



F.U.N.D.S., INC

PRESENTS

The 19th ANNUAL STATEWIDE BLACK HISTORY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024, 1:00 pm

KARAMU!!!CELEBRATE!!

The word "KARAMU" is Swahili meaning "CELEBRATION or FEAST".

The F.U.N.D.S., Inc., parade and festival committee invites you and or your organization to participate in the 19th Annual Statewide Black History Parade and Festival. We ask you to take pride and take part in this historical event.

The Parade & Festival is on **Saturday, February 24, 2024**, beginning at **1:00 pm**. The lineup will begin at **11:00 am** at the corner of Harden and Hampton Streets (2020 Hampton St.) and end at Martin Luther King Park, 2300 Greene Street, Columbia, S.C. We are asking that you register your church, group (s), school, band, cheerleaders, ROTC, etc., or organization to participate.

Parade participants and vendors are asked to depict someone of African American History (local or national) and represent that/those persons (s) in the parade and festival by distributing information to the spectators about that/those person(s) as they proceed in the parade or vend at the festival. For example, carrying/displaying posters of the person (s).

If you would like to participate in the **parade** please mail or email your APPLICATION; only return the portion that relates to your entity, by **Friday, February 16, 2024**. There is a **\$25.00 non-refundable registration fee** per participating parade unit. You may retrieve floats by contacting: Southeastern Float Co. at 803-917-0644. **The parade committee is not responsible for ordering or paying for your float.** Decorated trucks, cars, bikes, walkers, marchers, etc. are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please stay within the theme of the event.

This year's theme "**VOTING WILL MAKE HISTORY 2024**" is designed to educate our audience about our history and current health and civic issues and to encourage them to become more proactive in these topics. To EDUCATE and ENCOURAGE VOTERS to Vote.

If you have any questions, please contact us @ **803-361-5470** or email
fundsinc@fundsinc1.org.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

WE WILL CONTINUE THE CDC GUIDELINES BECAUSE WE CARE!!

ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATION

Saturday, February 24, 2024

NO FEES for PERFORMERS

LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE Deadline Friday, February 16, 2024

Please fill out all pertinent information below and return the completed form

F.U.N.D.S., INC.
1615 Pickens St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Or email fundsinc@fundsinc1.org

Name of Entry _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone#: _____ day _____ evening

Email _____ other _____

Please state below if you are a Choir, Group, Soloist, Poet, etc. Indicate if you are a recording artist and would like to promote and sell your CD/DVD, ETC. (Specify)

We encourage you to take all necessary health/safety/security precautions:

I, we understand that F.U.N.D.S., INC, the City of Columbia, Columbia Parks, and Recreation, MLK Park, or the parade/festival committee is NOT responsible for any incidents or accidents that may occur before, during, or after the Parade/Festival.

Responsible applicant's signature/date

ALL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED NO EXCEPTIONS

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IF SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL MOVE TO SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

Friends United As A Neighborhood Developmental Society (501c3 ORG.)