

Buffett foundation to focus on helping young girls of color

By Jesse J. Holland

WASHINGTON (AP) - A foundation run by the youngest son of billionaire investor Warren Buffett plans to spend \$90 million to improve the lives of young women of color.

The NoVo Foundation, created in 2006 by Jennifer and Peter Buffett, the youngest son of Warren Buffett, plans to announce the multimillion investment on March 23. The foundation says this will be the largest single investment dedicated solely to addressing inequities faced by young female minorities in the United States.

The foundation will canvas the nation, talking to girls and their advocates to solicit ideas from them on how best to invest the money. The official funding process won't begin until early 2017, the Buffetts said.

"Our goal is to create the conditions for change by advancing the work of the real experts in this movement: girls and young women of color and the advocates working with them," Peter Buffett said.

The investment is the latest public acknowledgment that adolescent female minorities need as much assistance as boys. One of President Barack Obama's signature achievements is the "My Brother's Keeper

" initiative, a public-private effort started by the White House to help younger generations of blacks and other minorities stay on the right path.

But many have noted that girls need just as much help. The White House acknowledged the gap in resources in 2014 with its creation of a new working group as an offshoot of the White House Council on Women and Girls chaired by a senior adviser to Obama, Valerie Jarrett.

Girls and young women of color "need mentorships, they need summer job opportunities, they need somebody to believe in them because a lot of them grew up with nobody to believe in them," Jarrett told the Black Women's Roundtable last week.

Even before the White House got involved, other groups around the country were working specifically on improving the lives of girls of color, including through programs like Black Girls Rock! Inc. and The Latina A.R.M.Y., Inc.

"The brilliant leadership of women of color activists all over this country has created a national movement to address these disparities, and philanthropy can and must do its part to respond and to support this movement," said Pamela Shifman, executive director of the NoVo Foundation. "This is a breakthrough moment for girls and women of color, and we want to help ensure that it translates into lasting and meaningful change."

Advocates for black women and girls have been using the term "Black Girl Magic" and the hashtag (hash) BlackGirlMagic as a way of celebrating the achievements of black women and girls in American society, and to help bring attention to the needs of young women and girls of color.

NoVo staff will hold meetings in the South, Southeast and Midwest with young women, advocates and activists, as well as in New York City, New Orleans, Washington D.C. and other cities where it already has ongoing partnership before deciding where to put its money.

Among the issues affecting young female minorities in particular are education, poverty and pregnancy. The teen pregnancy rate for Hispanic and black girls is more than twice as high, and American Indian/Alaska native girls is nearly twice as high as that for white girls, despite double-digit drops in pregnancy rates since 1990.

Also, black girls are 14.6 percent less likely to graduate from high school than white girls, while Hispanic girls are 12.8 percent less likely and American Indian/Alaska native girls are 16 percent less likely.

About 40 percent of Native American girls, 39 percent of black girls and 30 percent of Hispanic girls live in poverty, compared with 20 percent of all girls.



MS. KRISTY MOORE

Durham Educator Named Vice President of State's Largest Education Association

RALEIGH, N.C. - Kristy Moore, a full-release mentor for Durham Public Schools, has been elected to serve as vice president of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE). Her term begins July 1.

An educator for 16 years, Moore most recently taught first grade at Glenn Elementary School in Durham prior to serving as president of the Durham Association of Educators (DAE), an affiliate of NCAE. She was also a member of the DAE Board and was an association representative at her school. She currently holds the position of NEA Director on the NCAE Board of Directors, and has also served as Cluster 6 Director.

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- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (4 At-Large Positions)
- Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team (2 Positions - 1 Fireman/EMS Personnel and 1 (Parent of) Death of Child before 18)
- Durham City-County Appearance Commission (1 At-Large Position)
- Farmland Protection Advisory Board (1 Position - Fall/Lick Creek VAD)
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee (4 At-Large Positions)
- Memorial Stadium Authority (1 At Large Position)

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Website: www.dconcc.gov

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Durham History HUB Seeking Donations For History Grove in Honor of Louis E. Austin

The Durham History HUB is seeking donations to bring a plaque and historic site in Southern Durham Tentatively set for Southern Durham.

The HUB is seeking \$1,000 for the project and at present \$500 has been donated by THE CAROLINA TIMES.

Donations can be mailed directly to Patrick Mucklow, Museum of Durham History, P.O. Box 362, Durham, NC 27702, INDICATING THE GIFT IS IN SUPPORT OF THE LOUIS E. AUSTIN HISTORY GROVE.

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The Long Black Freedom Struggle

Born in Enfield, North Carolina in 1898, Louis Austin personified the black freedom struggle. Growing up in an era of white supremacy, many blacks gave up hope of overturning racial segregation in economic, political, and social life. But Austin had the vision and fortitude to use the power of the press to fight for a country that treated all as equal.



The Great Depression

After purchasing Durham's black newsweekly The Carolina Times in 1927, Austin championed anti-segregation action through the courts and black political mobilization through the Democratic Party. In 1933, Austin initiated the South's first legal challenge to segregated higher education, the attempt to enroll Thomas Hocutt, represented by local black attorneys Conrad Pearson and Cecil McCoy, in the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Although losing in state court, the Hocutt case was an important precedent to the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, in which the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in public schools.



World War II

During WWII, Austin backed the "Double V" campaign, which fought for victory against the Axis abroad and against racial injustice at home. He also supported A. Philip Randolph's March on Washington Movement, which prompted President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order banning racial discrimination by defense contractors.



Postwar Civil Rights Movement, 1945-1971

Austin joined activists who supported litigation and political action while advocating civil disobedience. In 1947, he arranged the South's first interracial football game, held in Durham between a white team from Philadelphia and a black team from Washington, DC. In 1953, he handled public relations for Rencher N. Harris's election as the first black member of the Durham City Council, and in the 1960s, he published the names of stores boycotted for their failure to hire black workers. Austin died in Durham in 1971. His daughter Vivian Austin Edmonds published The Carolina Times from 1971 to 2002, and his grandson Kenneth Edmonds continues to publish the newspaper today.

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