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**SON OF THE 215 WINS URBAN X-PRESSIONS F.A.M.E. AWARD  
& NEW RELEASE OF 'MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO PHILLY' - A PHILLY COLLAB  
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# Letter from the Publisher



What's up my Urban People!

Are you ready for the holiday season? Christmas and New Year are just around the corner! ☐☐ I'm buzzing with excitement and can't help but feel joyful as we embrace this festive season.

As we bid farewell to this year and welcome the new one, many of us start to ponder over our New Year resolutions, new plans, and maybe even create some vision boards. It's all about setting those goals and dreams for the upcoming year, right? ☐

In the spirit of new beginnings, we're thrilled to introduce a special section for our December/January issue – "Give the Gift Of Knowledge: Author Spotlight." ☐ Imagine cuddling up with a heartwarming book that not only kicks off your new year with inspiration but also motivates you to pen down your own story. And guess what? You'll also be supporting our incredible local authors! It's a win-win!

A huge shout-out to our amazing advertisers – Turn 7, Create the Look, and B Pretty Luxe Extensions. Your support means the world to us! ☐ To our dear readers, please show them some love and support. They've been instrumental in bringing our vision to life. ☐

Oh, and have you heard? Urban X-pressions has launched a new website! ☐ To all of you who grew up watching Urban X-pressions, we're calling out to you. We'd love to hear your favorite memories! Share a video with us, telling us how Urban X-pressions was a part of your life and encourage everyone to hop onto [UrbanXpressions.com](http://UrbanXpressions.com) to become a member. Let's keep the legacy alive!



Remember, "You be there for Us and We'll Be there for You." It's this beautiful bond that keeps us going. ☐

Thank you for being such an integral part of our journey. Your support and love mean everything to us. Let's march into the new year with hope, joy, and a whole lot of excitement! ☐

God Bless and Happy Holidays!

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## WORD ON THE STREET

# King Fish 2 Triumphs

## Big Screen Debut Charms Fans with Fun and Flair



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**King Fish 2 Triumphs: Big Screen Debut Charms Fans with Fun and Flair! Watch King Fish 2 on Amazon Prime Video and Reveal**

Philadelphia, PA - The highly anticipated premiere of "King Fish 2" took place at the Venice Island Theater, marking a significant moment for the beloved series. Already lauded as the Best Series and Best TV Show by the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival and the Philadelphia Urban Film Awards, "King Fish" has once again captured the hearts of its audience.

**Star-Studded Cast Delivers Exceptional Performances**

The film features a stellar cast, including XavierX, Taylor Myrick, Britt Starghill, Keron Morton, Jordan Webber, Ayana Ferguson, Noelle Smith, India Alston, Ron Shaer, Omar Long, Drk Stackz, Kavon Kellam, Josephine Sincere, Katrice Bailey, and Monica Gladney. Each actor brings depth and charisma to their roles, making "King Fish 2" a memorable experience.

**A Continuation of Adventure and Humor**

"King Fish 2" picks up where the pilot left off. Characters Bobby, Flip, and X embark on a quest in North Philly, searching for the three young ladies they met in their previous adventure. This journey is fraught with challenges and threats, including a fierce battle that tests their wits and resilience. New characters, Cupcake, Penny, and Freddie, add fresh dynamics to the story, alongside great new music by Josephine Sincere and a surprise new group.

**Audience Acclaim: Relatable and Heartfelt**

The film received glowing

reviews from the audience. Juan T. described it as having a "Good wholesome feel," reminiscent of classic sitcoms. Malisha C. praised its relatability to young audiences, recommending it as a must-watch. Katrice Bailey highlighted its hilarious, heartfelt, and beautiful narrative. Additionally, 10tin of The Philly 4 Horsemen commended the show for being family-friendly, imaginative, entertaining, and funny.

**Conclusion: A Must-Watch for All Ages**

"King Fish 2" stands out as a triumphant sequel that

combines humor, heart, and a touch of nostalgia. It resonates with viewers of all ages, offering a fun and engaging cinematic experience. With its imaginative storytelling and outstanding performances, "King Fish 2" is set to be a family favorite for years to come. To follow the cast go to KingFishShow.com



## WORD ON THE STREET

# Manifesting Her Anthology

## #1 Amazon Best Seller: Unveiling Stories of Courage and Triumph



self-discovery and the healing power of forgiveness.

Dr. Tashina Reeder's "Get Up, Sis! It's Time to Heal, Rise and Shine!" alongside Michelle Schofield's "God and Mommy," Jennifer Williams' "Defeat and Discernment: A Twin Tale," Katina Neshawna's "What You May Be Surprised to Know," and LaDeia Joyce's "Unmasking Shame, Embracing Authenticity" further enriched the event, offering insights into overcoming adversity and embracing one's true self.

The anthology and the event itself served as a powerful reminder of the strength that lies within every woman. "Manifesting Her!" is more than a book; it's a movement empowering women to find their voice, heal from their past, and manifest a life of success and fulfillment.

ManifestingHer is #1 on Amazon's Best Seller in the category of Women's Health on Kindle and Best Seller in three categories in the print format. Do you have a desire to write a book and get published? Follow @drtashinareeder Send a DM "Help Me Please"



UXNM December - Dr. Tashina

### "Manifesting Her Anthology - #1 Amazon Best Seller: Unveiling Stories of Courage and Triumph"

In the inspiring anthology "Manifesting Her!", a collective of courageous women, including Dr. Tashina Reeder, Alicia Newsome, Tyesha Tilghman, Christine Addison, Abigale Patrick,

Lynda Joice, Michelle Schofield, Jennifer Williams, Katina Neshawna, and LáDeia Joyce, share their profound stories of healing, self-discovery, and success. This book is not just a compilation of narratives; it's a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of resilience and faith.

The event celebrating the release of "Manifesting Her!" was a remarkable experience that encapsulated

the essence of the book. The opening prayer by Rev Carmina Pyfrom set a reflective tone, followed by a series of engaging activities including presentations by each co-author, a violinist's melodic performance, a spoken word piece by Da Monae, Naturally Neat Cleaning Vendor, and innovative 360 photography.

Each author brought their unique story to life, sharing their personal journeys. Dr.

Alicia Newsome's "Embracing Change, Finding Strength in Adversity," Tyesha Tilghman's "Keep the Faith, Even in Adversity," and Christine Addison's "Finding my Worth, Choosing my Value," highlighted the transformative power of embracing change and finding inner strength. Abigale Harry-Patrick's "Finding my Voice" and Lynda Joice's "The Lost & Found: A Story of Healing and Forgiveness" delved into the themes of



## WORD ON THE STREET

# Double the Milestones, Double the Icons: Celebrating Dyana Williams' 70th and Nancy's 90th Birthdays To The Sounds of Philadelphia



we were immersed in an era of unrivaled musical and cultural vibrancy.

Participating in the Soul Train line was a highlight for me, a moment where music and joy intertwined. The Soul Train scrabble board was another delightful nod to the past, bringing an interactive and playful element to the festivities.

Bill Jolly's jam session set the tone for an unforgettable day, complemented by captivating performances from Jean Carne, Ashley Scott, Suzann Christine, and Lady Alma. Each artist added a unique melody to this symphony of celebration.

Radio legends such as Patty Jackson, Lady B, Tiffany Bacon, Dezzie, Helen Little, Mina Say What, and Mike Jerrick from Fox's Good Day graced the event, alongside the exceptional host Laiya Stclair, whose presence added a layer of warmth and familiarity. The



event was not just a party but a reunion, a place where old friends met and new connections were forged.

Amidst the dancing, laughter, and delicious food, a personal moment with Nancy, Dyana's mother, left a profound impression on me. Her wisdom was simple yet powerful: "Always remember you control your life and the people you let in it." This memorable advice from Mom Nancy resonated deeply, a reminder of the strength and agency we each possess in shaping our lives.

The World Cafe Live in Philadelphia was more than a venue; it was a portal to

the past as we gathered for "The Sounds of Philadelphia Costume Day Party" to celebrate Dyana Williams's

70th and her mother Nancy's 90th birthdays. Dressed in '70s and '90s attire, with makeup by Fashion Facez,



As the day party drew to a close, I left with more than just memories of fun and dance; I carried with me the profound words of Nancy and a renewed sense of gratitude for the music and connections that bind us. Celebrating with Dyana R. Williams and her mother wasn't just an honor; it was a reminder of the enduring power of love, music, and the wisdom passed down through generations.

## WORD ON THE STREET

# Soldier of Love Foundation's 8th Annual Gala A Night of Empowerment and Inspiration



### Soldier of Love Foundation's 8th Annual Gala: A Night of Empowerment and Inspiration

The Soldier of Love Foundation recently hosted its 8th Annual Domestic Violence Empowerment Gala, an evening dedicated to raising awareness and supporting survivors of domestic violence. The event, orchestrated by the foundation's passionate founder, Necol Millsip, was a testament to the journey from pain to empowerment.

The gala brought together a diverse mix of community leaders, advocates, and survivors, each contributing to

a vibrant tapestry of shared experiences and support. Highlighting the event were powerful keynote speeches and survivor testimonials, shedding light on the resilience and strength of individuals who have overcome domestic violence.

Special features of the evening included a silent auction with unique items donated by local businesses, a gourmet dinner crafted by a renowned chef, and a range of activities that engaged and inspired attendees. The event offered an opportunity for guests to network, enjoy music by DJ Philly, and participate in a meaningful moment of silence led by Watson McNeil Jr., praying for

an end to the cycle of domestic violence.

The iconic Mimi Brown and Alan C. Speed played key roles in the gala. Brown's warm welcome set the stage, while Speed provided an insightful overview of the Soldier of Love Foundation's mission. The foundation's commitment to ending the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault and promoting social justice and safety was palpable throughout the evening.

Larry Covington, the VP, emphasized taking a stand against domestic violence, while Monica Mason's speech, "Breaking Free from Domestic Violence,"

struck a powerful chord with the audience. Special presentations honored individuals like Ronald Brown and Natosha Warner for their contributions to the cause.

The event culminated with closing remarks from Necol Millsip, who reinvigorated the attendees' commitment to supporting survivors and contributing to the foundation's efforts. The gala not only served as a platform for raising funds but also as a beacon of hope and empowerment for those affected by domestic violence. Attendees were encouraged to continue their support by making pledges, ensuring the ongoing impact of the

Soldier of Love Foundation.

For more information about the foundation or future events, interested parties are encouraged to call 215-995-3151 or <https://www.soldieroflovefoundation.org>



# Son of the 215's 'Midnight Train to Philly' A Philly Collab Masterpiece of Local Legends



wanted to show people how lyrically I can get, so all I needed was those components!

**UXNM:** The Uppity Awards Triumph: Winning the inaugural Urban Xpressions F.A.M.E. Award at the Uppity Awards is a significant milestone. What does this recognition mean to you, and how do you think it will influence your future work?

**Son of the 215:** All, man, it meant everything; UX is probably one of the reasons I do music. It was my window to the culture as a kid watching the greats come thru Philly an knowing it was this great thing going on that I had to be a part of. Thank you, Mom, for letting me stay up an watch it. I love you!! The uppity awards is an uptown award show representing for people from my hood, people I know, love, and respect, so for them to consider me the best in Uptown Philly in 2023, man, speaks volumes! Thank you. Not bad for a kid from RugbySt, Mt Airy Stand Up!! My favorite award yet, and I got a couple lol.

**UXNM:** Freeway's Support: Having Freeway present during your Uppity Awards victory was undoubtedly special. How has his presence and support impacted you personally and professionally, especially on such a momentous occasion?

**Son of the 215:** It was So Dope! The award show was on my birthday, 11/11 Veterans Day, so for him to come kick it with me at the awards an perform with me

as well as seeing him inducted in the hall of fame! Smh great bday gift. No matter how far I go, I will always thank Big bro for having my back and believing in my talents, and believing in Philadelphia, thanks Freezer! Love u bro! #FTA

**UXNM:** Philadelphia's Influence: Being a son of the 215, how has the culture and vibe of Philadelphia influenced your music style and the themes you explore in your songs?

**Son of the 215:** It's my brand, my story, my genre of hip-hop, it's everything. It's Fresh Prince getting his own show, Schoolly D, inviting gangsta rap, Meek with the Bally braids. It's what BK was to big or Compton was to Eazy-E. A higher-up once told me you gotta get the bells ringing at home first in this game. So if I'm the Son an I'm making music that invites people into our world, when they listen, they get to walk the streets of the 215 my home has to support that, or you just hating an love over Powers the hate. My music is for everybody but from the eyes of a Philadelphian. It's my story, our story! We giving so much to the culture. It needs to be told.

**UXNM:** Blueprint for Independent Success: You seem to have a blueprint for independent success in the music industry. What would you say is the key to dominating the indie path in music, and what advice would you give to upcoming artists looking to forge their own path?

**Son of the 215:** To me, it's

simple steps u can follow throughout your career. Stay ready, stay working, stay humble. Never underestimate the next man, and never underestimate yourself. Chase the dream, not the money. The money ain't going anywhere, but the game goes fast. Learn the biz an keep your faith in the most high, and your time will come.

**UXNM:** Looking Ahead: With the release of 'Midnight Train to Philly' and your recent accolade, what's next for Son of the 215? Are there any new projects, collaborations, or directions you're excited to explore?

**Son of the 215:** So much more! New merch is on the way! I'm working on collab projects with artists I respect, like my dog Dell-P we started a group TheLLC, COMING SOON. My first major starring role is "A Target on my Opps" The movie is coming soon with the King Jimmy Da Saint. Can't wait for y'all to see it! An of course more music! Me an Freeway got something cooking for y'all! I'm right back in the booth working on the next solo project! Plus, I'm getting involved in nonprofit work an building my Two5thTeen empire! Y'all know the vibes! It's the S.O.N "SuccessOrNothing"

Son of the 215 celebrated the release of his new project, "Midnight Train to Philly" with a concert hosted by RedSnaperrr and presented by Tweet of Concrete Moguls Magazine. Midnight Train to Philly featured performances from Dutchieman, of Major Figgas and more.

**UXNM:** Philly Collaborations on Midnight Train to Philly: Your album 'Midnight Train to Philly' features a variety of collaborations. Can you tell us about the artists you worked with and what expectations you had for these collaborations while creating the album?

**Son of the 215:** Sure, when I set out to do this album, I knew wanted to make it like a story that no matter where we go in life, we gotta remember where we come from. I knew I needed the classic present and future of Philly. My brother "EveryAve" of soundGenius Studios gave me the

sound an studio vibes I needed. His skill is unmatched. On production, I went wit my hitmen "DeweyOnTheTrack" and "Harrix" who prod a lot of my early hits, "Philebonics," "Ironic," an more, but I also reached out to new hot producers."DJ Revolver" and a young lady named "LovelyLayBeats" who is the hottest female producer in the city! For features, I needed Spittaz cuz that's what Philly is known for, so I got Dreamchasers Artist "kur" Our track is amazing!! We are both from the same hood so this was long overdue, and we delivered! It's a Big & Jay-Z meets Freeway & B-Mac type vibe! Had to get a Legend, so it was time for me and my big brother StateProperty's own "Peedi Crakk" to get one in, and Peedi is still hot as ever. Thanks, Pedro! Then I got my brother from Jersey "PortaRich"

To show the Philly Jersey connection! He killed it! The rest was up to me, I





## WORD ON THE STREET

# Shattered Reflections:

# A Glimpse Behind the Scenes of an Uplifting Spiritual Journey



Blazinasian215, in a heartfelt shout-out, expressed gratitude towards the direction and team: "Shout out to my Fav Director @traparproductionstudios and the dope team @kalivisionproductions, @arlynentertainment, @fashionfacez. Big thanks to my buddy @naj\_danz, the remarkable @jackiecena, Ms. 'Momma' Murindah, my work wife @aprilsherreethemodel, @mikedavissingerandactor, @rell\_angelo, the amazing @realkarenabercrombie, the charming @cocoabrownonefunnymomma, @tamikapattonmusic aka 'pipes,' Philly's Oprah @shellyshellwilliams, and of course, the incomparable @bishophez with his #LoveFellowshipChoir. It's a wrap!"

"Shattered Reflections" is not just a film; it's a spiritual journey, a gathering of faith, and a showcase of extraordinary talent. As anticipation builds for its release, it's evident that this film is set to touch hearts and souls, leaving an indelible mark on all who witness it.

\*Stay connected and be part of the journey with "Shattered Reflections" using #ShatteredReflections #FaithBased #TraParProductionStudios Go follow @Traparproductionstudios

Coming 2024 from Director Bae, Tracey Parson, a Tra Par Production

"Shattered Reflections," set for a 2024 release, is shaping up to be a landmark in faith-based cinema. This Tra Par Production, led by the creative prowess of Director Bae and producer Tracey Parson, is more than a film; it's a testament to spiritual metamorphosis.

As I reflect on this scene, as

an official actress in the movie "If I could, I would bottle up the emotions felt on the set of Shattered Reflections during the church scene with Bishop Hezekiah Walker. It was a truly transformational experience." Serving as confirmation that God does favor us.

This scene, originally intended as a single-song performance, evolved into a prophetic concert, profoundly impacting everyone involved. The song "It Shall

Come to Pass" emerged as not just a musical piece but as a spiritual affirmation.

Director Tracey Parson recounts the experience with palpable emotion: "I, man, oh man, nothing could have prepared me for a shooting scene with Bishop Hezekiah Walker and the choir. The Spirit was truly in the building." This sentiment is echoed by the cast and crew, who describe the filming as a high point in their professional and spiritual lives.

The film's ensemble is a tapestry of talent and spirit. Karen Abercrombie, known as Miss Claire from "War Room," brings her remarkable depth to the project. Jackie Cena, a soulful singer with a new album release, and Mike Davis, a multi-talented singer and actor, add their unique flavors to this rich narrative. And making everyone fabulous was Tamika of @fashionfacez



# Urban X-pressions at the Uppity Awards: A Salute to the Icons: Honoring the Stars

In a splendid showcase of urban creativity, the Uppity Awards' Urban X-pressions segment honored remarkable talents. We extend heartfelt congratulations to Tucan Sam of Glocawear Radio and Simon "One Punch" Carr, the newest inductees into the Urban X-pressions Hall of Fame, for their enduring impact and contributions. Philly Wonderwoman, the recipient of the Urban X-pressions Impact Award, continues to inspire with her influential work. Kudos to Fly Girl Friday Radio for clinching the Indie Media Award, and to Son of the 215 for securing the F.A.M.E. Award, both epitomizing the vibrancy and dynamism of urban culture. Their collective achievements not only highlight individual excellence but also illuminate the path for future urban expressionists. Pictures courtesy of Tripple T Shots

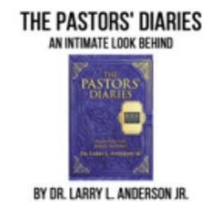


# Give The Gift Of Knowledge - Author Spotlight



Dr. Larry L. Anderson Jr. returns to the publishing scene with the release of "The Pastors' Diaries." A book that offers a behind-the-pulpit look at the people who have been called to pastor and the personal challenges they encounter throughout their journey. This book is filled with real life confessions and testimonies from diverse pastors and faith-based leaders, many of which have never been shared with the public. It details their unscripted transparent trials and triumphs of pastoring, including their journeys of pressure, pain, power, pedestal, passion, pride and perseverance while serving in ministry. Some stories are unbelievable and hilarious while others are heartbreaking and bewildering. But, at its core, each story reflects the humanity of the pastor and the love, grace and mercy they need to receive just as much as they give.

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## From the Streets to the Stage: The Rise of RAW BUCKZ

**Contributing Columnist:** Jimmy Da Saint

Born on the mean streets of North Philadelphia, RAW BUCKZ had it very hard as a child. From robbing, stealing, and selling drugs, RAW Buckz was not stopping until he got to the bag, no matter what it took.

But as the saying goes: All good things must come to an end. At the young age of just 16, he was arrested and convicted for one of his many crimes and sentenced to serve 10 years. While in prison RAW BUCKZ had learned to rap. Soon after he was one of the best and most popular Mc's at the prison; once he was released, RAW BUCKZ linked up with a Philly group called LB4R.

Then, soon afterward he decided to start his very own movement called BIPOLARMUZIK, signing his own artist to his label. NOW a completely changed man, RAW BUCKZ is on a whole new mission to change his old ways. He is a father, a business owner, and an entrepreneur. Be on the lookout for new music and videos from RAW BUCKZ, A man who had to overcome many odds against him to finally have his powerful voice heard.

Follow him on Instagram @rawbuckz\_bipolarmuzik

# B Pretty Luxury Extensions Transforming Beauty Standards



UXNewsMag: A Day in the Life at B Pretty: As the visionary behind B Pretty, what does a typical day look like for you in managing and growing a luxury beauty business?

BPretty: A typical day in the life of BPLUX for me is First and foremost I always like to check my emails for any urgent messages or updates, every day I like to look for different opportunities for me to expand and improve my business along with marketing and branding ideas, website updates, review my financial goals, communication with my distributors and retailers is a must to ensure optimal product placement and availability. At the end of every day I review the day's accomplishments and set priorities for the next day.

UXNewsMag: B Pretty's Impactful Moments: Can you share a particularly inspiring story or feedback from a B Pretty customer that highlights the impact of your luxury extensions and

tools?

BPretty: Our customers go crazy over our hair extensions and styling tools.

"I never thought that a set of hair extensions could have such a profound impact on my confidence and self-image until I discovered B Pretty. As someone who has struggled with thin hair for years, finding the right solution seemed impossible. That was until I tried your B Pretty's luxury extensions."

UXNewsMag: Raw Southeast Asian Human Extensions: B Pretty is known for its high-quality Raw Southeast Asian Human Extensions. Can you tell us more about how these extensions stand out in terms of versatility and the ability to customize through coloring, bleaching, or dyeing?

BPretty: Our Raw Southeast Asian human hair is often prized for its natural texture and versatility. The hair typically has a thicker strand diameter, providing a fuller and more voluminous look. It is known for its ability to

hold various styles, including straight, wavy, and curly. This versatility allows individuals to change their look effortlessly, adapting the extensions to suit different occasions and preferences. Raw hair, by definition, is minimally processed and hasn't undergone chemical treatments. Which makes it an excellent candidate for coloring and dyeing. It is also known for its strength and resilience. Which makes it suitable for bleaching.

UXNewsMag: Personalized Customer Experience: Your website emphasizes the best customer service and assistance for those new to extensions. How does B Pretty ensure a seamless and supportive experience for customers, especially those trying extensions for the first time?

BPretty: We Offer live chat support or virtual assistance through the website to address immediate questions and concerns. This allows customers to get real-time guidance and advice, enhancing their confidence in the decision-making process.

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UXNewsMag: Showcasing B Pretty's Bone Straight & Milly Wave Extensions: Both your Bone Straight and Milly Wave Extensions are described as the longest-lasting, with 100% real human hair. Can you share how these extensions offer a unique combination of durability, natural appearance, and ease of maintenance?

BPretty: While our extensions offer versatility and customization, it's crucial to follow proper care and maintenance practices. Using sulfate-free and alcohol-free products, avoiding excessive heat, and regular moisturizing can help preserve the quality of the extensions over time. Which we will be adding to the brand very soon so stay tuned.

UXNewsMag: Unmatched Quality of B Pretty: With a plethora of options in the market, what distinguishes B Pretty's hair extensions in terms of quality, luxury, and style compared to others?

BPretty: We offer high-quality, natural human hair that is ethically sourced. We ensure that the hair is dura-

ble, tangle-free, and maintains its texture over time before it hits the market.

UXNewsMag: Innovative Styling with B Pretty: Your flat irons are a cornerstone of B Pretty's styling tools. How do they incorporate cutting-edge technology to provide luxurious styling experiences while ensuring hair health?

BPretty: Our titanium flat irons deliver highly efficient heat transfer and instantly smooth, condition and shine hair, using a 5 LED heating setting – up to 465°F. Allowing you to straighten, wave and curl your hair. Our ion hair straightener makes hair shiner and control static better than other flat irons for a frizz-free shine and less static electricity. – this is the perfect tool for any style.

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# Supreme Gospel Entertainment's 26th Annual Toy Giveaway Spreads Joy and Community Spirit



**SGEM Team**



mantown Church of the Brethren in Mt. Airy, transforming the venue into a festive hub of holiday cheer. One of the highlights of the day was the distribution of toys to over 250 children. Although the real meaning of Christmas revolves around the miracle birth of Jesus Christ, it is important that our most precious youth know just how valuable they are to us. One way of doing such was providing them with toys they may not have otherwise been able to enjoy due to financial hardships. The smiles on the faces of the children reflected the success of the event in brightening their holiday season.

ganizer Sherri Johnson expressed her gratitude for the abundance of volunteers and the overwhelming support from the community.

The event would not have been possible without the generosity of sponsors. Toys for Tots, Turn 7, and multiple private donors from across the tri-state area played a crucial role in making the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Giveaway a resounding success. Their commitment to supporting the community underscored the true meaning of the holiday season. After the challenges posed by the pandemic, the resumption of in-person events like the SGEM's Touching All Communities Toy Giveaway was a symbolic step toward reclaiming a sense of normalcy. The occasion not only provided joy to those in attendance but also served as a reminder of the resilience and strength within our community.

The atmosphere was further enhanced with delightful treats, including pizza, pretzels, and soft drinks—a perfect complement to the festive occasion. The event also featured a Christmas-style karaoke session, where participants showcased their vocal talents in a joyful and lighthearted manner.

From inflatable attractions capturing the attention of the youngest attendees to the numerous volunteers helping serve our participants, the event was a testament to the power of community collaboration. Or-

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Supreme Gospel Entertainment's 26th Annual Toy Giveaway Spreads Joy and Community Spirit  
On Sunday, December 4, Supreme Gospel Entertainment & Marketing (SGEM),

in collaboration with Germantown Church of the Brethren, Lafiya Family Services, X-pressions, Inc., Create the Look, Esther Productions, and other partners, brought the community together for the 26th annual Touching All Communities

Toy Giveaway. This marked a significant return to in-person festivities since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, making it a memorable and joyous occasion for all involved.

The event took place at Ger-

## Robert J. Moore's, Are You Marriage Material - Sold Out Show in Philly

Philadelphia's esteemed Suzanne Roberts Theatre recently became the stage for the enthralling production 'Are You Marriage Material,' written by the accomplished Robert J Moore. This riveting play, graced by the notable talents of R&B singer and actor Christopher Williams, offered a deep dive into the complexities of romantic relationships. Hosted by the charismatic duo Shelly Shell Williams and Pretty Boy Day, the event captivated the audience with a perfect blend of humor and heart-

felt moments.

The narrative, enriched by Moore's insightful writing and Williams' compelling performance, unfolded a tapestry of love, challenges, and the nuanced understanding of what it means to be truly 'marriage material.'

The synergy among the cast members, coupled with the engaging direction, made each scene resonate with authenticity and emotional depth.

As the audience reveled in

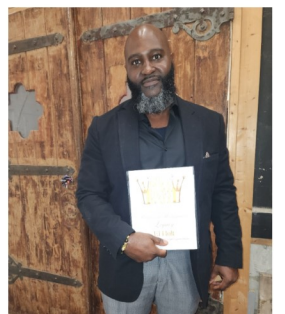
the experience, it was evident that 'Are You Marriage Material' transcended beyond a mere theatrical presentation—it was a mirror to life's relational intricacies, leaving an indelible mark on every viewer.



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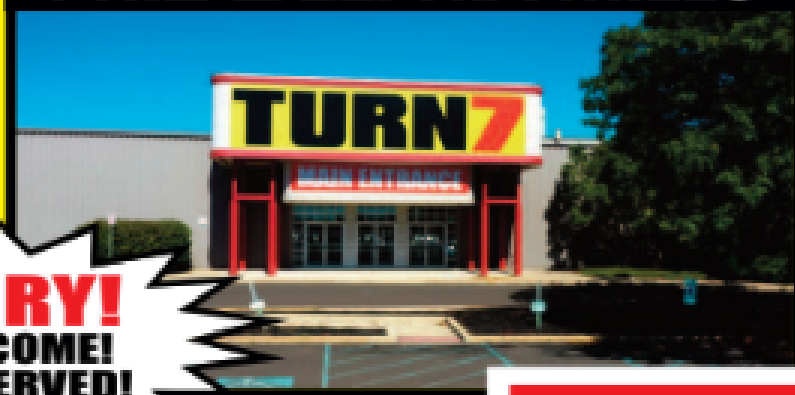
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