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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Juneteenth Rock Hill, Inc. now accepting applicants for the 2019 Juneteenth Rock Hill Celebration
Entertainers, musicians, vendors and volunteers can now register to be a part of the Celebration of Freedom

The Juneteenth Rock Hill Celebration Committee is now seeking entertainers, musicians, hair stylists, small businesses, vendors and volunteers for the 2019 [Juneteenth Rock Hill Celebration of Freedom](#). This year's celebration will take place on June 21st – 22nd, 2019. Activities will kickoff with a [Food Truck Friday](#) event at [Fountain Park](#) (300 E. Main St., Rock Hill, SC 29730) from 6 – 10 pm. The Juneteenth festivities will continue on Saturday, June 22nd with a Freedom Fest and talent showcase, on the grounds of Mount Prospect Baptist Church (339 W. Black St., Rock Hill, SC 29731) from 11 am - 3 pm.

Various performers, hair stylists, crafts, arts and food vendors are needed for the Juneteenth Rock Hill Food Truck Friday kickoff and Freedom Fest talent showcase events. The committee is also in need of volunteers for both days of the event. The hair show will return this year and will again feature the most creative natural hairstyles. Hair stylists who specialize in natural styles are encouraged to sign up for the hair show on Saturday, June 22nd. The cost for models to participate in the hair show is \$15. The stylist with the best hairstyle entry will receive a prize. Small business owners can also purchase an advertisement to be featured in the Juneteenth Rock Hill Newsletter.

Also returning this year, is the Juneteenth Rock Hill coloring contest. Elementary students between the ages of 5-11 can participate in the celebration by completing a coloring page, designed by local artist Asiah Fulmore. Coloring pages can be picked up from the Upper Palmetto YMCA (402 Charlotte Ave., Rock Hill, SC 29730) and the Visit York County Visitors Center (130 E. Main St., Rock Hill, SC 29730). All entries must be turned in to Sylvia Berry at P.O. Box 10072, Rock Hill, SC 29731 by May 3rd.

Prior to the Juneteenth Rock Hill Celebration weekend events, author, storyteller, and educator Carlo L'Chelle Dawson will host a cultural art-based event on June 8th at the York County Library (Main Library) located at 138 E. Black St., Rock Hill, SC 29730 at 2 pm featuring *Daring Dave: Who is Dave the Potter?* Participants will learn about Dave Drake's brave background as he created poetry and pottery in South Carolina in honor of the rich history of America, a celebration of Juneteenth.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. It celebrates the history, culture, and customs of African Americans. In 2015, the Juneteenth Rock Hill Committee, partnered with the City of Rock Hill to help promote and grow this event. Prior to the collaboration, the celebration has taken place for nearly 20 years at Mt. Prospect Baptist Church.

For more information on how to participate in this year's celebration visit juneteenthrockhill.com to apply or email juneteenthrockhill@gmail.com.

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Juneteenth Rock Hill Incorporated is a 501c3 organization comprised of community leaders and supporters who came together to organize and implement a multi-faceted annual celebration of historical, charitable and educational events observing the customs and cultures of African Americans. Juneteenth Rock Hill presents a weekend of celebration with speakers, education, live entertainment, family gatherings, food, and a time of reflection and rejoicing to commemorate Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated memorial of the ending of slavery in the U.S.