Lay, and Dallas City Packing.

Businesses who are interested in securing a booth at the event should contact Norma Houston at (214) 670-8438.

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