

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON/ MONTEITH CULTURAL CENTER

UPDATE

Dear Fellow Washingtonians!

After three years of operation, the BTW/Monteith Cultural Center has enjoyed a variety of events, activities and on-going uses in the past year. Since 2011, the A & A Learning Center, under the direction of Allen Smith, provides after school and out-of-school suspension programs for students in Richland School District One. Approximately 150 students attend classes Monday through Friday. In December, 2011, the program held an open house at the school welcoming the community an opportunity to visit and enjoy the facility.

Also, we have led several tours of the facility, two sponsored by the Historic Columbia Foundation that brought visitors from throughout the Midlands and neighboring states to visit the historic classrooms and to learn the history of the school and the BTW Foundation.

In addition, the site was host to the BeCo Arts and Culture Festival in September, 2011, an event that featured storytelling, arts & crafts, African dance and drumming demonstrations.

It is clear that the Cultural Center has great potential as a destination for visitors to the area, as a resource for historians researching African-American education during the Jim Crow era, and as a center for cultural and artistic expression.

However, there still remains operating and maintenance expenses to be funded. In order to maintain and upkeep this marvelous facility, the board of the BTW Foundation appreciates your personal donations. A minimum of \$25 annually from each of you will assure continued operation and upkeep of the BTW/Monteith Cultural Center.

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