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LET'S DO IT AGAIN! 2ND OAKLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL RADIOTHON



Sunday, February 29, 1976: the scene was Oakland Community School's (OCS) Radiothon, co-sponsored by KDIA radio, broadcast for eight hours, live from the Oakland Community Learning Center. Top Bay Area entertainers performed, and dozens of religious leaders, community and civic leaders, educators and media personalities pledged and gave their support to Oakland Community School. During the eight hour broadcast, 42 volunteers from various civic organizations and the OCS Parent Advisory Board manned 10 specially installed phones which enabled listeners to call in their pledges. By the end of a long and fun-filled day, with contributions big and small (including a \$1,000 from Soul Train's Don Cornelius), over \$13,000 was raised.

Now, we are ready to do it again. This time, our goal is \$25,000; and with KRE radio (Berkeley, California), we are soliciting **businesses, entertainers, community groups**

and agencies, interested individuals' and your support. On June 24th, from Noon-8pm, we plan to have booths, displays and exhibits, lots of good food, arts, crafts and you there. Scheduled entertainment so far includes Johnny Talbert, Mary Watkins Band, Linda Tillory, Evelyn Thomas Dancers, Mel Martin and "Listen", James Levi and Company, Alpha-Omega, Pat Hodges (formerly of Hodges, James and Smith), Merle Saunders and many many more.

On June 24th, plan to be at the Oakland community Learning Center, "Doin' It Again", for the Oakland Community School. If you can't be there, be listening to radio KRE 1400 AM on your dial. If you want to put an ad in the Radiothon Souvenir Program Book, fill out the ad order form on page 7. Next month, look for more information on Oakland Community School's 2ND BIG RADIOTHON.

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Ericka Huggins and Kellita Smith



Fred Morehead



Huey P. Newton

The Oakland Community Learning Center's 8th Anniversary Celebration

(Oakland, Calif.) - The dedication, love and concern that the Oakland Community Learning Center (OCLC) has given to the Black and poor community of this city since 1972 was celebrated by over 300 people at a gala testimonial dinner held here last month.

"Our Center wasn't based on grants from the government. It wasn't based on bowing and scraping in the traditional kind of way. Our Center was based on love and sweat and blood and tears," Oakland Community School (OCS) Director Ericka Huggins told the crowd at Lake Merritt Hotel on hand to celebrate the 7th Anniversary of the OCLC.

The OCS, the Teen Program, Seniors Against A Fearful Environment (SAFE), the Peoples Free Medical Clinics and the Martial Arts Program are among the numerous non-profit programs and services of the OCLC — programs and services that have made the Center a haven for Black and poor people of all ages throughout the city.

As the parents, program participants, friends and supporters of the OCLC ate a buffet supper, they watched a moving film on the Center produced by the Rebop company of Boston. The first half of the film featured Black Panther Party President Huey P. Newton interviewed by OCS student Kellita Smith, (age nine); scenes of Kellita at home with her mother, Honey, and her brother Eric, who also attends the School.

The second half of the color film focused on Fred Morehead, an 18-year-old member of the OCLC Teen Club and an instructor in the Martial Arts Program.

Throughout the film, Kellita and Fred expressed their love for the OCLC and how it has helped each of them to grow and develop.

"What you saw on that film, what you see in the eyes of your children...was actually the idea a long time ago of Huey P. Newton and the Black Panther Party," Ericka, who acted as mistress of ceremonies, said.

In honor of Huey's selfless service to the community, Ericka, on behalf of the OCLC staff, then presented him with a bouquet of gardenias and a plaque.

February 17 was Huey's 37th birthday, and he thanked the OCLC staff for honoring him. "The Oakland Community Learning Center is a very beautiful place," the BPP president said.

Following, Kellita Smith, Fred Morehead, Mrs. Ruth Jones, of the SAFE Program, and OCLC Program Director Joan Kelley spoke briefly about the programs of the Learning Center. Kellita, who has been a student at the OCS for seven years, said, "I hopt other children get a chance to go to Oakland Community School...This is from my heart."

Fred, who has worked in the SAFE escort program for senior citizens and holds a karate black belt first degree, "I dropped out of school because I have a reading problem, and I felt embarassed. Now, I am trying to go back to school because with the help of the Oakland Community Learning Center, I don't feel embarassed anymore."

Describing how the program transports senior citizens to shopping centers, banks, doctors' offices and other places, Mrs. Jones called the SAFE Program a "gratifying and exciting experience that has helped to bring dignity and independence to the elderly."

Joan Kelley discussed the Peoples Free Medical Clinic,

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Dr. Margaret Burroughs



Dr. Raye Richardson



Mrs. Ruth Jones

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whose primary goal, she said, "is to help people take care of themselves. We believe that decent health care is a right, not a privilege."

Next, on the program was Dr. Margaret Burroughs, director of the DuSable Museum of Afro-American History and a professor of Humanities at Kennedy-King College in Chicago. Dr. Burroughs gave a reading of a beautiful poem she wrote about Paul Robeson, called "Why Have the Youth of Today Not Heard Of This Man?"

Special guest speaker for the OCLC anniversary celebration was Dr. Raye Richardson, who is a member of the faculty at San Francisco State University. Dr. Richardson, a longtime activist in the field of education, discussed how U.S. public schools have denied Black people a decent education. □

The Oakland Community School's 2ND RADIOTHON

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IF YOU PURCHASE AN OCS RADIOTHON AD,
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3/4 PAGE.....	\$100.00
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1/4 PAGE.....	\$40.00
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the each-one-teach-one association

is re-opening

Initiated as the Each-One-Teach-One Tuition Club in 1973, the Each-One-Teach-One Association has returned in 1979. The purpose is the same: to generate income to meet the tuition costs of the Students of Oakland Community School.

An average cost of \$100/child per month has been calculated. This cost covers the three meals per day, health care screening and classroom costs of a single Oakland Community School student. As a private school, OCS does not receive operating monies from the City, County or State education districts.

An active and dedicated staff and Parents Advisory Board raise a portion of the nearly \$20,000 per month needed to operate the school and serve its students.

However, more is needed. The Each-One-Teach-One Association is a way to raise additional funds and involve people from everywhere, from many fields and professions, parent and non-parent, grandparent or friend to kick-off the reactivated Association, the Champagne Sip, features a special screening of the Reboop (Public Broadcasting Systems Network) film on Oakland Community School, a special dance presentation featuring Oakland Community School students under the direction of Evelyn Thomas and reception. A \$5 donation per person is requested. Tickets may be purchased at OCS.

Come, seeing an exciting program, meet old and make new friends, to give the Each-One-Teach-One Association a rousing start.

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About
Time...***

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