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The 40th Anniversary to Commemorate the Civil Rights Demonstrations, Inc.



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The 40th ACCORD, Inc. Will Deliver The President's Volunteer Service Awards For 2008

*Prestigious Award Honors Outstanding Commitment
To Volunteer Service*

St. Augustine, FL – The 40th Anniversary to Commemorate the Civil Rights Demonstrations, Inc. Announces that it has teamed with the White House to become a Certifying Organization for the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national program recognizing Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service. Established in 2003, the AWARD was created by President George W. Bush to give Presidential recognition to individuals, families and groups who meet requirements for volunteer service, measured by the number of service hours performed over 12-months.

The 40th ACCORD, Inc. is one of thousands of organizations that have joined forces to deliver the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD and honor the volunteers who strengthen our Nation. As a Certifying Organization for the AWARD, The 40th ACCORD, Inc. is responsible for verifying service hours, nominating potential recipients and delivering the AWARD.

"We are extremely proud to recognize our most outstanding volunteers with the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD," said Gwendolyn Duncan, president. The 40th ACCORD, Inc. volunteers are role models in our community, donating their time, energy, and talent to bring us closer together as neighbors and a Nation. The AWARD is our way of thanking these volunteers and inspiring everyone in our community to make volunteering a central part of their lives." Volunteers, who have met the criteria, will be presented their Awards at our July 2, 2009 Phase III Freedom Trail Luncheon at the Casa Monica Hotel.

"Even if you've never volunteered before, the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD is within your reach," Gwendolyn Duncan said. "There are so many ways to contribute, and every volunteer hour makes a difference in improving the quality of life for others. We encourage everyone to get involved and to bring along your family, friends and neighbors. Together, we can strengthen America – one hour at a time."

The AWARD is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group convened by President George W. Bush to help foster and encourage a culture of volunteer service and civic participation among Americans. Chaired by two-time Super Bowl Champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs, the Council is composed of leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofit and volunteer service organizations and community volunteering.

Gwendolyn Duncan asked the PVSA if this program initiated by former President George W. Bush will continue after June 30, 2009, the response from the PVSA on April 2, 2009 is as follows: "We have continuing language for the program and precedence that the program would become a program of the office rather than of a specific President, as with the President's Physical Fitness Award. That, of course, is pending approval of the incoming President (Barak Obama). We are continuing to operate until further notice."

For more information about volunteering with The 40th ACCORD, Inc, please contact Barbara Smith at bc46@bellsouth.net. For more information on the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD and to find out how to identify additional volunteer opportunities in this area, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov or call 1-866-545-5307.

Our Organization's Mission:

"Remembering, Recognizing, and Honoring all those who risked their lives to attain civil rights for all and celebrating St. Augustine's pivotal role in the Civil Rights Act of 1964".

ACCORD/Northrop Grumman Phase III Freedom Trail Luncheon Tickets Available

Tickets for the July 2, 2009 ACCORD/Northrop Grumman Phase III Freedom Trail Luncheon are available. July 2, 2009 marks the 45th Anniversary of the Signing of the Landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. We have two dynamic speakers scheduled.

The First Annual Dr. Robert B. Hayling Award of Valor will be presented by Florida State Senator Tony Hill. The Luncheon will be held at the Casa Monica Hotel. Cost is \$40 per person or \$300 for a Corporate Table of Eight. There is a limited amount of tickets available on a first come, first served basis. This cost includes a complimentary tour of the Freedom Trail by local historian David Nolan on the Ripley's Red Sightseeing Train. If one wants to take the tour without purchasing a luncheon ticket, one may do so for a \$15 donation for Adults or \$7 for Students to ACCORD, Inc. To RSVP please contact Gale Burnick (904) 823-9688 or Gwendolyn at (386) 986-4121. Please visit our website for more information at: <http://www.accordfreedomtrail.org/>.

We are also looking for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Sponsors for the Luncheon. Please contact Priscilla at: contact@accordfreedomtrail.org.

Florida State Senator Anthony Hill Establishes The Dr. Robert B. Hayling Civil Rights Award

Dr. Robert B. Hayling Civil Rights Award is the brainchild of Florida State Senator Tony Hill and will be awarded annually beginning next year at the ACCORD/Northrop Grumman 3rd Annual Freedom Trail Luncheon. More information will be forthcoming.



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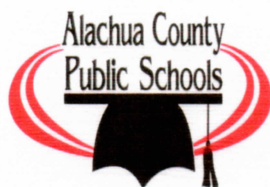
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Gwendolyn Duncan, President
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Dear Ms. Duncan

On behalf of the Curriculum Department of the School Board of Alachua County and the teachers in my *The Civil Rights Movement in Florida* workshop, I'd like to express our gratitude for the incredible ACCORD Civil Rights Landmark Tour we participated in on January 17, 2009. We recognize the hard work that went into the development of the tour and so appreciate the opportunity to enrich our understanding by visiting historical sites that were significant to the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine. What an incredibly meaningful way to finish our workshop.

Alachua County Schools offers a number of staff development opportunities each year in the area of African-American history in Florida in an effort to assist our teachers in infusing African and African-American history into their curriculum across the content areas. We work towards providing our teacher with resources and strategies that can be used effectively in the classroom. We consider it most fortunate to have such rich resources right here within our own state allowing our teachers and students to understand our rich and relevant state history.

The Curriculum Department plans to repeat this workshop next year and hope that we can again attend the Civil Rights Landmarks Tour. Many thanks for all your help in setting up this teacher field trip and I look forward to working with you next year.

Sincerely,

Debbie Gallagher
Curriculum Specialist
Alachua County Public Schools

Teachers from Alachua County School District on ACCORD Freedom Trail Tour, narrated by David Nolan, Jan, 2009



ACCORD Members Attend the EWLI's International Women's Day Celebration at the World Golf Village



Photo by Michael Isam

Pictured from left to right are Elizabeth Duncan, Barbara B. Allen, and Dalonja Duncan

Congratulations to ACCORD Members on the Births of your Granddaughters

Born just one day and thousands of miles apart are the granddaughters of David Nolan and Richard & Gwendolyn Duncan. Lilo Rebecca Cassimatis arrived on March 9th in Landstuhl Germany and Gabrielle Annette Duncan on March 10th in Orlando, FL. God bless the new arrivals.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ALL WHOSE BIRTHDAYS ARE IN

April

GOD BLESS YOU TO HAVE MANY, MANY MORE

Congratulations!!!! on the upcoming Graduation of Priscilla Duncan, ACCORD, Inc. Marketing Director and Co-chair of the Freedom Trail Project, who will receive her Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences on April 17th.