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Subject: Re: C3 Outreach update

Good morning Jane,

I hope I am not too late for the update!

At CCD, we are looking forward to spring! Our Garden Committee has met and are working on plans for this year. The Seeds of Hope Garden has a new fence, and continues to be a welcoming community space - especially with the pavilion and picnic tables for us to gather around with neighbors.

We continue to work closely with the neighborhood associations in Muskegon Heights, providing support for the capacity-building phase of creating the Neighborhood Association Council, where representatives from the neighborhood associations throughout Muskegon Heights can come together to provide a unified voice in the decision-making processes. Check out their new website at www.MuskegonHeightsStrong.com

We are also excited to announce that the project that CCD has been working on with the Lakeshore Museum Center, the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District, and the Muskegon NAACP Branch #3147 is complete. With the help of an Advisory Board of community members, and a researcher/historian from Muskegon Heights, the "African American Experience in Muskegon County" Educational Loan Kit has been completed.

The loan kit consists of materials about the Great Migration, local festivals and traditional foods, "firsts & notables," civic engagement

(along with curriculum ideas, primary source documents, and artifacts for hands on experience) and also a binder covering Civil Rights. You might remember that CCD worked on the video with the local NAACP for their centennial, it is included in the loan kit and it is now available through the Lakeshore Museum Center education page:

Link to Lakeshore Museum Center education page with Civil Rights video embed:

<https://lakeshoremuseum.org/for-schools-lmc/#1568393853361-bb4c1048-8d56>

Our researcher, Steven Winston, was asked to create a podcast for the Museum as well. He talked about interesting things he learned while researching for the project: <https://anchor.fm/patrick-horn/episodes/The-Roots-of-Unity-Among-Black-Organizations-in-Muskegon-eqhj6i/a-a4lrcap>

Thank you again for sharing information about CCD,

Kerri