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## TRUST PRESENTS *REFLECTIONS OF GREATNESS: A JOURNEY THROUGH WEST PRINCESS STREET*

*York, PA, February 16, 2010:* As a salute to black history and diversity, the York County Heritage Trust invites you to join them for a complimentary roundtable discussion, *Reflections of Greatness: A Journey Through West Princess Street*, on February 27 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street. A light reception will follow.

Listen as Dr. Dorothy King, Judge Marie White Bell and friends reminisce on the kinship and connections, success and achievement that rose from the 300 block of West Princess Street. Explore what life was like in this neighborhood that produced so many noteworthy achievers. While enjoying the program, consider viewing two exhibits celebrating Black History Month.

Through a partnership with the York City Human Relations Commission, *Civil Rights Heroes- Barrier Breakers* is an impressive three-panel, intricately painted mural. The artwork serves as a monument to York men and women who have served the causes of peace and social justice. Portraits featured within the artwork's design include Mattie Chapman, York County's first African American elected county official; Dr. George Bowles, who served as York County's only African American doctor throughout a majority of his career; Maulana Karenga, who founded Kwanzaa in 1966; and 15 fellow influential African American pioneers from York County and beyond.

Additionally, the Trust introduced *African American Contributions to York County* in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's annual theme, *Black History in Pennsylvania: Communities in Common*. Showcasing a sampling of contributions from the York County African American community, 12 individuals are featured who demonstrate the profound ways in which African Americans helped to shape York County.

For more information, please contact Daniel Roe, interim director of education, at [droe@yorkheritage.org](mailto:droe@yorkheritage.org) or 717-846-6452.

The York County Heritage Trust is a not-for-profit educational institution that preserves and uses its collections, historic sites, and museums to inspire people to explore the history and culture of York County, Pennsylvania.

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