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The South Dade Black History Center Presents The Carrie P. Meek Exhibit



The newest exhibit at the South Dade Black History Center explores the life and public service of Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek. The exhibit features a dynamic collection of photos and precious memorabilia that captures the essence of this remarkable woman who represented Richmond Heights and surrounding communities for many years.

Carrie P. Meek was focused and committed to improving the lives of those she served. After being elected to the Florida Legislature, Carrie P. Meek's first act was to create hospice care legislation in 1979 that still serves as the nation's model of Medicare funding for hospice care. She was also the first Black woman elected to serve in the Florida Senate. She would go on to be elected to Congress.

Just months after being elected to Congress she notably faced the recovery after Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which devastated much of South Miami-Dade County. Her district at the time included areas that were severely impacted by the destructive and catastrophic category 5 storm. As a representative of those areas and a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, Meek helped to secure hundreds of millions in recovery dollars to rebuild South Miami-Dade County.

The opening reception for the Carrie P. Meek Exhibit gave community residents the opportunity to explore the life and legacy of this amazing woman. The festive event provided live jazz as well as the upbeat excitement of the Bahamian Junkanoo, one of Meek's favorites.



Scrumptious bites were provided by Mr. Jack's Soul On The Go. In recognition of Congresswoman Meek's leadership and advocacy for hospice care a representative from VITAS Healthcare attended the special event.

Lucia Davis Raiford, Meek's daughter and President of The Carrie Meek Foundation, expressed appreciation for the SDBHC choosing to honor the Congresswoman in such a meaningful way. "Although I valued her public service, to me she was mom. It always warms my heart to know that she is still remembered, loved and appreciated," she continued.

Upon her retirement Meek established The Carrie Meek Foundation, an organization committed to improving communities in the areas of housing, health, economic development and education. As a major show of sup-

port for the CMF and an indication of its countywide reach, Commissioner Kionne McGhee was successful in securing 8.9 million dollars in Supporting Safer Communities grant funding for CMF to provide to entities whose programming supports the mission.

According to former Commissioner Dennis C. Moss who serves as Chair, The South Dade Black History Center will offer services like data storage of family histories, obituaries and oral and video community histories. Relatives, community members, researchers and others will be able to explore records for information about South Dade's rich Black history and its people.

The Center is located in the Larcenia Bullard Plaza building at 14508 Lincoln Blvd in the heart of Richmond Heights.

PrimeTimers Event Center Provides The Perfect Setting For Your Next Event



There is a new venue in South Dade that is a great option for your next event!! PrimeTimers Event Center is the perfect space to celebrate and enjoy those special moments that require a special vibe. With over 2300 square feet it offers soaring 10 ft ceilings, gleaming industrial floors, and beautiful large windows that fill the space with natural light.

With the opening of the PrimeTimers Event Center, Dr. Alphonso Jackson has created a beautiful space perfectly suited for hosting your next celebration, meeting or social gathering. As pastor of Second Baptist Church in Richmond Heights, Jackson has a keen sense of the needs of the community and with this personal venture he has set out to help address some of those needs.

PrimeTimers is a versatile space that can be transformed into the perfect setting for live music events, beautiful receptions and wedding experiences, baby showers, repasts, birthday parties, corporate luncheons or whatever your event requires.

The center is conveniently located at 17800 W. Cleveland Ave. which is just east of US1 at Hibiscus and Cleveland in Perrine. For a personal tour and to book your next event call 786-478-6907. You may also log in to the website at primetimersmiami.com.

RHCDC Scholarship Applications are available online

It is that time of year again when the Richmond Heights CDC initiates the scholarship application process. As a part of its mission to help provide economic opportunities to area youth, the RHCDC established a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors in the spring of 2003. The purpose of this scholarship program is to commend, encourage and support Richmond Heights' aspiring young leaders. The recipients of the RHCDC scholarships are the epitome of strong work ethics combined with diligent study. In addition to excelling scholastically, all of the awardees have contributed to the community by volunteering with civic or charitable organizations, and/or serving in extra-curricular leadership activities.

Because of the financial support of the RHCDC Scholarships students have been able to pursue educational opportunities in colleges and universities of their choosing. The scholarship program is one of the premier benefits the Richmond Heights Community Development Corporation offers to families in Richmond Heights. We encourage interested students to submit an application to take advantage of this special opportunity. Since its inception students have received more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds from the Richmond Heights CDC. **Scholarship applications are available online at www.richmondheightscdc.com. The deadline to submit the application is May 11, 2023.**

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Your protection against COVID just got an important update

Updated #COVID19 vaccines are here to help protect against Omicron. Get yours now if you're vaxxed and your last dose was before September 2022 (October 2022 for kids 6 months – 11 years).

To learn more and find free vaccines near you, go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

WHERE WE WORSHIP

Our churches make our community strong. The churches of Richmond Heights play a vital role in helping our families and strengthening our faith.

Churches contribute to the stability of a community. We are blessed to have the following churches in and around Richmond Heights:

Christ the King Catholic Church
Church of the Ascension
Community Bible Baptist
Family Worship Center
Glendale Missionary Baptist
Macedonia C.O.G.I.C.
Martin Memorial A.M.E.
Second Baptist Church
The Bethel Church

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