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Ferguson Community Day Unites, Educates

FERGUSON, Mo. — “Lindenwood and Ferguson....Growing Together!” That was the theme for the second annual Ferguson Community Day which took place on Saturday, Oct. 3. The event was jointly sponsored by the City of Ferguson and Lindenwood University as a renewed effort to continue the move forward in unity. More than 200 people attended the event which was held at the Ferguson Community Center.

Community Day began with remarks from Mayor James Knowles III. He presented a proclamation to Lindenwood University President Dr. Michael D. Shonrock, in support of their continuous efforts to bring resources to the community.

“Community Day is part of the City’s multi-faceted partnership with Lindenwood University, which also includes scholarship programs for college-bound high school students, a program for entrepreneurs and internships for Lindenwood students to work within the municipality in a variety of capacities”, said Mayor Knowles. “Our partnership has been very beneficial to the city and its residents and Community Day is a way to celebrate and say thank you.”

Activities were available for residents of all ages ranging from bounce houses, face painting and crafts to seminars on resume building, job seeking and personal finance.

A special presentation by artist William Curtis included a series of paintings to honor the famed World War II Tuskegee Airmen, the all-black unit whose service helped integrate the armed forces.

Ferguson resident, De’Shara Williams, wants to see more businesses partnering with the community.

“The city’s partnership with Lindenwood University should provide encouragement for other businesses and organizations to join hands with our community,” said Williams. “This was a great event and my family really enjoyed the activities. I’m already looking forward to next year!”

Entertainment was provided by DJ Sir Thurl, along with donated food by Roper’s Ribs and bagged popcorn from Ray Ray’s Kettle Corn mobile shop.

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