

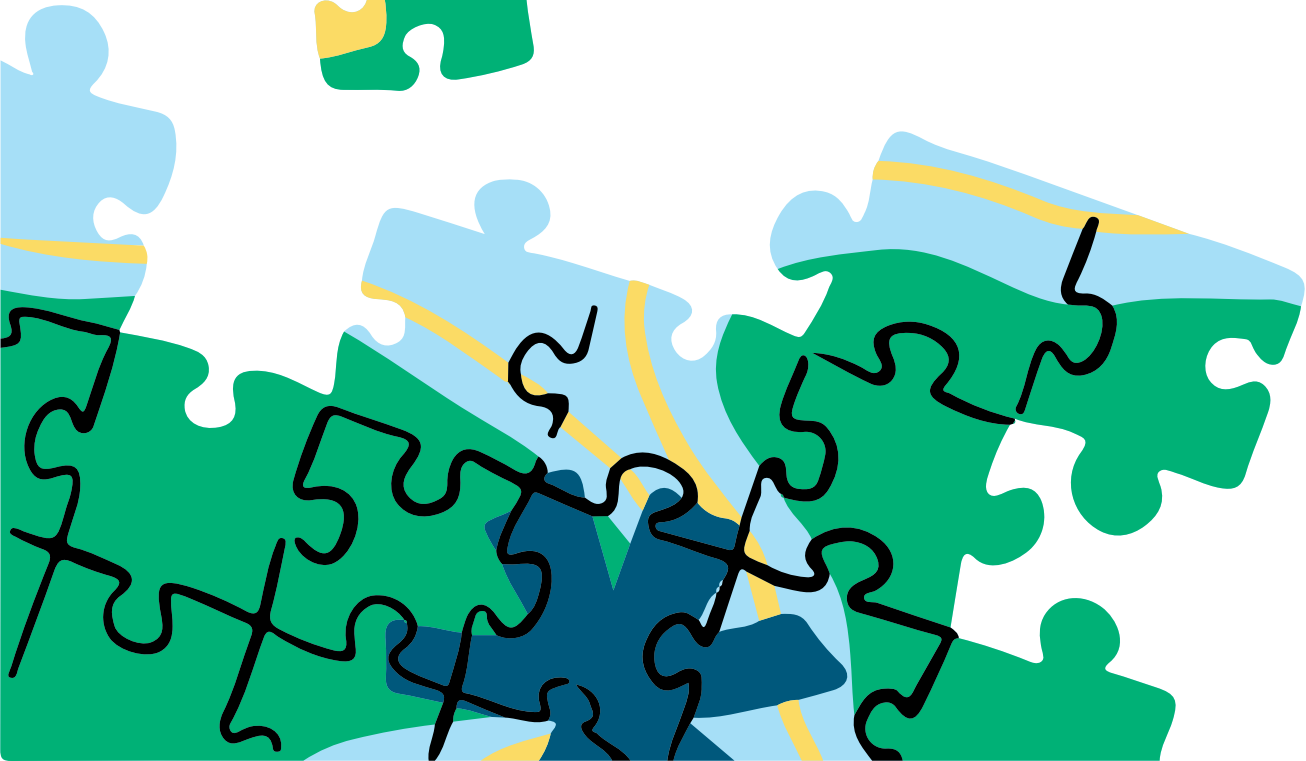


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ANNUAL MEMBER GATHERING

Friday, September 13, 2024

Event Program



AGENDA

10:30 AM | Registration and Networking

11:00 AM | Program Begins

11:30 AM | Keynote Address with Q & A

12:15 PM | Luncheon Begins

1:30 PM | Event Ends

10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Museum Open for Visiting



VENUE

Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park and Museum

This year's event is being held in the Bearman Gallery and Founders' Room of the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park and Museum, 1417 Thames St., Baltimore, MD 21231. In addition to our gathering space, attendees will have access to the museum's exhibits.

The Frederick Douglass- Isaac Myers Maritime Park is a Living Classrooms Foundation campus and headquarters. It is also a national heritage site that celebrates the contributions of African Americans in the development of Baltimore's maritime industry. The site honors and interprets the city's African- American maritime history, while preserving one of the city's oldest existing waterfront industrial buildings.

The museum is open to the public and chronicles the saga of Frederick Douglass' life in Baltimore as an enslaved child and young man. We also take a look at the life of Isaac Myers, a free born African American who became a national leader. As a visitor, you will also learn about the founding of the Chesapeake Marine Railway and Dry Dock Company and the establishment of the African American Community in Baltimore during the 1800's.

SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson

is president and CEO of Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and the CDF Action Council.

Founded in 1973, CDF builds community so young people grow up with dignity, hope, and joy. Children's Defense Fund envisions a nation where marginalized children flourish, leaders prioritize their well-being, and communities

wield the power to ensure they thrive. It pursues this vision through policy advocacy, community organizing, and a network of CDF Freedom Schools in 100 U.S. cities and thirty states.



Distinguished for activism in philanthropy, faith, and community for child well-being and racial justice, Dr. Wilson's public ministry includes service to vital national institutions. He chairs the board for Duke University's Divinity School, is a trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, and a director for the Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) and the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), both of which he previously served as board chair.

Since joining CDF in 2020, Wilson has strengthened the organization's strategy and finances while managing its first leadership transition. Upon arrival, he re-activated CDF Action Council as a sister organization for grassroots legislative education, lobbying, and public accountability. In 2021, Wilson established a dedicated Leadership Development and Organizing department focused on base building with key constituencies. In 2022, this team relaunched CDF's Black Student Leadership Network to train students in community organizing and policy analysis and initiated capacity-building cohorts for faith communities to advocate for children's policy. To infuse public policy with youth voice, in 2023 he merged the American Youth Policy Forum into CDF and published a 2030 public policy agenda informed by listening sessions and focus groups within CDF Freedom Schools®.

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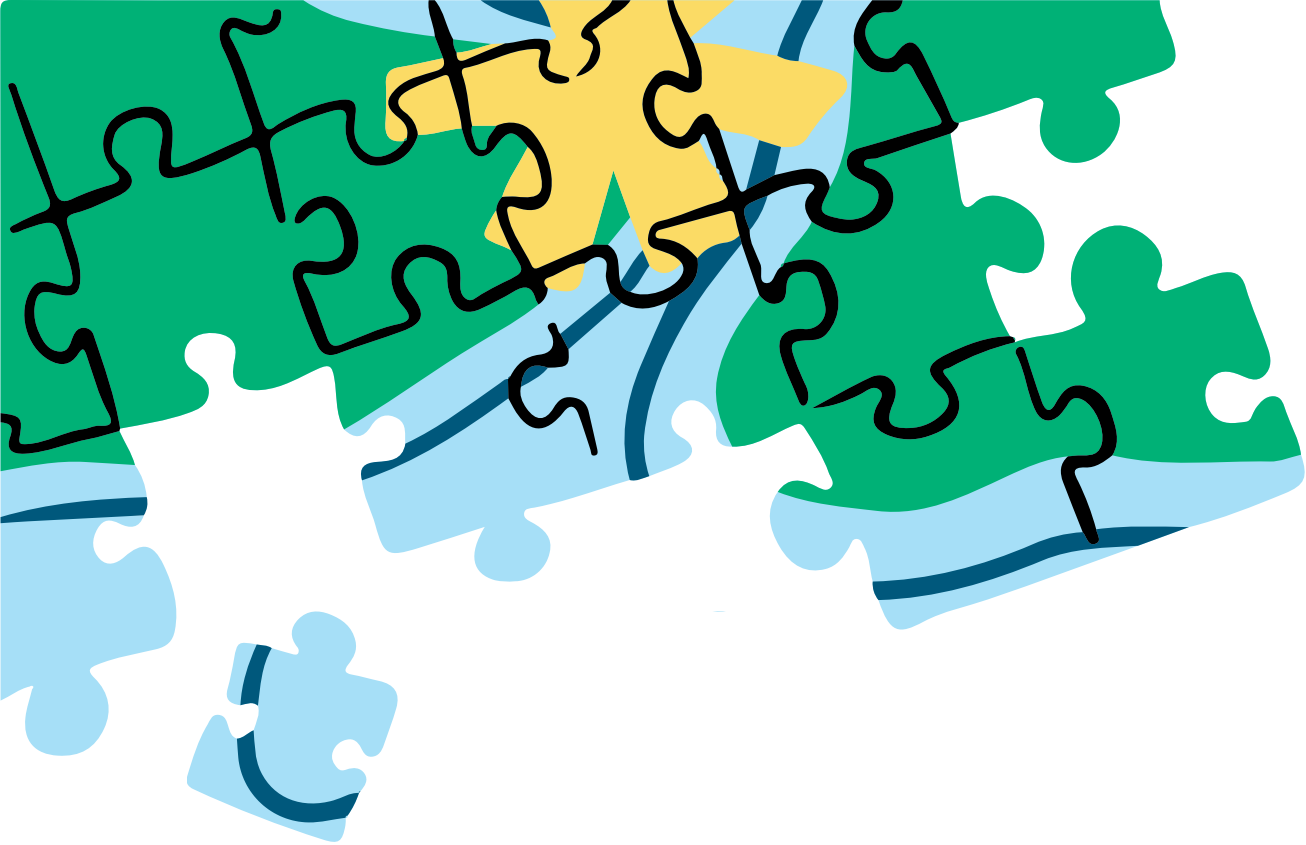
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