

# MOSES 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Banquet



Monday January 21st, 2019

**Keynote Speaker: Ryan C. Mack**  
President, Optimum Capital Management

*"We all require and want respect, man or woman,  
black or white. It's our basic human right."*

*-Aretha Franklin*



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## Criminal Justice

MOSES registered 200 incarcerated citizens in a Flint jail to vote and delivered absentee ballots the following week.

## Sacred Conversations

MOSES lead 12 parishes through the process of sacred conversation on race which culminated in a "Reverse Mass Mob" with an attendance of over 120 people.

## Transportation

MOSES lead the Oakland County campaign and were successful in getting a pro transit resolution passed on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

## Our 2018 Wins

2018 was an eventful year for MOSES. We officially launched our 501C4, engaged deeper in election work than ever before, and challenged ourselves to critically think about our role in the Detroit community.



### Safety Net Defense

MOSES leaders lead direct actions on Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell where they declared their support to defending SNAP against the proposed cuts.

### Lame Duck

MOSES leaders traveled to Lansing multiple times during the Lame Duck Session and met with legislators demanding they vote against legislation attacking the ballot initiatives passed in the 2018 election.

### Water Equity

MOSES facilitated the creation of a report detailing the structural issues surrounding water inequity in the Metro Detroit area.

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to the MOSES 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet! We are excited that you chose this day to celebrate with MOSES in the memory of justice, victories and overcoming challenges of Civil Rights historically and in 2018! This year's theme is RESPECT.

While Aretha Franklin has shaped pop culture through her song titled RESPECT, it is the deepest desire people long for on many levels. People all over the world have embraced R. E. S. P. E. C. T. Black, White, Brown or Yellow, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Democrat and Republican, rich and poor, we all want to be respected. Webster dictionary defines Respect as an act of giving particular attention; to consider worthy of high regard and that human dignity for everyone should be respected. Not just for consideration, but esteemed as the priority in all that we do.

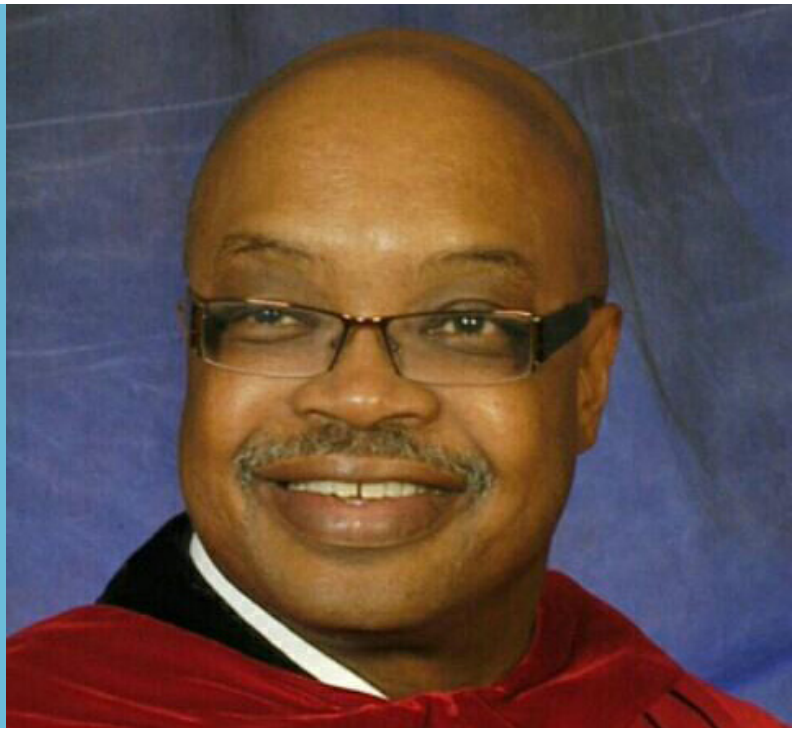
In the words of Jesus, "I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes, sick and in prison, and you never visited." "...I'm telling the solemn truth; whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me" St. Matthew 45:43-45 (MSG)

The Word of God mandates that we honor people and positions on many levels. Honor mother and father, honor your spouse, honor those that have rule over you. (I know that is controversial, but it has to be reciprocal) You can't say you love and honor God and dishonor human life. We are people of faith and honor is preached in some way, shape, or form in our places of worship. We have to be walking examples and we have to fight for the least of these. But more importantly, we have to invite the poor, sick, imprisoned, young and the old to fight for respect. Respect means access to clean and affordable water, fair and just judicial system, affordable and equitable healthcare, housing & education. This is how we honor human dignity, this is how we honor our faith and values!

So tonight I invite you to join MOSES in the fight for human dignity and respect! Will you accept the call to honor and to be honored? We all have the right to be respected, now let's invite our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and congregations in this movement of respect, honor, democracy and value of human life. Don't get distracted! 2019 is the year of focus, power and change!

*-Ms. G. Ponsella Hardaway*  
Executive Director  
MOSES

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 22nd Annual MLK Banquet Sponsored by MOSES. We thank you for supporting the efforts of one of the premier social justice organizations in Michigan. As an affiliate of Gamaliel, we continue to work as change agents in the Metro Detroit Community. We have been at the forefront of actions that have sought to improve the lives of the “least of these” and to promote equity and justice. Over the years we have been involved in various areas that affect each of us.

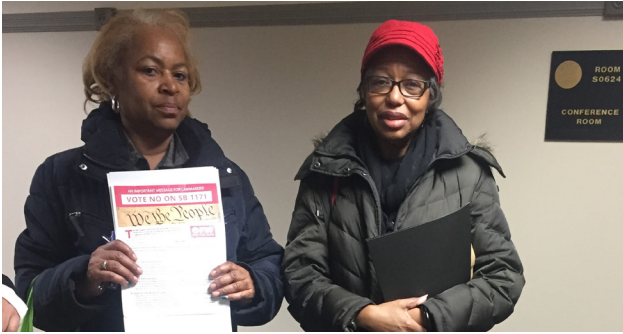
- Mass Transit
- Voter Engagement
- Education Equity
- Mass Incarceration
- Healthy Community
- Economic Dignity
- Water Equity

It has been with your help that we have tackled these issues and with your support we can continue to do so in the future. We seek to advance the cause of justice

in Metro Detroit through the faith based community. I give kudos to the MOSES staff lead by Ponsella Hardaway. They have worked tirelessly to engage churches, synagogues, mosques as well as other religious bodies to help MOSES make a difference. I want to thank the pastors, rabbis, imams and other religious leaders who have joined with MOSES to engage their congregations and communities to change minds and hearts when it comes to standing for justice. I want to thank you for your contributions in the past, and for what you will do in the future. Tonight, we celebrate who we are and what we have done over the years. We will have a great speaker, wonderful entertainment, and marvelous fellowship. In his writings Dr Martin Luther King asked the question, “Where do we go from here?” It is my hope that we can say together that we will continue to work to create the “Beloved Community”. Thank you for your support.

*- Reverend Dr. Keith L. Whitney,*  
President  
MOSES Board of Directors

# Our Pillars



## Economic Dignity

We envision a future where all residents of Metropolitan Detroit will have the right to secure full-time employment at a living wage under safe and equitable living conditions.

## Education for All

We are tirelessly working toward a region where all children—regardless of race, national origin, or socioeconomic status—have access to the same high-quality educational and career-advancing opportunities.



## Healthy Communities

There are a certain basic elements that every neighborhood needs in order for its residents to lead healthy and productive lives. We refuse to accept the idea that these community essentials should be luxuries reserved for a privileged elite; rather, MOSES asserts every individual's right to safe, active, engaged community.

## Transparency and Accountability

MOSES provides ordinary residents with the tools they need to demand transparency and accountability from their elected officials. Our trainings help residents demand their collective priorities, communicate with decision-makers, and take appropriate action to make sure their voices are heard.



### Transportation Equity

MOSES has been a key advocate for maintaining and expanding bus routes, ensuring equitable community participation in plans for high-speed transit options, and fixing the Detroit area's roads. MOSES played a pivotal role in establishing the RTA for Southeast Michigan.

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“MOSES to me has been such an eye-opener and a great way for me to have an influence on youth in the community. I’ve been able to meet and connect with so many influential people.”

-Ms. Tierra Modock

“MOSES has given me the strength to find my voice. I found out who I am as a leader and know that I will speak up and be heard”

-Ms. Patricia Williams

"MOSES has been challenging me over the past year. This is an organization that has shown me that not only are people willing to fight for our basic human decencies, but there is a still an unrelenting hope."

-Mr. Tad Wysor



“I had the chance to canvass throughout the summer and I love working with MOSES! We had many opportunities to work in different neighborhoods, with different people, and experience some helpful trainings. It was a pleasure. The staff is like family to me and I would do anything for MOSES!”

-Ms. Patricia Sanders



“I have worked with MOSES for years. I love that the organization has a continuous investment in the community. I’m proud to be a part of such a powerful group”

-Ms. Verna Adams



# WeRoc Washtenaw County

## 2018 Accomplishments



The 2018 WeRoc public meeting took place on May 20, 2018. Over 100 people attended and heard about the WeRoc moral agenda for mental health equity, education, and veterans equity.



The Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton committed to working with the Mental Health Equity Team to meet with court administrators and judges to expand jail diversion programs.



The Washtenaw County Mental Health Director committed to expanding mental health crisis stabilization service programs in Ypsilanti that will support patients recovering from a mental health crisis.



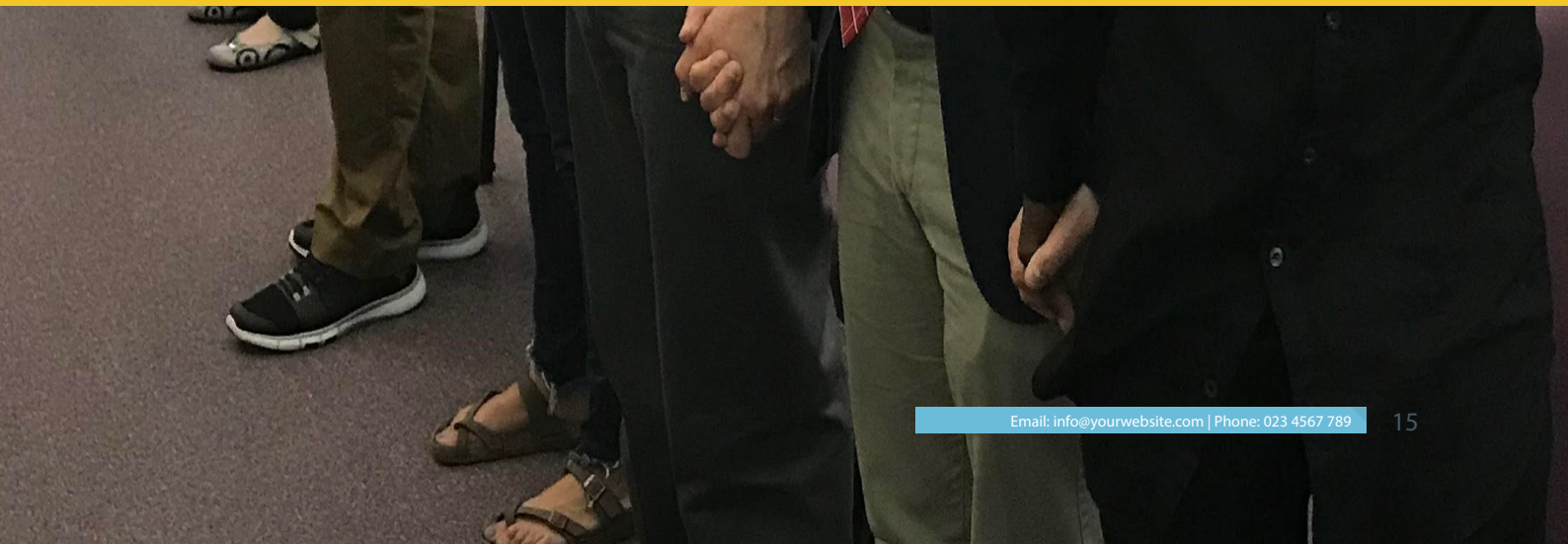
The education action team received commitment from school board members from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Schools committed to continuing to reduce suspensions and enact restorative justice practices.





## What is “WeRoc”?

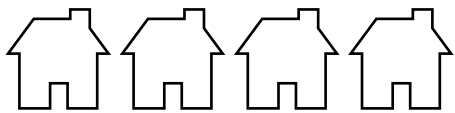
WeRoc is the Washtenaw Affiliate of the Gamaliel Foundation. WeRoc was officially created by MOSES in 2012. Leadership driven, WeRoc has made substantial accomplishments in creating transparency and equity throughout Washtenaw County.



# 2018 Election at a Glance

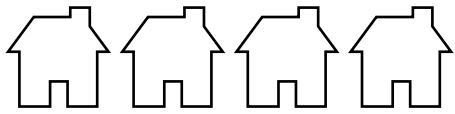
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## Attempts to contact voters



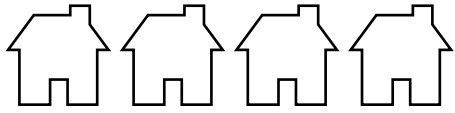
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People identified water as their main concern.



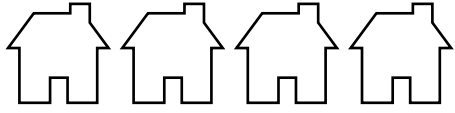
11,592

Doors knocked statewide



16,674

People talked with across the state



Michigan residents passed Propositions 2 and 3.

Democrats gained a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Democrats gained three Congressional seats: The State's two toss-up seats went to Democrats.

Democrats broke the GOP super majority in Michigan's State Senate.



## Overview

From August through November 2018, MOSES Action ran a far-reaching electoral program designed to increase voter turnout among people of color and low-income residents across the State of Michigan. MOSES Action used many voter outreach strategies including door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, social media activity, town hall meetings, email communications, and electoral messaging during congregation services. Our goal was to reach out to infrequent voters about the issues they care about to drive the increased voter participation that was seen in each of the communities our work touched.

In our first election as a newly formed 501c4 organization, we learned how to quickly establish and scale up a powerful electoral program. While we experienced growing pains and faced inevitable challenges of organizing and running our first 501c4 voter engagement effort, MOSES Action is proud to have contributed to the successes and the widespread reach we were able to achieve.

## Strategy and Reach

MOSES Action built a comprehensive electoral program by adapting our traditional model of congregation-centered community organizing- which we have implemented in the 501c3 space for over 20 years- to serve the objectives of our 501c4 work. Leveraging our relationships with congregations across Detroit and the surrounding metropolitan region, we established over 30 voter Hubs: congregations where leaders were trained to participate in our voter engagement work.

## Thank You to our MOSES Action Donors

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# 2019 Key Events



## February

**11th** Issue Taskforce Forums

*Galilee MBC, 5251 E Outer Drive, Detroit*

**24th-Mar 2** Gamaliel Weeklong Training

*VillaMaria PA*

## March

**11th** Issue Taskforce Forums

**15th-16th** Advocacy and Training

*Ypsilanti MI*

**28th** MOSES Membership Assembly

## April

**8th** Issue Taskforce Forums

## May

**9th** Statewide Clergy Breakfast Meeting

*Lansing, MI*

**9th** Gamaliel Advocacy Day

*Lansing, MI*

**13th** Issue Taskforce Forums

## June

**10th** Issue Taskforce Forums

**13th** MOSES Leadership Assembly

## July

**15th** Issue Taskforce Forums

## August

**12th** Issue Taskforce Forums

**29th** Clergy Caucus (Come and See)

## September

**16th** Issue Taskforce Forums

**19th** MOSES Membership Assembly

**28th** Gamaliel Equity Summit

*Detroit, Michigan*

## October

**16th** Gamaliel Statewide Leaders Convening

*Lansing, Michigan*

**14th** MOSES Membership Assembly

## November

**10th-16th** Gamaliel Weeklong Training

*Clarkston, Michigan*

**14th** Gamaliel Michigan Statewide Action

## December

**5th-7th** Gamaliel Weeklong Training

*Nashville, TN*

**12th** MOSES Membership Assembly

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- Issue Taskforce Forums meets every 2nd Monday of each month.
- Membership Assembly meets Quarterly (March, June, September, & December)
- **Gamaliel Statewide Events (MOSES, WeRoc, Ezekiel, Action of Greater Lansing, ISAAC, & expansion areas).**



## Ways to Give

Organizing *people and communities* is at the heart of MOSES' work. Yet, in order to do this work effectively, we must also organize *money and resources*. While we are fortunate to receive support from a number of foundation partners who believe in our work, we recognize that **MOSES is at its strongest when we fund our own liberation.**

Our ideal budget is built with hundreds of modest donations at the grassroots level. With this kind of widespread support, MOSES will never have to rely upon a single funder or individual to continue our work. This is what is meant by "funding our own liberation" to achieve true justice and equity, each person must invest in our shared vision for the future of our communities. All donations are meaningful, and no gift is too small.

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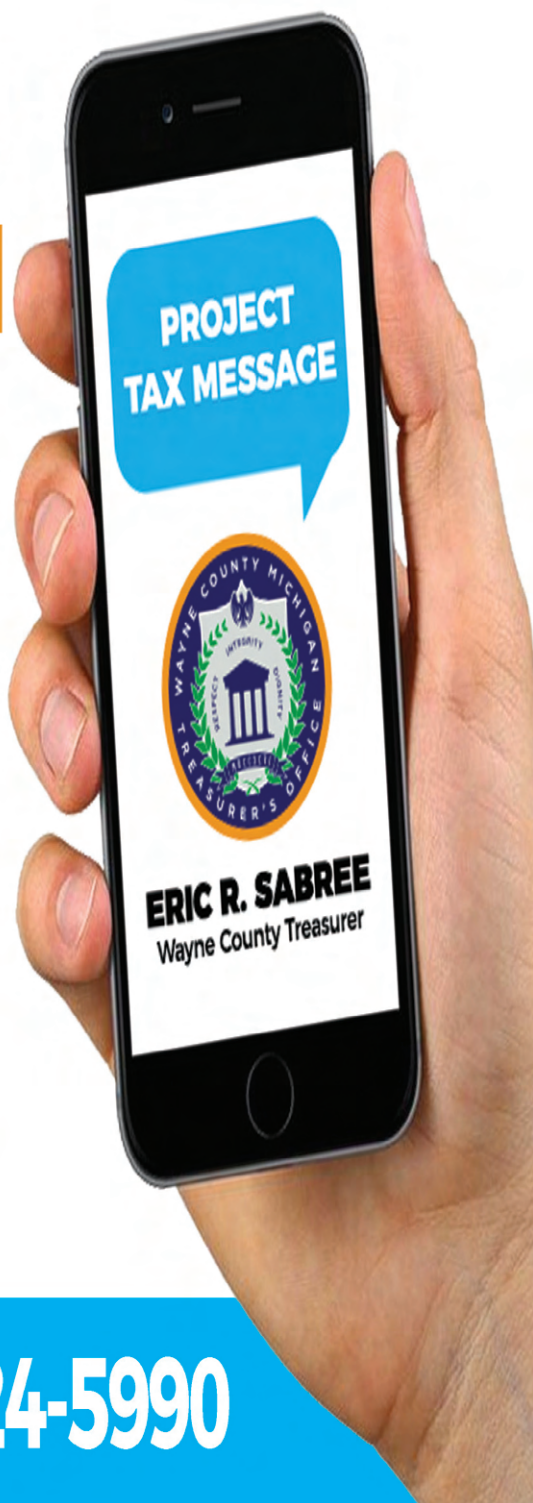
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## Dave Woodward

Chairman of Oakland County Commissioners



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“Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle”

*-Martin Luther King Jr.*

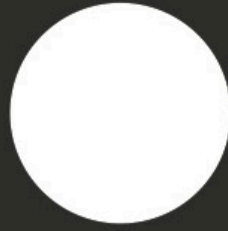


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The Waechter Family*



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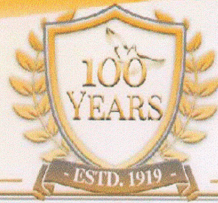
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Warren C. Evans  
County Executive

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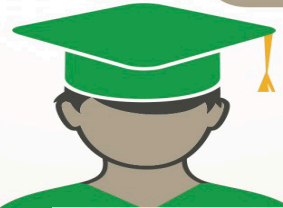
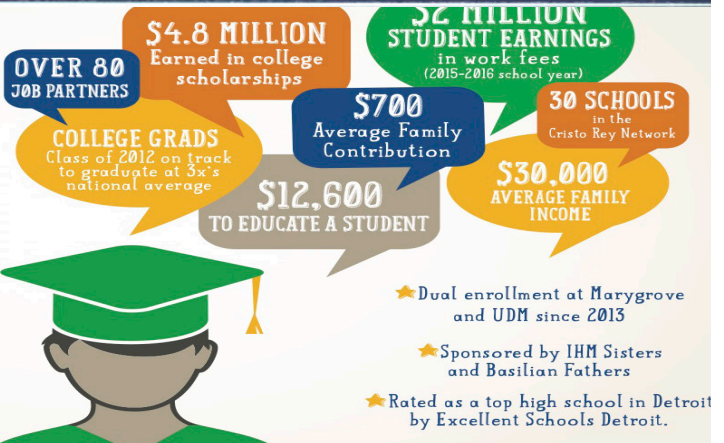
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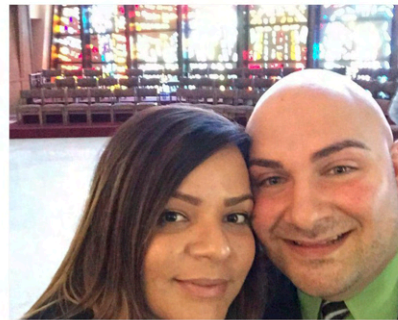
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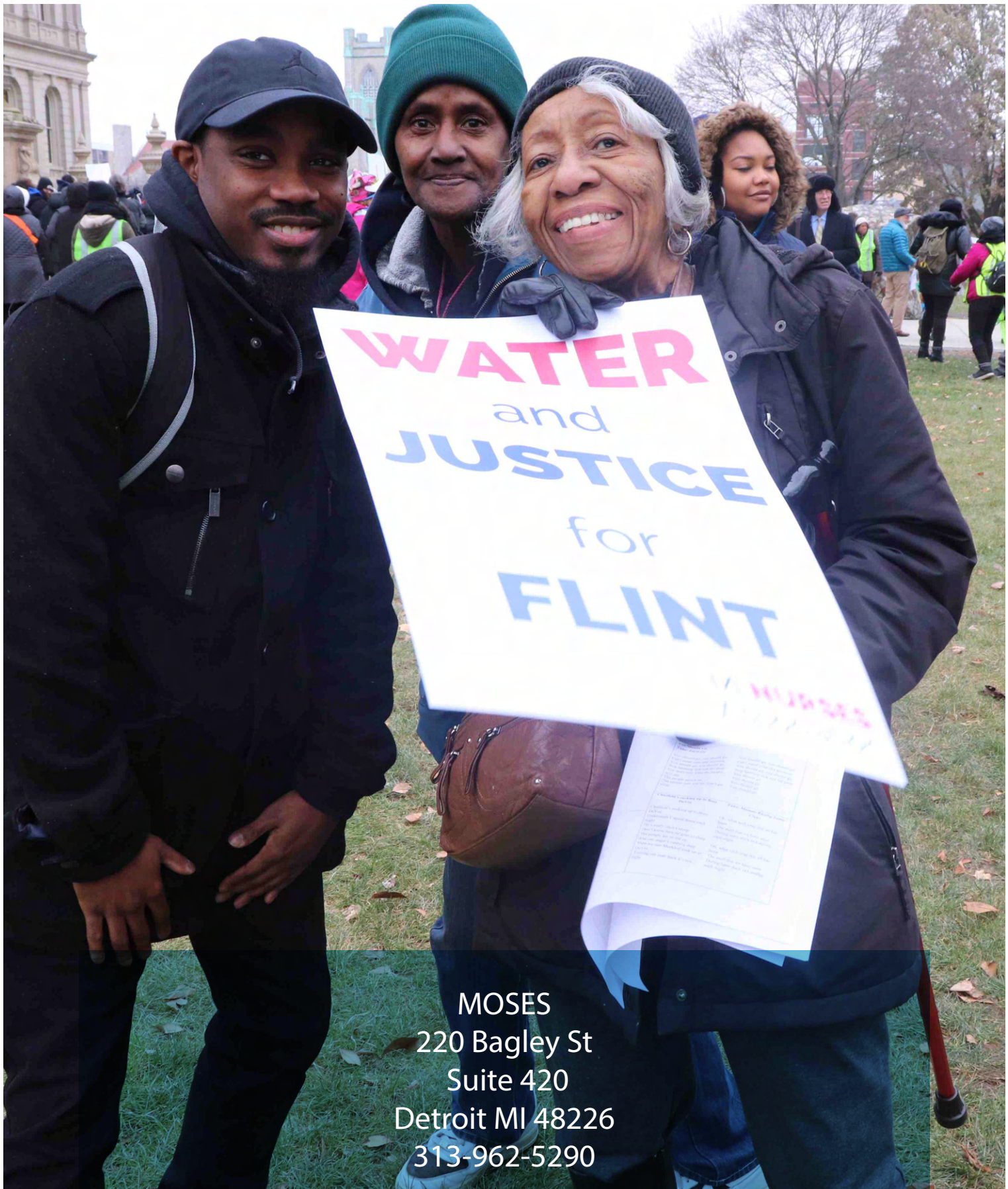
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