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Do More 24 Fundraiser for 'Community Treasure Chest Oral Histories Initiative'

North Brentwood, MD (May 22, 2019) - Today Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMCC) is asking for your generous support. Do More 24 is the DMV's largest annual 24-hour online fundraiser to donate to charities and contribute to communities. Our goal is to raise \$4519 by May 23rd and we need your help! Make a donation to PGAAMCC today to help us continue preserving the rich history and culture in Prince George's County through our Community Treasure Chest Oral Histories Initiative.

We are launching Community Treasure Chest initiative to highlight the rich undiscovered history in our backyards. In an effort to use our momentum to support our mission, this initiative will allow residents to explore their own shared histories and increase the Museum's community engagement. Community Treasure Chest creates an opportunity for senior citizens to honor their family heirlooms and share the accompanying oral histories. PGAAMCC will host these Antique Roadshow styled events at malls, senior centers, and other community spaces so that residents can bring their personal objects to be recorded and preserved, and possibly archived. Participant will have the opportunity to tour the museum's archives and artifacts.

It is our mission to preserve the local histories of the families that have lived and contributed to the Prince George's County community. The oral histories are an opportunity to document individual and collective histories and inspire innovative ways to highlight and honor the joy, resilience, and triumph of African Americans in Prince George's County. This initiative is the first step in digitizing and expanding our permanent archival collection.

Through the Do More 24 Campaign we are asking supporters to donate to our mission, our work and our commitment to the African American community in Prince George's County.

We want to hear YOUR stories and uncover hidden histories. How did your family come to settle here? What treasures did they leave? Share them with us!

Community Treasure Chest will occur in the following towns throughout the County: North Brentwood, Glenarden, Beltsville, Landover, Fairmount Heights, Greenbelt, Bowie, Upper Marlboro, Suitland, Accokeek, Oxon Hill, Brandywine, Aquasco, and Eagle Harbor.

Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center is a rich and celebrated treasure of the Gateway Arts District and model for cultural origination, brining attention, prestige, and business development to the local North Brentwood, Prince George's County Community. Through public events and exhibitions PGAAMCC explores the Black experience within a variety of contexts – history, arts and culture, ethnicity, religion, spirituality, faith, folk tradition and customs. We appreciate your support during this pivotal point of the Museum's success.

The Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center is recognized nationally and internationally for its innovative approach to the documentation, interpretation, preservation, and presentation of local and regional African American history, art, and culture. PGAAMCC is

open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-5pm. Admission to the museum is free. For more information, call (301) 809-0440, email programs@pgaamcc.org, or visit the Museum's website at www.pgaamcc.org.