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Media Availability Session

**11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Thursday (Sept. 16) in advance of Trust meeting
Austin Community College Eastview Campus, Room 8111**

'Living' Memorial to Honor Barbara Jordan

New Group to Focus on Children, Education, Racial Justice, Criminal Justice

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 15, 2010 — Since Barbara Jordan died in 1996, many groups have created memorials in her honor — bronze sculptures, named buildings, scholarships and fellowships, among others. (see sidebar)

But another memorial is taking shape that promises to carry forward Jordan's lifelong fight against injustice — the Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation. The goal is to launch the nonprofit foundation in Austin on Feb. 21, 2011, which would have been her 75th birthday.

Although headquartered in Austin, the new foundation will be national in scope. It is expected to conduct public campaigns in at least four areas — children, education, racial justice, and criminal justice — and to establish a master teachers program in low-income schools.

The foundation is being organized by members of the Barbara Jordan 2010 Charitable Trust, an entity formed in June under the auspices of the nonprofit Austin Community Foundation. The 21 Trustees include University of Texas faculty, attorneys, corporate executives, and other prominent individuals.



Meeting Notice: Barbara Jordan 2010 Charitable Trust

Who: Members of the Barbara Jordan 2010 Charitable Trust (see attached list)

What: Planning to establish Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation

Why: Elect officers and report on fundraising and program planning

When: Thursday (Sept. 16), 11:30 a.m.

Where: Eastview campus of Austin Community College, in Building 8000, Room 8111.

Guest speaker: Gigi Bryant, chair of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Advisory Council, a short keynote on child neglect and abuse

About the Barbara Jordan 2010 Charitable Trust

The Trust was formed June 30, 2010, under the leadership of William B. Hilgers, Austin attorney and executor of Ms. Jordan's estate, as a legal and financial vehicle for organizing the Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation as a 501(c)3 organization. The idea for the foundation emerged in discussions with diverse individuals who have been meeting since January 2010. See www.barbarajordan-freedomfoundation.org.

Sidebar

A Sampling of Memorials Honoring Barbara Jordan

Bronze sculpture

- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Main Terminal, bronze by Bruce Wolfe, unveiled 2002
- The University of Texas at Austin campus, bronze by Bruce Wolfe, unveiled 2009 (24th and Whitis, near the Texas Union)

Naming honors

- Main terminal at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- Elementary school in Austin, Texas (6711 Johnny Morris Road)
- Elementary school in Odessa, Texas (9400 Rainbow Drive)
- Intermediate school in Cibolo, Texas (515 Thistle Creek Drive)
- High school in Houston, Texas (5800 Eastex Freeway)
- YMCA in Martinsville, Indiana (2039 East Morgan St.)
- Conference center, Kaiser Family Foundation's Public Affairs Center, Washington, D.C. (1330 G Street NW)

Scholarships and Fellowships

- Kaiser Family Foundation in partnership with Howard University – Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars <http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/bjscholars/index.cfm>
- Association of Texas Professional Educators Foundation – Barbara Jordan Scholarships <http://www.atpefoundation.org/scholarships.asp>



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