



**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
LOCAL COLLABORATIVE SYMPOSIUM**

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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President Barack Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative in February 2014, to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. In September 2014, President Obama issued a challenge to cities, towns, counties and tribes across the country to become "MBK Communities." This challenge represents a call to action for all members of our communities.

Through this initiative, the Administration is joining with cities and towns, businesses, and foundations who are taking important steps to connect young people to mentoring, support networks, and the skills they need to find a good job or go to college and work their way into the middle class.

My Brother's Keeper Task Force, is an interagency effort, chaired by Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary Broderick Johnson, that will help us determine what public and private efforts are working and how to expand upon them, how the Federal Government's own policies and programs can better support these efforts, and how to better involve State and local officials, the private sector, and the philanthropic community in these efforts. *The Task Force and new private sector partnership will take a collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to building ladders of opportunity.*

The Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc. (CCMA) and Strengthening Families and Communities Atlanta (SFCC) have accepted this challenge and will work collaboratively with local governmental and private agencies to achieve the goals outlined above. Collaborative relationships have been established with the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, DeKalb County, and others local task forces.

This evening, CCMA and SFCC is hosting the first My Brother's Keeper Collaborative Symposium at the Interdenominational Theological Center, to provide a platform for the sharing of initiatives and accomplishments by MBK Tasks Forces created by local governmental organizations; as well as an opportunity for private agencies, young men of color, and the general public to join the MBK partnership.

We thank all of the agencies and organizations that are contributing their time and resources to support this collaborative effort. Profound appreciation goes to the *Interdenominational Theological Center* for graciously providing the venue and technical support for this event.

Norma Joy Barnes, CEO/President
Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.

Karriemah Muhammad, Convener
Strengthening Families and Communities Coalition Atlanta



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

In September 2014, President Obama issued a challenge to cities, towns, counties and tribes across the country to become “MBK Communities.” This challenge represents a call to action for all members of our communities, and mayors in particular, as they often sit at the intersection of many of the vital forces and structural components needed to enact sustainable change through policy, programs, and partnerships.

The MBK Community Challenge encourages communities (cities, rural municipalities, and tribal nations) to implement a coherent cradle-to-college-and-career strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people to ensure that they can reach their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born. Nearly 200 mayors, tribal leaders, and county executives across 43 states and the District of Columbia have accepted the MBK Community Challenge.

The six goals of the Challenge are:

- Ensuring all children enter school cognitively, physically, socially and emotionally ready
- Ensuring all children read at grade level by 3rd grade
- Ensuring all youth graduate from high school
- Ensuring all youth complete post-secondary education or training
- Ensuring all youth out of school are employed
- Ensuring all youth remain safe from violent crime

Community leaders can lay the groundwork for an MBK Community in four steps:

1. Accept the President's Challenge
2. Convene a “Local Action Summit” to build an MBK Community
3. Conduct a policy review and form recommendations for action
4. Launch a plan of action, next steps and a timetable for review



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AGENDA

CALL TO ASSEMBLY Mr. Ollie Ligon
Vice President, Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.

GREETINGS Dr. Maisha I. K. Handy
Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Services
Interdenominational Theological Center

Ms. Karriemah Muhammad
Project Coordinator, Strengthening Families & Communities -Atlanta

REMARKS & OVERVIEW Ms. Norma Joy Barnes
CEO/President, Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.
Member, My Brother's Keeper Allies

VIDEO A Message from President Barack Obama

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER FORUM Dr. Bryant Marks Sr., Moderator
Executive Director, The Morehouse Research Institute on the African American Male
Commissioner, The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans

MBK LOCAL TASKFORCES

Tony Lowden, Director of Faith and Justice Initiative
Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry

Melinda Pruitt, Division Manager
Office of Children and Youth, Fulton County

Karrianna Turner, Youth Services Manager
Office of Youth Services, DeKalb County

Chief Master Sergeant Robert Walker, Air Force Junior ROTC Instructor
Munday's Mill High School

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Councilman Joe Carn, Ward II
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Derrick Pope, Chief of Staff
Office of Chairman John H. Eaves, Fulton County

Reginald Hammond, Emergency Management Specialist
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LOCAL JUDICIAL OFFICIALS

Cory M. Beggs, Chief Community Supervision Officer
Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Adolphus Graves, Chief Probation Officer
Fulton County Juvenile Court

Keith E. Gammage, Chief Assistant Solicitor General
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AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

LEAD ORGANIZATIONS

Byron D. Amos, District 2 Representative
Atlanta Board of Education

Nancy Flake Johnson, CEO President
Urban League of Greater Atlanta

Brian Pauling, President/CEO
100 Black Men of America

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Cadet Master Sergeant Lemar Parrish, ROTC Member
Munday’s Mill High School

Macio Thompkins, Youth Representative
Saving Our Sons & Sisters International (SOSSI)

OPEN DISCUSSIONOllie Ligon, Esq.
(Platform is open to all persons who wish to make statements or ask questions relating to MBK Initiative)

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. William Hill
SFCC Member/Principal Partner, William Hill Ministries

Norma Joy Barnes
CEO/President, CCMA

FACILITATORS

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Chuck Barlow, Jr., Saving Our Sons & Sisters International (SOSSI)
Patrice Barlow, Education Advocate for Urban League of Greater Atlanta

Pamela Perkins Carn, Children Interfaith Movement
Charlotte Cain, Wholistic Stress Control Institute

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In addition to the conveners, *SFCC-Atlanta* partners include Atlanta Workforce Development Agency; Argosy University/Herzing University; Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta; Center for Pan Asian Community Services; Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.; Cooperative Consulting & Management, LLC; Dekalb Initiative for Children and Families; Fulton County Schools; Future Foundation, Inc.; Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention; Georgia Department of Corrections; Georgia Department of Human Services; Interfaith Children's Movement; Operation Hope; Sconiers Homeless Prevention Organization; Sirius Chemical Group; SMART, Inc.; Urban League of Greater Atlanta; Urban Youth Workers Institute; VIA Consulting Group; Visions Unlimited; and Wholistic Stress Control Institute.



Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc. (CCMA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded by Norma Joy Barnes on April 17, 2008. The target audience served by the CCMA is at-risk youth and young minority males. Since 2008, CCMA has sponsored forty-eight free programs, serving over 2,000 young people.

CCMA sponsors the Priority Male Institute (a 16-week life skills and job readiness training program for young black males, 18-28 years of age); the Man-2-Man Mentoring Program; the Black Male Empowerment Expo; the LiveB4U Die Summit for teenagers and youth; the DNA Young Fatherhood Initiative; and Overcoming the Odds workshops. All programs are free to participants.

Collaboration is the key to success. To this end, CCMA has successfully collaborated with Gammon Theological Seminary, Morris Brown College, Turner Theological Seminary, The Morehouse Research Institute, Clark Atlanta University, the Auburn Avenue Research Library, the Georgia Black United Fund, Fulton County Library, Riverdale Public Library, DeKalb Public Library, Morehouse School of Religion, professional trainers, volunteers, local churches, and a host of non-profit organizations. Together, we can accomplish much!

