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The M.A.N.N.I.E. Project “Mending A Neighborhood Needing Impact Everyday” 3rd Annual Free ‘Stop the Violence Rally’ Friday, June 1st

Detroit, MI—Community Leaders join together to host Rally at the Charles H. Wright African American Museum of History, Friday, June 1st from 6:00 p. m. – 9: 00 p. m.

In 2005, P.A.T.C.H.E.S. Inc. (People Actively Taking Chances and Helping to Educate Society) a non-profit organization launched The M.A.N.N.I.E. Project which is named in honor of Claude “Mannie” Hopkins who was brutally murdered on Detroit’s west side. He was murdered just days after he rescued a man from being brutally beaten to death. His killer had just been released from prison two months prior and had served over 18 years in jail for a previous murder. In retaliation, Mannie was killed because he tried to stop him from committing another murder.

This year’s theme is “Building a Bridge between Business and Community”. Attendees include, City Councilman Kwame Kenyatta, Businessman Malik Yakini, Minister Dawud Muhammad and Rev. DeDe Coleman. Panelist will include Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Deputy Director of the NAACP Donnell White, President of Foxworth Marketing Edward Foxworth III, Pastor Glenn Plummer, Goodwill Industries Community Reintegration Coordinator Raphael Johnson and Political Activist Akindele Akinyemi. Hosted by Spudd of Radio One and Moderated by Denise Crittendon Editor of the African American Family Magazine. In addition to our informative program we have 50 Advisory Board Members including, Sen. Martha Scott, Sen. “Buzz” Thomas, Sen. Hansen Clarke and State Rep. Shanelle Jackson.

Eleven Community Partners are aiding to make this event a success. ARISE Detroit!, Artist Village Detroit/Public Art Workz, Blight Busters, Ark Non-Violence Program, B.A.G. (Brothers

Against Guns), Detroit Recovery Project Inc., Flip the Script/Goodwill Industries, Million Moms March, Peace in the Hood Campaign, Pioneers for Peace, RAC Holding Co.

The Artist Village Detroit will host a silent auction after the panel discussion, featuring local artist Chazz Miller Director of Public Art Workz. Mr. Miller is known for his murals around the city and his tireless efforts to help Blight Busters beautify the city of Detroit. The proceeds from the auction will be distributed between The Artist Village Detroit and P.A.T.C.H.E.S. Inc. to help aid their continuous efforts to stabilize and revitalize Detroit.

The M.A.N.N.I.E. Project will be held in conjunction with the Museum of African American History's Black Music Month Celebration. Sponsors include the International Detroit Black Expo. and Detroit Wing & Waffle Co.

Interviews available upon request and on location prior to the event at 5:30 p.m. in the Museum's Auditorium.

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