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With Fall upon us, now is the time to start preparing for the holidays. Vanpooling is a great way to save money and make the work commute easier! For as little as \$50 per month, you too could enjoy improved personal time management and reduced insurance premiums.

If you are interested in joining or starting a new vanpool, contact PART at 1-800-588-7787 or by visiting the website: www.partnc.org.

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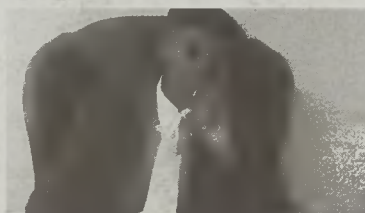
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Take a Black Male to the Family Day Celebration

By John Raye

Recently, I wrote that everybody should go see Lee Daniel's *The Butler*, the moving story about a Black man who was a White House servant for 34 years. I urged parents to take their children and grandchildren. They need to know what it was like, "back in the day".

Now, there is another upcoming event that we ought to go see. This time, however, it will not be held in the cool comforts of a movie theater. It will be an indoor/outdoor event where people can witness the awesome wonders of mother nature.

Instead of spending money to buy some popcorn, they will see the corn plant that produces the popcorn. They will see that greens, peas and beans, for example, are not grown in Lowes, Food Lion or Wal-Mart.

It is a quiet opportunity for us to become acquainted with each other, but more importantly, to become acquainted with ourselves. A family, we are told, that prays together stays together. On Saturday, September 14th, 2013, beginning at 9pm, we will have an opportunity to pray, play, eat, sing, dance and tell tall tales together at the beautiful CRT farm, 4871 Phelps Dr, located on the outskirts of Winston-Salem.

This all-day event will be held on a working farm complete with fun, games, family, food, music and good entertainment. It is a sort of old fashion family celebration where parents and children, friends and family members can relax, have fun and share vital information that will be lost to future generations unless we take the time to teach, tell and engaged each other in shared experiences.

It will be a day, a time to celebrate and reflect and to enjoy shared blessings. It will also be a time to touch the lives of our young people, especially young Black males.

Young Black males, we know, are at risk.

This would be a good time to go find some young Black males and bring them to this event. We all can agree that our Black males are at risk, a risk now greater than ever as we witness the rapid rise in the rate of young Black males now filling up the nation's jails and prisons.

A community-based organization, The I-Care Support Group is hosting this day-long, Family Day Celebration, and your participation is both urgent and necessary. I-Care is a 501C-3 non-profit organization that works with young people and ex-offenders as they work to ease their way back into society.

"We are asking parents, friends, churches and organizations to come out and support this Family Day Celebration. We want to make this an annual event," says Sabrina Gist, managing director of the I-Care Support Group, and one of several event organizers headed by Minister Aim Razzark and Johnny X Williamson.

This event is a call to action, a time as Dr Jackie Mayfield, founder of Compro-tax, the nation's largest Black-owned income tax and bookkeeping firm says, "to go get Leroy and Chiniqua." We all

know Leroy. And we all should know, Chiniqua.

So on Saturday, September 14th, go pick up some Leroy's. Tickets are just \$8 for youth and \$15 for adults. Bring them to the Family Day Celebration. This is a good time to change some lives, and also to save some lives. If we, who have survived this American nightmare, don't do it, there is a good chance it will never be done.

"This time around nobody is coming to save or help us, so we must act to rescue ourselves," said Williamson. That \$ 8 dollar ticket to bring Black youth to this event could turn out to be one of the best investments some of us have ever made," he said.

"And if you can't attend, just buy a ticket, we will go find some young people, pick them up and bring them to our event," he said.

C'mon family; lets go get Leroy! Hey Chiniqua...we be coming for you too!

Call for tickets and more information: (336) 577-5869, (336) 995-1082, 336-782-8383.

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