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MID-YEAR IMPACT REPORT



National Underground Railroad
FREEDOM CENTER



RECOGNIZING THE GENEROSITY THAT SUSTAINS OUR MISSION

With sincere gratitude, we recognize the donors whose generosity strengthens the Freedom Center's mission to pursue inclusive freedom, promote social justice for all and carry forward the enduring principles of the Underground Railroad. In a year of incredible growth and meaningful impact, your support helped illuminate stories of courage, inspire deeper dialogue and advance the work of freedom for this generation and those to come.

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FIFTH THIRD COMMUNITY DAYS

With support from the Fifth Third Foundation, we were able to offer free admission to over **10,000 visitors** across **eight separate days** in the first half of the year alone. Programming on those days incorporated over **15 different community organizations** and more than **25 individual artists, authors and community leaders**.



PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

- **2,600+** visitors
- **116+** units of blood donated
- **9** programs and activities about community and service

JUNETEENTH JUBILEE

- **4,100+** visitors
- **100+** Opal's Walk for Freedom participants
- **12** community and corporate sponsors

BE A PART OF THE FREEDOM CENTER'S FUTURE:



BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

Our champions in the community and beyond, the Ambassadors of the Freedom Center are the premier volunteer organization supporting the Freedom Center.



BECOME A DOCENT

Freedom Center docents are trained volunteers who bring the museum's stories to life for all who step through our doors.



VOLUNTEER AT AN EVENT

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Juneteenth Jubilee and other events would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers, who help set up and tear down, guide visitors and facilitate activities.



DONATE

Every dollar makes a difference. Donate at freedomcenter.org/donate or scan here:





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