



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 in 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 MOVE TO SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

Volunteer Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in supporting and participating in the Annual Black History Parade and Festival organized by F.U.N.D.S. Inc. Your dedication and enthusiasm contribute to the success of this meaningful event. Please complete the following form to join us as a valued volunteer.

****Personal Information:****

- ****Full Name:****
- ****Email Address:****
- ****Phone Number:****
- ****Address:****
- ****City:****
- ****State:****
- ****Zip Code:****

****Availability:****

- ****Preferred Volunteer Shift (Select all that apply):****
 - Morning (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)
 - Afternoon (12:00 pm - 6:00 pm)
- ****Days Available (Select all that apply):****
 - Saturday, February 24, 2024
 - Sunday,

****Skills and Preferences:****

- ****Area of Interest (Select all that apply):****
 - Parade Route Assistance
 - Festival Booth Support
 - Registration Desk
 - Stage Management
 - Crowd Control
 - Clean-up Crew
 - Other (Please specify): _____

- ****Do you have any specific skills or experience relevant to your chosen area(s) of interest? (e.g., event planning, customer service, first aid, etc.) ****

Emergency Contact

- ****Emergency Contact Name:****
- ****Emergency Contact Phone Number:****

****T-Shirt Size:****

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- XLarge
- XXLarge

****Agreement and Consent:****

By submitting this form, I confirm that I am volunteering for the Annual Black History Parade and Festival organized by F.U.N.D.S. Inc. I understand that my role as a volunteer is crucial for the success of the event and agree to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

****Signature: _____ Date: _____****

[Submit Button]

Thank you for your commitment to making the Annual Black History Parade and Festival a memorable and enriching experience. We look forward to working together to celebrate and honor Black history.

For any questions or additional information, please contact [Your Contact Person] at [Contact Email] or [Contact Phone Number].