



Michigan Street Baptist Church

511 Michigan Ave
Buffalo NY, 14203

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Nash House Museum

36 Nash St
Buffalo NY, 14203

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Dear Friend,

The Michigan Street Baptist Church and The Rev. J. Edward Nash House Museum have stood as Beacons of Hope for Buffalo's African American Community for generations. A shelter for freedom seekers, a place of religious worship and the heart of the African American community for over 150 years, the Michigan Street Baptist Church (MSBC) is a historic treasure in our city. The Nash House Museum is a historic landmark that preserves the home life of Rev Nash, the longest serving pastor of the Michigan Street Baptist Church.

Both of these iconic spaces need your help. The entire Michigan Street Corridor fell into a state of disrepair as a result of Urban Renewal policies in the 1970s. While the caretakers of the MSBC and Nash House preserved these spaces as best as they could, decades of systematic neglect led to constant struggles in keeping these spaces safe and open. Today is a new day for the legacy of these spaces as they are protected and nurtured by strong organizations that are dedicated to preserving their legacies. The Buffalo Niagara Freedom Station Coalition and the Michigan Street Preservation Corporation are teaming up with the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission to continue our legacy as Beacons of Hope for the histories of these spaces.

We are looking for sponsors to join us as *Beacon of Hopes* for our beloved historic spaces during our fundraising event on Thursday, September 29 at the Michigan Street Baptist Church, 511 Michigan Ave., and the Nash House Museum at 36 Nash Street from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. By sponsoring the event, you will help us continue our mission to preserve the histories of the Michigan Street Baptist Church and the Nash House Museum while inspiring others to become involved in the safeguarding of these histories and protecting these spaces.

In addition to music, food, and drinks the night will include visits to the Church and the Nash House and a visit from Emmeline Coy, one of the oldest members of the MSBC, who will share stories of her life on Michigan Street. While at the Nash House visitors will be greeted by a long lost friend of the Nash Family who is ready to share all of her fond memories growing up on Michigan Street.

We hope you join us and become a Beacon of Hope for the Corridor.

Lillie Wiley-Upshaw
Chair, Buffalo Niagara Freedom Station Coalition
Owner of the Michigan Street Baptist Church

Sharon Holley
President, Michigan Street Preservation Corporation
Owner of the Nash House Museum





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Legacy Circle Levels

When you become a Beacon of Hope, you are helping preserve the legacy of the Michigan Street Baptist Church and the Nash House Museum. Please check the level of your sponsorship and complete the attached form to become a Beacon of Hope and receive the benefits listed.

- \$5,000 Mary Talbert Legacy Circle**
 - 10 Tickets to the Event
 - Logo printed on banner displayed at event
- \$3,000 Rev. J. Edward Nash Legacy Circle**
 - 8 Tickets to the Event
 - Logo printed on banner displayed at event
- \$2,500 Bishop William Henderson Legacy Circle**
 - 6 Tickets to the Event
- \$1,500 Emmaline Coy Legacy Circle**
 - 4 Tickets to the Event
- \$1,000 Mrs. Frances Nash Legacy Circle**
 - 2 Tickets to the Event

In addition to the benefits listed on the left, all sponsors receive the following:

- Logo included in sponsors poster
- Logo included in sponsors card placed on all tables
- Logo included in all social media and enewsletter ads
- Logo included on the Buffalo Niagara Freedom Station Coalition and Nash House Museum websites.

* Logos must be sent to aclark@michiganstreetbuffalo.org by September 10, 2022 to be included in the printed materials for the event.

Sponsorship Form

Sponsor Organization

Contact Name

Address

Email

Phone Number

Sponsorship Level

Payment Method

Mail Check to: Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission

Pay by credit card

Card Number

Exp. Date

Security Code

Billing Address (if different than above)

Print Name

Signature Date

Pay online at <https://www.michiganstreetbuffalo.org/become-a-sponsor>

Please Return Form To:

MSAAHCC

111 Genesee Street, Suite 401

Buffalo NY, 14203

info@michiganstreetbuffalo.org

Thank you!

You will be sent an acknowledgment of your sponsorship for tax purposes.
Questions? Email us at info@michiganstreetbuffalo.org or call 716-322-1002

