



Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development

Protecting Freedom National Campaign Schedule

The Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute is pleased to provide the schedule for the “Protecting Freedom Campaign” in Commemoration of the Arrest of Rosa Parks and the beginning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Recognizing the impact and outcome of Mrs. Parks’ act of courage, our goal is to mobilize citizens across America to follow her lead by taking action in toward building racial unity and achieving the change we want to see in our country and the world.

Memorial Service – December 1, 2008 Woodlawn Cemetery Detroit, MI

**Safe House Prayer Breakfast Dedication – December 5, 2008 7:30 a.m.
2020 O Street Washington, D.C. near Dupont Circle**

On the occasion of Mrs. Parks arrest her safety was of magnanimous concern. H. H. Leonard President and CEO of the O Street Foundation, who was a friend and hostess to Mrs. Parks has designated the Rosa Parks Safe House as part of the O Street Mansion properties. Because of it’s relevance to Mrs. Parks’ act of courage and her legacy, The Rosa Parks Institute will dedicate this building in memory of the thousands of people who extended safety for those on the Pathway to Freedom.

Dialogue for One America December 1, 2008 – December 21, 2009

Cross cultural and cross generational interactive experience designed to address racial reconciliation and healing. Emphasizes the history of the cross racial alliances that protected lives and made freedom possible on the underground railroad, during the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the civil rights movement. Participants draft a personal and collective action agenda for racial unity.

381 Days of Protecting Freedom Prayers- December 5, 2008 – December 21, 2009

Spiritual leaders and individuals host a prayer breakfast and outreach into the faith community to pray for protection of: President Elect Obama his family, peace, civil rights and human rights, and racial unity. The prayer chain will continue for the 381 days symbolic of duration of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Honor Rosa Parks, Vote: Rosa Parks’ Message on Civic Responsibility –ongoing
Traveling Exhibit* and Educational Forum features a display on the Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Bill, and personal stories of the history of voting rights. Details the effort of Rosa and Raymond Parks to attain the right to vote. Acknowledges the many martyrs who died protecting voting rights. Provides awareness of the constant need to protect the vote.

Rosa Parks Pathways to Freedom Connections - ongoing

Capacity building research and data collection to identify resources and develop an information network that connects people to opportunities for taking action to make change.

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