

The March Family Presents

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2015 Community Calendar



 *Marshall-
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One Man's Vision...
 One Woman's Embrace...
 Through Caring Children...
 A Legacy Continues...



William C. and Julia Roberta March were no strangers to hard economic times. They both grew up poor by a different standard than we understand today. The grandchildren of slaves, they lived in a time of depression, segregation, and war. They were part of the generation that came to be regarded as the dignified poor.

As teenagers, they were both forced to drop out of high school to help support their families. William, took a job at Edgewood Arsenal, first digging ditches, then on the factory line, making munitions. He worked for some time before his supervisor realized that he had mistaken William, who was light-skinned with blonde hair and blue eyes, for a white man. He was removed from the factory line, lost his job, and was therefore immediately eligible for the draft. In 1943, William was summoned by the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. A young William was sent to storm the beaches of Normandy. He experienced the atrocities of war and maintained hope with dreams of what he would accomplish WHEN he made it home.

During a furlough, William traveled home to marry his childhood sweetheart, Julia Roberta Hayes. After the war, he returned to Baltimore where he and his young bride both earned high school diplomas by attending night school. William returned to work in a factory but, had greater ambitions. He dreamed of becoming an architect. Financially, even with the GI Bill, he knew it wasn't possible. He prayed on what trade he would study. It was then that William C. March, the son of a Pastor, received his own calling. He would become a funeral director.

Although not immediately thrilled with the idea, Julia, affectionately called Roberta, supported William's dream and made it her own. William attended the American

Academy of Mortuary Science in New York while Roberta raised their child in the Douglas Court Projects in Baltimore. In New York, William would live with an aunt, eating little but candy bars and sleeping under her dining room table. Upon graduation, William came home and worked for several funeral homes for little or no pay and at night for the U.S. Postal Service. With their meager savings, they purchased a row house on the corner of North and Cecil Avenues. In 1957, they hung a sign announcing that the William C. March Funeral Home was open for business.

In their first year of business, the funeral home conducted a total of two funerals and four the following year. He continued to work at the post office at night while he, and Roberta, built their funeral business during the day. He retired from government service after more than 30 years.

His business mind and her compassionate heart combined to provide Baltimore with a funeral establishment that turned no one away. They knew firsthand the plight of the poor. Everyone received a dignified service regardless of their financial condition. Thus establishing the beginning of what would become the March Legacy.

He preferred to have his good works go unnoticed. He never strove for riches. In his humble desire to do nothing more than educate his children and help others, he credited God with rewarding him beyond his wildest dreams. Today, their funeral business has spread beyond the three-story row home on North Avenue to now include; seven funeral homes in three states, a crematory and the largest African American owned and operated cemetery in the country.

They never asked that any of their children should work in the funeral business, but rather pursue their own dreams. Needless to say, they have all followed in their parent's footsteps. Cynthia March-Malloy is a Registered Nurse and Vice President (VP) of March Funeral Homes in Richmond, Virginia. Erich March serves as VP of March Funeral Homes, President of King Memorial Park Cemetery and is the Founder of Apples & Oranges Fresh Market located in a food desert of East Baltimore. Victor C. March, Sr., President of March Funeral Homes and its sister companies, is a Certified Public Accountant, and serves as President of the Maryland State Board of Morticians. Annette March-Grier is a Registered Nurse, VP of March Funeral Homes, the Visionary and CEO of Roberta's House, and was honored as CNN's Top 10 Hero of the year in 2014.

Not only did William and Roberta educate their children, their 13 grandchildren are scholars and professionals in their own right. Having been afforded the path and opportunities laid out by their grandparents, the list of universities they have graduated from include; Harvard, Georgetown, Duke, U Penn, Morehouse, NYU, MIT, UCSD, Williams, VCU, James Madison, Univ of MD at College Park, and the CCBC School of Mortuary Science. In their professional careers they are doctors, lawyers, business professionals, film/music producers, as well as licensed funeral directors. In the spirit of legacy, four of these grandchildren also received their own personal calling to serve in the family businesses.

The humble spirit of William and Roberta lives on. To God Be The Glory!



The illustration featured on the book is a self-portrait, sketched by William C. March, and mailed to his wife Roberta while he served in World War II.



Henrietta Lacks

"A Life Immortal"

When Henrietta Lacks was born on a plantation in Virginia, no one could have imagined that, in death, she would change the face of medicine. Lacks died of cervical cancer at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland in 1951. She was 31 years old, leaving behind a husband, five children, and amazingly, cells that even today, regenerate themselves outside of her body every 24 hours.

As part of a routine medical practice, her body's cells were sent to a lab for further study when something never seen before happened. Remarkably, her cells did not die!

Appropriately named after Henrietta Lacks, the HeLa line are different from normal cells. While most died quickly, her HeLa line of cells continue to live and multiply. The existence of these 'immortal' living cells, makes it possible to study cellular reaction in critical areas. Amongst many immeasurable examples, HeLa cells have been used in the cure for polio, HIV/AIDS research, and have literally been to the moon and back.

Today, after more than 60 years, it is the most common cell line used in medicine. In fact, there are now billions and billions of HeLa cells in laboratories all over the world, and all of them were produced from the very cell line that was taken from Lacks in 1951. The practice in those days, was to remove human cells without the permission or knowledge of the patient or family. Henrietta's family never benefitted from the tens of thousands of patents developed based on her cells.

While Henrietta's life was brief and priceless, her contributions to scientific research, medicine, and education are enduring and invaluable. We have all benefitted because she lived, and because her cells live on.

January

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	Martin Luther King Day					
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Virginia Union University

Bridging the Gap

From its beginning, Virginia Union University (VUU) was a holding pen, a jail and former slave trading complex where runaway slaves were held, whipped, punished and broken. It's location was the site of so many atrocities during the slave trade that Lumpkin's jail was called "The Devil's Half Acre".

Formulated in 1865 to give newly emancipated slaves an opportunity for education and advancement, the University for Freedmen had 88 students. VUU took its present name in 1899 with the merger of two older schools, Richmond Theological Institute and Wayland Seminary, each founded after the end of the American Civil War by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.



A donation of \$500,000 permitted the build of nine "noble" buildings; many of which still remain today on the University's Lombardy Street campus in Richmond, Virginia. In 1932, Hartshorn Memorial College, the first college for African American women to offer bachelor's degrees, merged with Virginia Union, making the institution coed. The last of the four schools that make up the "union" in Virginia Union is Storer College, the first institution of higher education for African Americans in West, Virginia, creating a true union.

Today, the prestigious historically black institution celebrates 150 years of bridging the gap from slavery to intellectual freedom. It proudly offers a diverse population of 1700 students, opportunities for an elite education in a multitude of fields. Among notable alumni of VUU are Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. the famous pastor of New York's Abyssinian Baptist Church; Dr. Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee University and a multitude of accomplished ministers and Bishops throughout the country. It is clear why the Lumpkin's Jail moniker is forever changed to God's Half Acre".



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentines Day
15	16 Presidents Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
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Annette March-Grier

Just when the caterpillar thought its life was over, it grew into a new form that was its true nature, essence and destiny, it became a butterfly

As a young child, Annette March-Grier, routinely watched her parents, William C. and J. Roberta March, care for grieving families while sitting at the top of the stairwell in their family owned funeral parlor. Being a Funeral Director's daughter, instilled in her compassion to serve the community, and the heart for helping the bereaved. As a young adult, she became a registered nurse and worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital. However, Annette felt her higher calling was to return to the family business, March Funeral Homes. She went to school and became a funeral director just like her parents. In 1983, she grew a peer grief support program for adults called "A Time of Sharing". As she counseled, she couldn't help but notice the lack of programs for children. Times were changing. More and more, experiencing a tragic death was becoming 'the norm'. Annette felt that calling once again.

In 2007, A Time of Sharing, expanded into Roberta's House, A Grief and Loss Center for children and families. Since its inception, grief support services have been provided to over 2300 children and individuals in the city of Baltimore and throughout its neighboring communities. A leader in the bereavement industry, Annette March-Grier, is recognized nationally for her expertise and compassion. She is the recipient of several notable awards, including being selected as CNN's Top Hero of 2014!

March

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Palm Sunday						

Jordan Dickerson & Robin Jeter

So Close, Yet So Far

Go, Jordan! Go, Jordan!...wait, that's not Jordan. Robin and Jordan both grew up in the Nation's Capitol living less than five miles apart but never met. Both ran track for their high school team—Robin for Friendship Collegiate Academy Public Charter School and Jordan for Woodrow Wilson High School. It was at a track meet, the two rival teams met and a case of mistaken identity would change both of their lives forever.

Wait! "That's not Jordan!"

Jordan, in the bleachers, sat stunned as she heard her name, and watched the undeniable resemblance of a stranger cross the finish line.

Jordan, had always known that she was adopted shortly after birth. Robin was raised primarily in foster care with legal guardianship. They were introduced, exchanged numbers, and later that night, began to piece together the parts of their journey that had, for 17 years, remained separate and unknown—They were sisters!

Robin and Jordan formulated a strong bond. They began spending as much time together as they could, learning their similarities and differences, while planning their futures together, as sisters and best friends. Both are now in college. Robin is studying to become a Sports Trainer and Jordan is studying to become a Forensic Anthropologist.



April

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			Tax Day			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Administrative Professionals Day			
26	27	28	29	30		



Rashema Melson

The Best Journeys Take You Home

You don't get to the top of your class without doing a lot of homework. But what if your reality is; you have no place to call home.

Rashema Melson's young life has been met with some adversity. Within the last six years, Melson has been homeless, most recently living in the DC General Shelter, along with her mother, two brothers, 300 other adults, and 500 other children.

A pillar of dedication, strength and poise, Rashema admits it was hard and sometimes found herself thinking; "What's the point? After all these years, and we're still in the same situation." It was in times as these that she dug deep and challenged herself to keep going, believing that education is the only way out.

Well, not only did Rashema make it out. But she did so after graduating as Valedictorian of, Washington DC's, Anacostia High School class of 2014. Today, her home is on the campus of the prestigious Georgetown University where she is a freshman on a full academic scholarship. She understands the value of her full scholarship. When she was just 7 months old, Rashema lost her father to murder. She wonders if that has played any role in her lifelong dream of becoming a Forensic Pathologist.

Her inspirational story is one of perseverance. Her challenge to all is to never "let your situation define you... know who you are inside."

May

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3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 Mothers Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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Dr. Albert Chi

Giving a Helping Hand to Those in Need

Dr. Albert Chi personally knows the anguish of patient fears, the difficulties of recovery and the effect of bedside manner. After almost losing a leg in a motorcycle accident, he cannot help but remember his own hospitalization and empathize with those patients whose lives he encounters.

As a trauma surgeon, he works for Johns Hopkins Hospital operating on patients with critical injuries. He is also commissioned as a Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy Reserve, caring for wounded warriors returning home and those injured in the field. His military experiences and background in medicine and biomedical engineering serves him as he focuses on improving the lives of individuals with upper extremity amputations and spinal cord injuries through an emphasis on motor control. In fact, by reassigning existing nerves, Dr. Chi is making it possible for patients with upper-arm amputations to control robotic prosthetic devices by merely thinking about the action they want to perform.

According to the Baltimore Sun, Chi was giving a talk to families about advanced prosthetics that would someday benefit children with missing hands when a parent asked; what was easy, available and affordable now. He was at a loss. Thus far, he was building his career by revolutionizing the latest in artificial limb technology. But what about a more basic option. With a 3-D printer his wife bought him for Father's Day, sheets of colored plastic, and free designs and advice found online, he made a hand for about \$20. He now serves in the "3d Mechanical Hand - Maker Movement through e-Nable, a network of passionate volunteers using 3D printing to design, build and distribute free prosthetic hands to children in need.



June

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21 Fathers Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Ginger Miller

Champion of Change

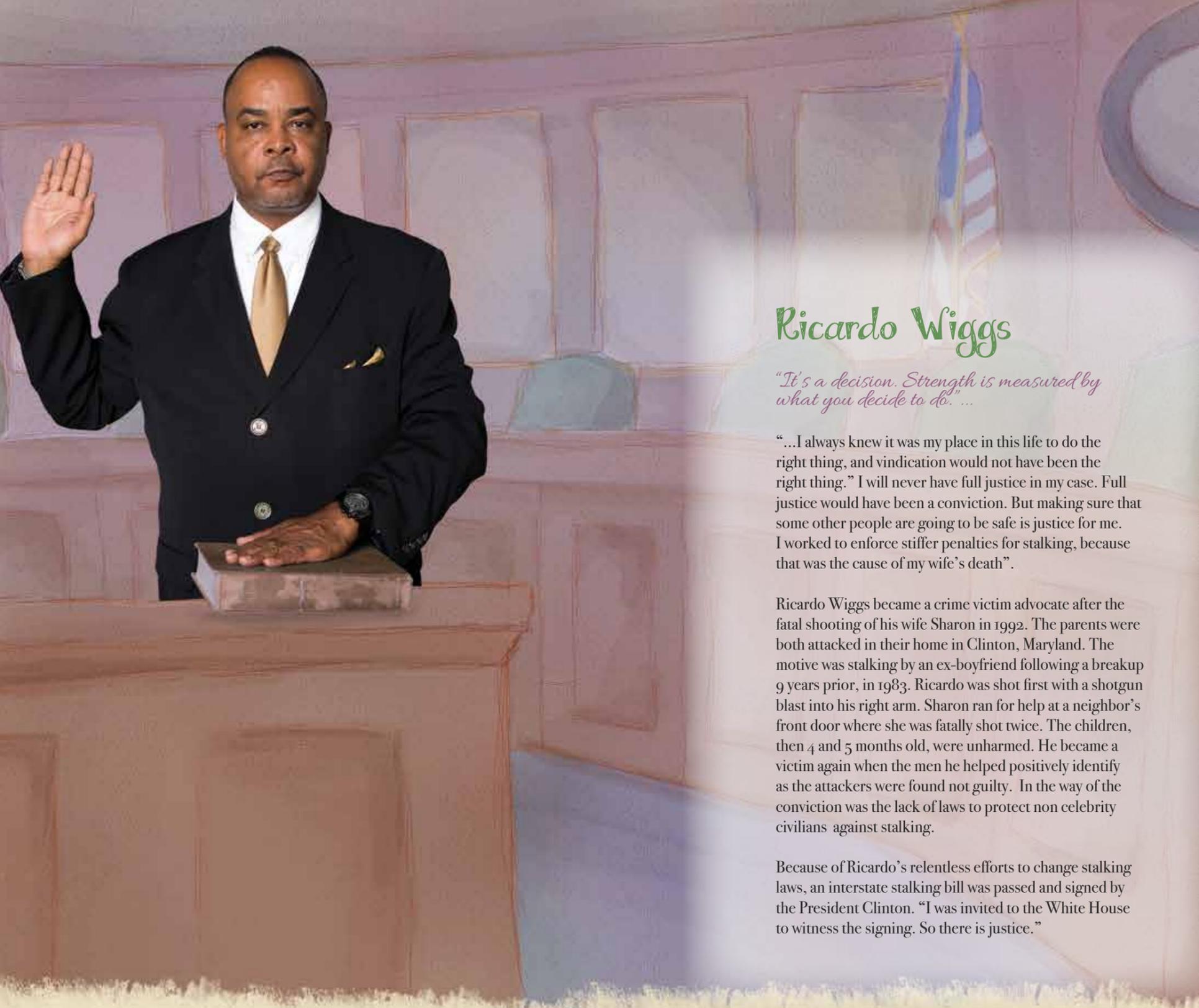
After proudly serving in the US Navy, Ginger had the tides turn in her life and entered a period of hardship that would lead her to her true calling. Now a service disabled veteran in a civilian world, taking care of a service disabled husband with severe posttraumatic stress disorder and a young child, Ginger found herself homeless with no place to turn and few options. She was called to help veterans. Ginger formed John 14:2, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose core mission is to assist veterans and their families experiencing homelessness, substance abuse or mental illness, become whole again.

Through John 14:2, Ginger reintegrated veterans back into society. Helping those in need retain permanent housing, maintain sobriety and regain their pride, dignity, and most of all, hope again. Seeing and personally feeling a neglect in services guided towards females, Ginger also founded the Women's Veteran Interactive. Now, with a special focus on female veterans, Ginger Miller, with unwavering faith and an iron resolve, is determined to break the cycle of silently suffering after serving their country.

Ginger has worked closely with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the national coalition for homeless veterans and other government agencies. She has hosted Veterans Round Tables and facilitated workshops for veteran caregivers. Her honors are numerous, including the one she is the most proud of; 'Champion of Change', awarded in 2013 by President Barack Obama.

July

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Ricardo Wiggs

"It's a decision. Strength is measured by what you decide to do." ...

"...I always knew it was my place in this life to do the right thing, and vindication would not have been the right thing." I will never have full justice in my case. Full justice would have been a conviction. But making sure that some other people are going to be safe is justice for me. I worked to enforce stiffer penalties for stalking, because that was the cause of my wife's death".

Ricardo Wiggs became a crime victim advocate after the fatal shooting of his wife Sharon in 1992. The parents were both attacked in their home in Clinton, Maryland. The motive was stalking by an ex-boyfriend following a breakup 9 years prior, in 1983. Ricardo was shot first with a shotgun blast into his right arm. Sharon ran for help at a neighbor's front door where she was fatally shot twice. The children, then 4 and 5 months old, were unharmed. He became a victim again when the men he helped positively identify as the attackers were found not guilty. In the way of the conviction was the lack of laws to protect non celebrity civilians against stalking.

Because of Ricardo's relentless efforts to change stalking laws, an interstate stalking bill was passed and signed by the President Clinton. "I was invited to the White House to witness the signing. So there is justice."

August

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Florence Neal Cooper Smith

Educating Communities, Empowering People

They say, knowledge is power. But the reality is, knowledge is of no value unless it is put into action. Florence Neal Cooper Smith, a pioneer in the field of Sickle Cell Anemia and Disease Awareness, has dedicated her adult life to bringing awareness to a disease that, until she interceded, remained largely unknown to a portion of the population that was in 'line' to have it.

She was introduced to Sickle Cell Anemia when her childhood classmate was diagnosed with the disease. Smith's curiosity grew when she came upon the disease in a medical journal. "What is this Sickle Cell Anemia?" She thought. Sparking her interest, Smith would go onto study.

Cooper-Smith became the first black student admitted to the Medical Technology School at the Atlantic City Medical Center in New Jersey. She then served for 17 years as Supervisor of Microbiology and Deputy Assistant of Blood Banking and Serology in the Clinical Laboratory at the McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center in Richmond. Later, she and a colleague Dr. Robert Scott, a hematologist at the Medical College of Virginia Commonwealth University were charged with determining how informed Richmond residents were on sickle cell anemia.

In their research, only 10% of African Americans surveyed were aware of the disease, therefore identifying an urgent need to educate the affected community. Coopers knowledge empowered her to initiate a 'call to action', starting student testing at Virginia Union University for sickle cell anemia/trait and prompting local organizations to sponsor her Social Action Committee programs in Norfolk, Richmond, and Roanoke, Virginia.

It's amazing what can grow from just a spark of interest. For over 40 years, Smith has been proving, knowledge is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.



September

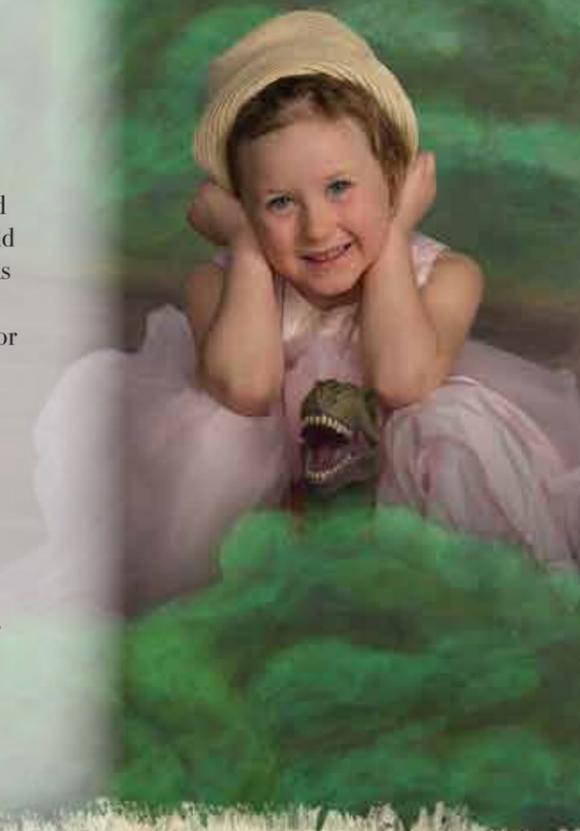
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6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 National Grandparents Day	14 Rosh Hashana	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Yom Kippur	24	25	26
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Dr. Peter Kranz & Grace Johnson

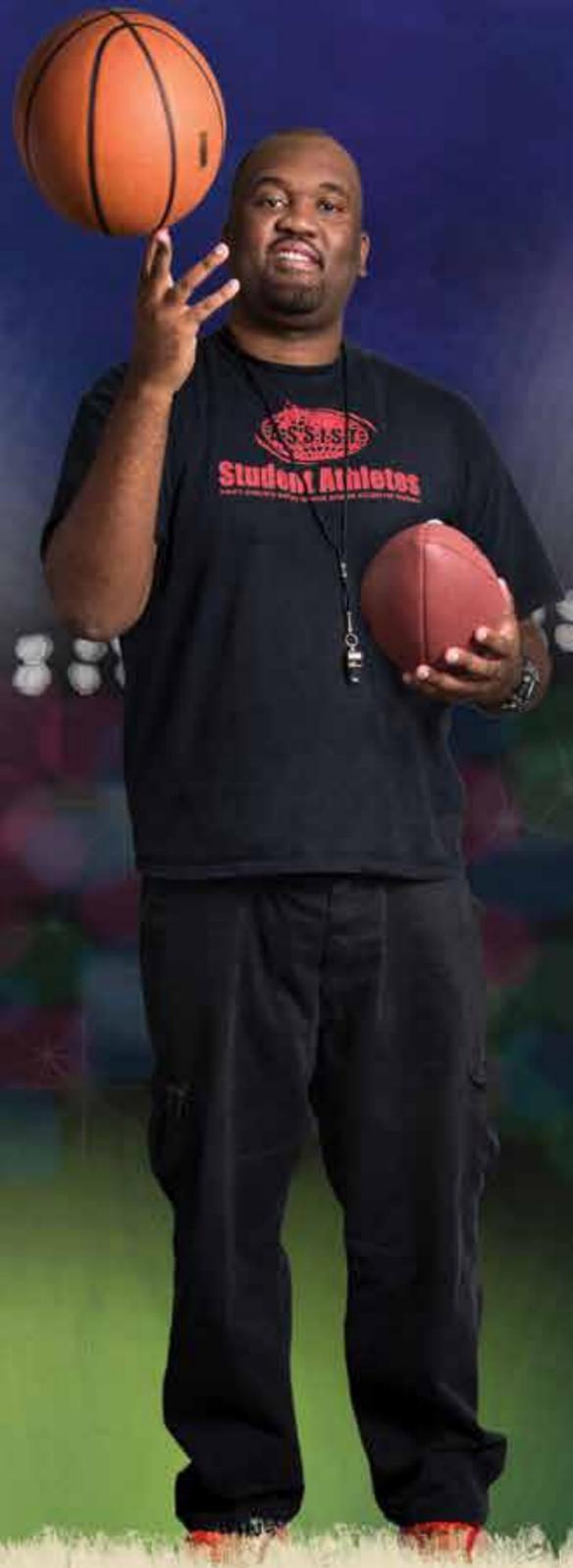
115 million years ago but, Not that far away

We all grew up learning about dinosaurs. In fact, survey results of grade school boys and girls show an overwhelming majority of kids aspire to be dinosaur bone hunters when they grow up. They are large, rare and filled with an exciting blend of science and prehistoric fantasy. For Dr. Peter Kranz, it was his love of how things become fossils that led him to become a paleontologist. Through his research he found that approximately 100 years ago dinosaur fossils were found in the National Capital region of the United States: Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC. The fossils are still here, but no one was looking for them. Dr. Kranz researched and found specialized areas filled with 115 million year old fossils. He was vital in establishing one of these areas in Laurel, Maryland, as the Dinosaur Park, where scientist and the general public are invited to hunt for real, yet undiscovered fossils. Dr. Kranz also serves as president of the Dinosaur Fund. The purpose of each is to build public interest in a field of science that is underfunded and therefore relies heavily on hobbyist and volunteers. Even young hobbyist like, 5 year old Grace Johnson who continued to tell her parents she was going to discover a new species of dinosaur as she dug holes all over their back yard. They enrolled her in Dr. Kranz's Summer Dinosaur Camp where her dream came true. She didn't find a new species, but she found a rare partial tibia of a flesh eating dinosaur. Proving that we now stand where dinosaurs once roamed this earth.



October

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4	5 Child Health Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14 National Fossil Day	15	16 Boss's Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



Coach William D. Carter

Champions keep playing until they get it right

Adversity causes some to break and others to break records. When Coach William D. Carter saw the potential of rising athletes without opportunities he stepped up to make a change... to make champions. With the founding of his organization, ASSIST, promising young student athletes in all sports have an opportunity to achieve success. The Athletic Support Initiative for Securing Success Tomorrow (ASSIST) opened its doors in 2003 with a mission to raise the profile of high school students with aspirations of careers in athletics.

Coach Carter's help extends far beyond the sports arena. Volunteering his time, he helps Richmond Area youth secure grants and scholarships by connecting them with college coaches all over the country, making countless phone calls, assisting with applications, and hosting a variety of charity events organized to benefit Richmond athlete scholars.

In 2014, ASSIST held its first Top 48 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) sanctioned camp. There ASSIST invited the best players with at least one more year of high school in the Richmond area to Ben's Big Court for a day of drills, games, and instruction. The camp also included a seminar on NCAA guidelines and other 'off court' necessities.

Coach Carter's efforts have helped over 1400 students secure full scholarships at colleges and universities nationwide. ASSIST has produced multiple standout athletes including several that have been played professional sports teams in the NFL and NBA.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Day Light Saving Time Ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday	28
29	30 Cyber Monday				Oct 2015 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Dec 2015 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Dr. Gaynell Colburn

Moving to the Beat of Her Own Drum

Born into poverty and raised with an abusive father, Gaynell's early years were plagued with adversity. In order to cope, she introverted to the extent that she stopped talking all together. As a result, she was labeled and placed in special education.

Despite the labels, from age 3, Gaynell demonstrated a talent for playing a drum set her mother made from canisters and by age 12, she was a professional percussionist. In high school, she became a star athlete in track, an ROTC cadet, and an honors graduate. She thought, "I made it!"

Then tragedy literally struck her again. At age 16 she was hit by a drunk driver, suffered traumatic brain injuries, and was paralyzed from the waist down. She lamented, "I am done!"

But, Gaynell learned from her Mother and Grandmother to never give up. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Ph.D., a Medical Certification in Health Science and Pediatric Wellness, and served in the US Army Medical Corp for 13 years. All of this while continuing to cultivate her Percussion talents.

Dr. Colburn traveled the world with recording artists including Stevie Wonder, Ashford & Simpson, is the featured percussionist on "The Cosbys" opening theme, and has two Essences Awards. She has been invited to the White House and loves delivering her message of resilience as a keynote speaker and through the Telsie B. Howard Foundation, an organization she established in tribute to her late grandmother to "Rise above adversity to achieve excellence."



December

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6	7 Hanukkah	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

OUR PROMISE TO YOU



HELPING FAMILIES SHARE THE MEMORIES OF A LIFETIME

For nearly sixty years, the March family, with a standard of excellence and a commitment to service, has provided compassionate care to entire communities. As a family owned business, our first responsibility is to the families we serve.



It is our calling.

We maintain our commitment to providing meaningful ceremonies that fill your heart with comfort, peace, and joy. We work diligently to support the community through the provision of scholarships and nationally recognized philanthropy.

We will remain dedicated to the future of meaningful funeral services, and creating memories your family will be proud of. Thank you for entrusting your loved ones to our expert care.

Sincerely,
The March Family
'A family you can trust'



Pictured Above:
Front Row (left to right)
Erich March, Cynthia March-Malloy, Dr. Julia Marshall, A. Lola March, Victor C. March, Sr., and Annette March-Grier
Back Row (left to right)
Victor March, Jr., W. Nathan Malloy, Arthur (Dino) Grier, Justin Grier, and Carmalita March-Harris



Pictured Left:
The Family and Staff of the operations in the Baltimore Metropolitan area

LOCATIONS

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400

March Life Tribute Center, PA. - Baltimore County
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Randallstown, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

March Life Tribute Center- Laurel -PA.
7601 Sandy Spring Rd.
Laurel, MD 20707
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Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County
4308 Suitland Rd.
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A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

In 1957, with a commitment to excellence and a compelling desire to provide quality funeral services at affordable prices, the March family opened its first funeral home to the Baltimore community as March Funeral Homes. With a distinctive style of service and the belief that everyone deserves a dignified funeral, garnered the community's respect for the March family which laid a firm foundation for their success.

The March family legacy continues to build on a foundation of excellence. Their nationally recognized services extend beyond Maryland, into the District of Columbia and Virginia.

Known for their professionalism and sensitivity to the community, the March family provides a full range of funeral/memorial related offerings all within the walls of their elegant, comfortable facilities.

Pictured Right:
The Family and Staff of Marshall-March Funeral Homes



Pictured Below:
The Family and Staff of March Funeral Homes of Virginia





Life Tribute Center - Laurel P.A.

SETTING NEW STANDARDS

The March Life Tribute Center is our newest and premier facility. As soon as you walk through its doors, you'll discover the difference. Its stunning venue stands in stark contrast to many conventional funeral homes. This center offers more than the standard funeral services. Featuring a bright atmosphere and a breathtaking design, its aura of peace and elegance is the perfect place to hold a memorable funeral service or other events to cherish. Complete with spacious rooms tastefully done, the March Life Tribute Center provides the viewing and chapel to accommodate ceremonies for all cultural traditions.

The convenience and comfort of viewing from the privacy of your own home is offered. marchlifetributecenter.com

The new website allows you to obtain information about a service, view one's picture and obituary and send a message of condolence to the family using the on-line guest book.

Redefining the Funeral Experience



NOW OPEN IN LAUREL, MD



NEW LOCATION COMING SOON

SERVICES

We offer a variety of distinctive service options, each of which is fully customizable to fit your family's needs and desires.

LIFE TRIBUTE SERVICES

Our beautiful facilities are designed to provide a sense of warmth, peace, serenity and healing. Our caring professionals can help you plan your special funeral/memorial service carefully to ensure a memorable and meaningful experience.

CREMATION SERVICES

At March Life Tribute Center, we take pride in operating our own onsite crematory. This allows us to provide you with the peace of mind in knowing that you're loved-one will never leave our possession at any time during the cremation process. You and your family can be assured that your loved one's wishes and services are carried out with professionalism, dignity and respect.

BANQUET ROOMS

Our spacious banquet rooms offers much more than the traditional funeral home—it will also accommodate all of your reception hall needs such as church events, group meetings, family reunions, workshops or other special gatherings including top local caterers-- it is perfect for any event.

VIRTUAL AND ONLINE

Our virtual services offer the convenience and comfort of viewing from the privacy of your own home. Visit our website to obtain more information about a services, view one's picture and obituary and send a message of condolence to the family using the on-line guest book.

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AND MORE...

From commemorative balloon, butterfly, and dove releases, DVD presentations, workshops, wedding showers, family reunions, church events, and meetings - The March Life Tribute Center is perfect for any event.



We invite you to arrange a meeting to discuss your interests in preplanning.



Let us preserve your heritage and your cherished memories.

King Memorial Park has maintained the final resting place of Baltimore's diverse ethnic communities since its founding in 1973. Located in the scenic rural, but conveniently located part of West Baltimore County, King Memorial Park emulates the scriptures' depiction of green pastures. Its design and landscape has distinctive touches within its grounds; unique areas and features that will inspire you to return time and time again.

Such a permanent place to grieve will slowly become a way of connecting to your family's past. Visiting the resting place of grandparents or great-grandparents can provide children with an anchor to their personal history.

King Memorial Park is one of the largest and one of the most selected independent cemeteries in the United States because its prices are well below those being charged by corporate chain owned cemeteries. Within an hour's ride, families can realize thousands of dollars in savings by choosing the premier burial site in Maryland that is family owned.

King Memorial Park's mission has always been to preserve the proud heritage of the families we serve and the memories of those we cherish most.



To God Be The Glory!

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Roberta's HOUSE

A Family Grief Support Center



HOMICIDE SURVIVOR'S TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HSTP)
A support group to address the unique needs of families after a homicide to move towards healing and recovery from secondary victimization.

Roberta's House is a non-profit community center that provides a safe and supportive environment for grieving children, teens and families to recover after a tragic loss or death of someone close.

Grief is a very natural and normal emotion that can be frightening and painful for a child or adult. We understand how important it is that children, teens and families find support and healing in their grief experience.

Roberta's House offers a variety of programs for children, teens and adults. The programs are structured activities to help with the healing process and reduce fear and anxiety for people of all ages. The programs are:

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Children 5-17yrs of age accompanied by an adult engage in activities to encourage emotional expression: normalize grief reactions and create healthy coping skills.



A TIME OF SHARING

An adult support program with a holistic and educational curriculum addressing the emotional, physical and spiritual healing process after a death.

CHANGING THE GAME: REDUCING THE RATE OF RE-OFFENDING WITH JUVENILES

A special peer support program created to reduce the rate of adolescents re-offending who have experienced multiple losses, find meaning and change their course to create a purposeful life. Interviews are required.



SCHOOL SUPPORT

"Good Grief" presentations and peer support groups for children K-12 to help children understand grief so that they are able to seek support for themselves and help each other cope with loss.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Roberta's House provides 26 hours of training to individuals who are interested in working with bereaved children and families. Volunteer trainings are scheduled throughout the year. Applications, background checks and an interview are required.



PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS

Workshops are offered by the professional staff on various topics to schools, organizations, churches and licensed professionals to increase the knowledge and awareness of the grief experience in bereaved children and families.

SURVIVOR ADVOCACY PROGRAM

A new supportive program for survivors of homicide victims that utilizes advocates.

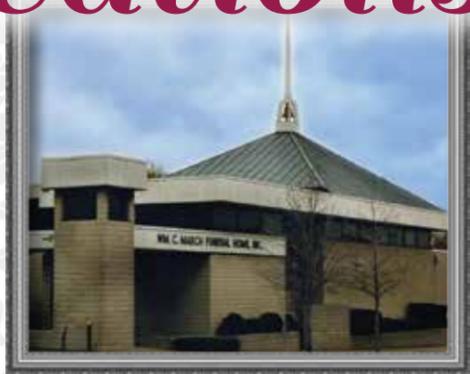
THE H.O.P.E PROJECT

(Healing Ourselves through Peer Empowerment): is a ten week program for mothers who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of their baby.

Our vision is to restore families by supporting their essential needs emotionally, physically and spiritually, increasing resiliency and healthy coping skills for positive life outcomes.



Locations



March Funeral Homes

March Funeral Homes East
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Baltimore, MD 21202
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March Funeral Homes

March Funeral Homes West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Luke 5:26



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