

Because He Cares **LIVING LEGACY** **PROJECT** *African American History Makers*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Working with high school and college students, Because He Cares is preserving the history of African American leaders who have contributed to the growth and development of Summit County. Under the

supervision and direction of Darryl Brake, project coordinator, the students will conduct research, identify potential candidates, interview candidates, videotape interviews, and produce the historical DVDs, which will be kept by Because He Cares Ministries and preserved in the Summit County Library for use by residents and students.

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THE VALUE of this project is conveyed in the following quote from Judy James, division manager for the Akron-Summit County Public Library when asked about the need for a media-based historical record of local African American leaders. *"We (the Summit County Library) would be very interested in receiving copies of any interviews you conduct with local African American leaders. A few years ago, the History Makers, www.thehistorymakers.com, conducted oral history interviews with Janet*

Purnell, Dorothy Jackson, Art Minson, Gloria Rookard, and Judge Rouhlac here at the library. The Special Collections Division holds copies of these interviews.

With the recent loss of Mr. Minson and Judge Rouhlac, we are reminded of the importance of continuing to document the lives of these individuals. Thank you for considering the library as a repository for these interviews. If you choose to donate copies to us, you may be assured of their preservation and availability to future generations."

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