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**CELEBRATE BLACK MARRIAGE DAY WITH THE MARRIAGE RESOURCE
CENTER AT THE CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM
Local Non-Profit Promotes Healthy Marriages at Event**

Dearborn, MI – March 30, 2010- Get ready to celebrate Black Marriage Day (BMD). The official date of BMD was Sunday, March 28. However, the Marriage Resource Center (MRC) is celebrating on Friday, April 9 at 6:00 pm. It will host an event at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. The evening will be full of dinner, dance instruction with Fast Freddy and enrichment with a nationally known speaker, Minister LaSandra Nelson.

The MRC decided to host the event to encourage and promote strong marriages. A study conducted by the Institute for American Values determined that there are great advantages to healthy marriages, compared to unhealthy marriages or cohabiting relationships. Women are less likely to end up or remain in poverty. Men are less likely to commit violent crimes. Children are less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol and are more likely to succeed academically. Overall, healthy marriages result in wealthier and happier communities. With all the benefits, why wouldn't the Marriage Resource Center want to take time out to honor those who support marriages in the black community?

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per couple if registered before April 5. An additional \$5 will be added after that date. Registration can be completed by calling 313-278-4400 or by logging onto www.mimarrriage.org.

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