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### **\*\*The St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc. (Hayti Heritage Center) Receives Grant Award from the Association of African American Museums through the AAAM x AACRN Grant Program\*\***

Durham, NC – The St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc. (Hayti Heritage Center) is proud to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of a grant award from **the Association of African American Museums (AAAM) through the AAAM x AACRN Grant Program**. The Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) grant, made possible by a cooperative agreement the Association of African American Museums currently has with the **National Park Service's African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN)**, will support the creation of ***"Preserving Our History, Culture & Heritage: Civil Rights Stories -- St. Joseph's & Hayti Heritage Center."***

*"We are honored to receive this grant from the Association of African American Museums in partnership with the National Park Service's African American Civil Rights Network,"* said Angela Lee, Executive/Artistic Director. *"This funding will allow us to*

*expand our efforts to preserve significant African American cultural sites and educate the public about the contributions from the Hayti Community in Durham, North Carolina during the era of the civil rights movement through today."*

The AAAM x AACRN Grant Program awarded a total of \$477,205 to 20 projects nationwide, each contributing to the preservation and celebration of African American history and culture. These projects exemplify a commitment to advancing the narrative of African American contributions to civil rights and social justice movements.

*"We are excited to support these impactful initiatives that amplify the voices and experiences of African Americans in the fight for equality,"* said Dr. Vedet Coleman-Robinson, President & CEO of the Association of African American Museums. *"Through this grant program, we aim to empower organizations to continue their vital work in preserving and sharing the rich history of the African American community."*

Dr. Turkiya Lowe, National Park Service Principal Historian/Deputy Federal Preservation Officer, emphasized the importance of the partnership: *"The partnership between the National Park Service and the Association of African American Museums is crucial in ensuring that funding reaches organizations equipped with the expertise and dedication to preserve and promote African American cultural heritage, especially in relation to Civil Rights history. Together, we are dedicated to advancing the preservation and celebration of African American heritage for generations to come."*

The St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc. (Hayti Heritage Center) is excited to contribute to this national effort and looks forward to making a meaningful impact through this grant.

For more information about our project, please contact Sam Hoggs, Marketing Coordinator.

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**About the St. Joseph’s Historic Foundation, Inc. (Hayti Heritage Center)**

The Hayti Heritage Center’s mission to preserve and advance the heritage and culture of historic Hayti and the African American experience.

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**About the Association of African American Museums (AAAM):**

The Association of African American Museums (AAAM) is a national organization dedicated to supporting African American museums, cultural institutions, and professionals through leadership, advocacy, and networking. Its mission is to advance the preservation and interpretation of African American culture and history.

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**\*About the African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN):**

The African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN) is a national initiative managed by the National Park Service to recognize the important locations, stories, and individuals that helped to shape the civil rights movement in the United States. The network provides support and funding to organizations working to preserve these significant sites and narratives.

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