

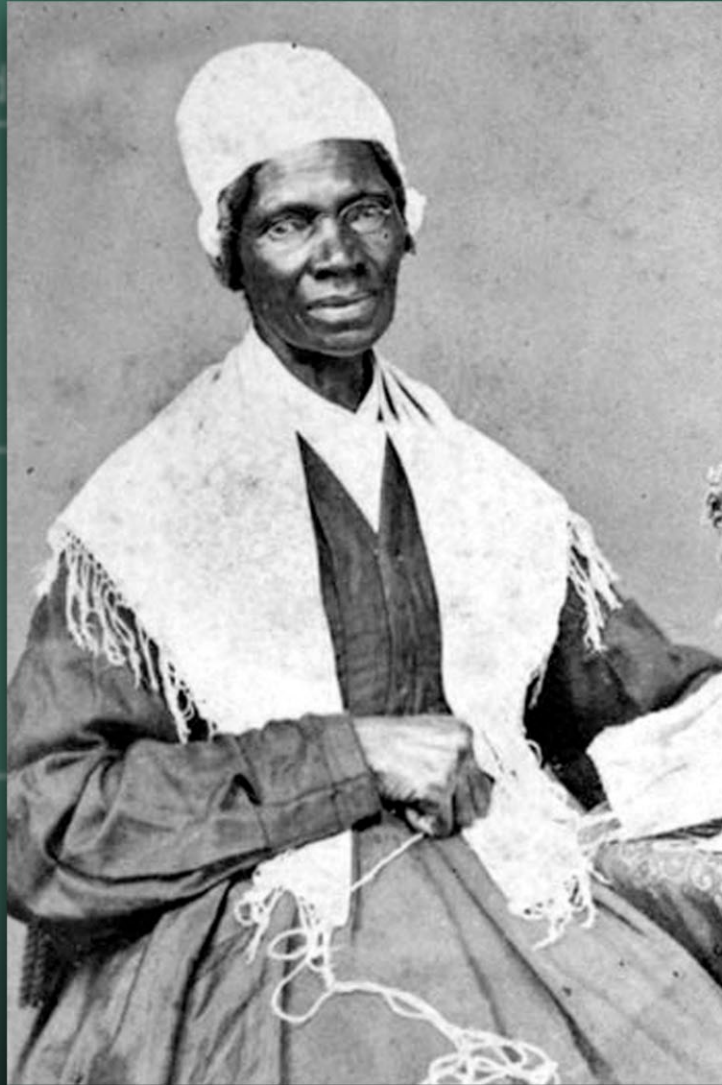
We Have A Dream



LINC celebrates Black History Month



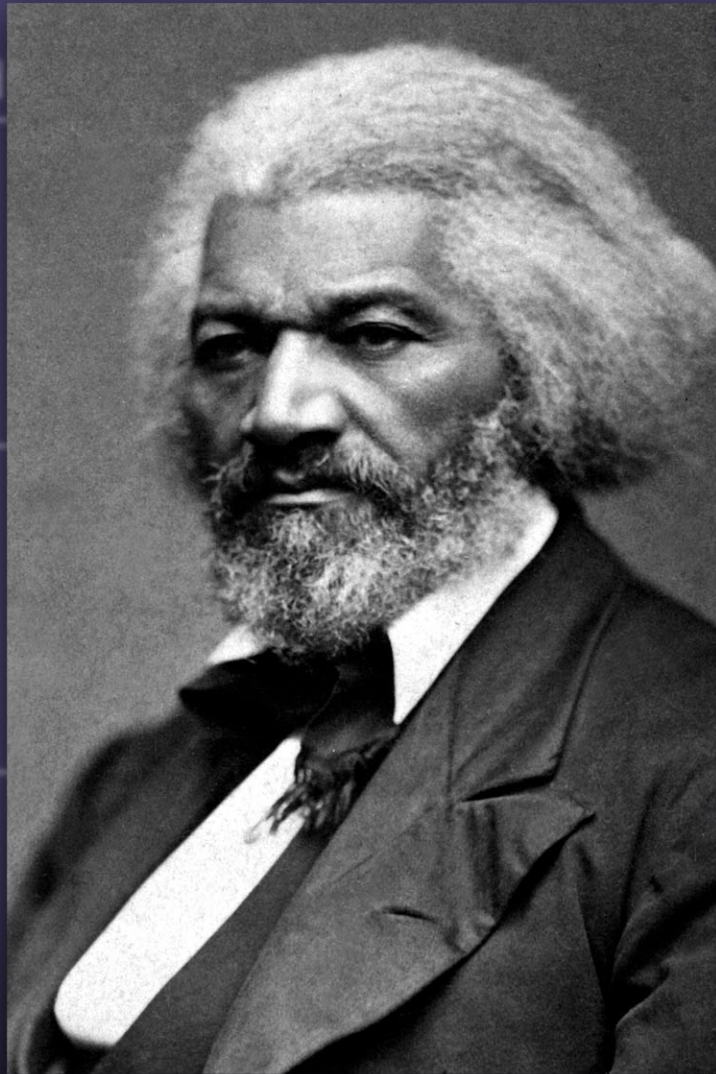
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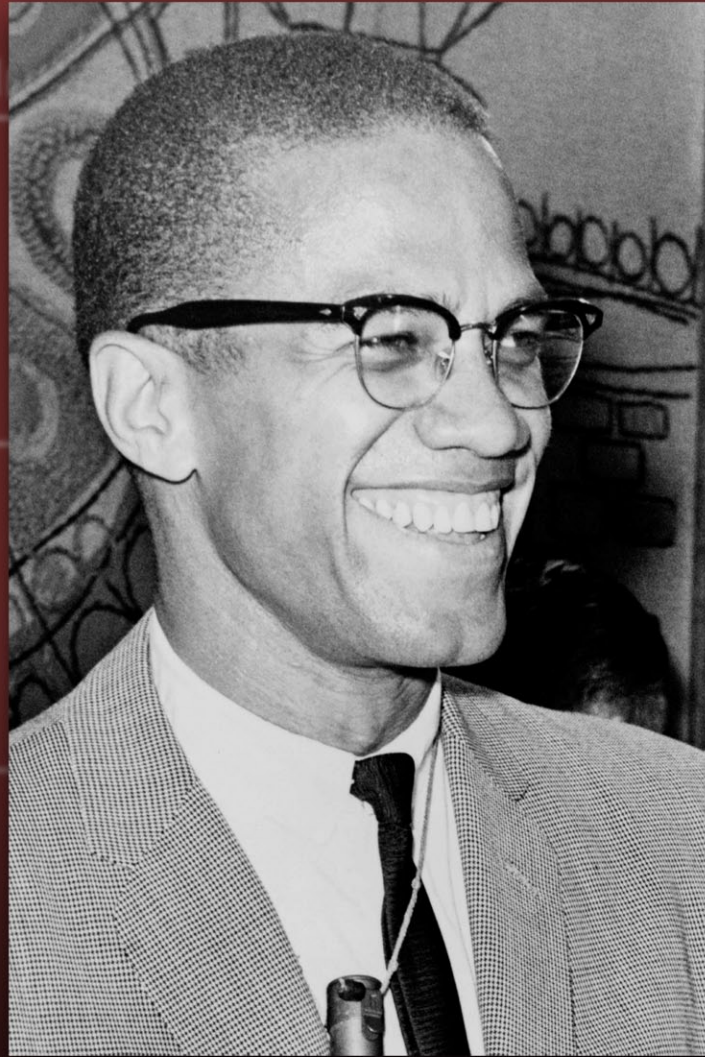
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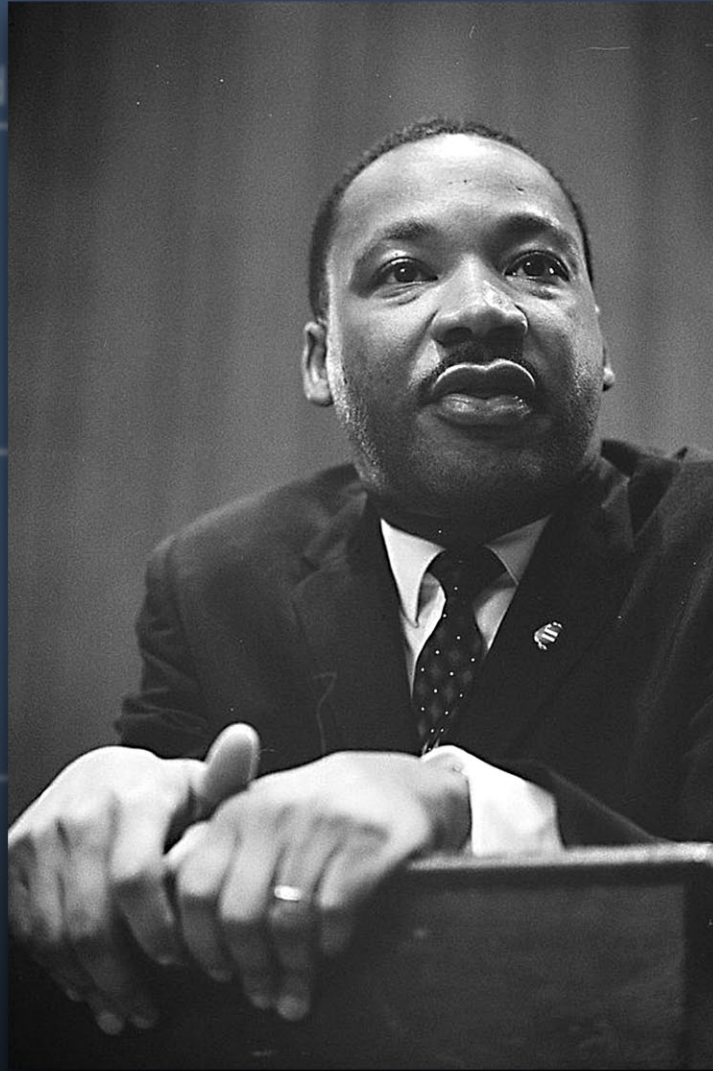
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The **Local Investment Commission (LINC)** produced this set of educational posters to celebrate and support Black History Month. For additional copies, email blackhistory@kclinc.org or visit our website www.kclinc.org.

The five individuals portrayed in this poster set are just a few of the countless African Americans who have enriched our country through their gifts, skills, talent, genius and passion. More information about African American history is available in the encyclopedic *African American National Biography*, an eight-volume publication featuring the lives of 4,100 individuals, published in 2008 by Oxford University Press and edited by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham available at the Kansas City Central Library, Missouri Valley Room, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

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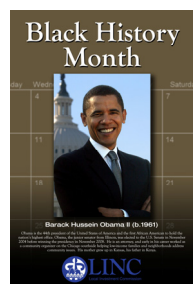
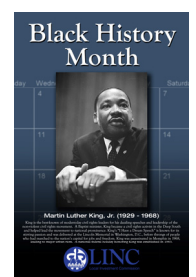
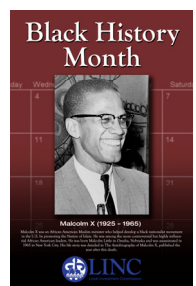
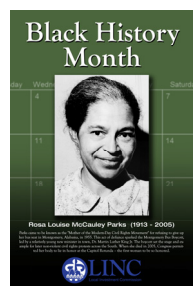
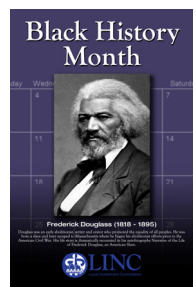
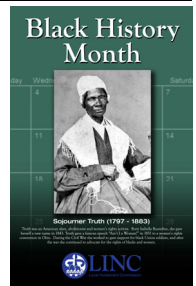
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What is LINC?

Together we can make a difference – truly. *That* is what the **Local Investment Commission (LINC)** is all about.

LINC has been working in schools and neighborhoods for over 15 years. We bring families and neighbors together to share their hopes, needs, and opportunities, and connect them with resources from the community, government and others.

Our primary effort is the **Caring Communities** initiative located in more than 80 and neighborhoods in seven school districts – Center, Fort Osage, Grandview, Hickman Mills, Independence, Kansas City (Mo.) and North Kansas City – along with several charter schools.

At LINC Caring Communities sites, we organize parents, neighbors and businesses into site councils that are charged to direct neighborhood-level efforts. At the larger community level, LINC supports volunteer engagement with major policy issues – welfare-to-work, child welfare, health – bringing community knowledge to bear on state system reform efforts.

LINC has over 2,100 volunteers – parents, neighbors, businesses, seniors, faith organizations – working to improve the lives of children, families, neighborhoods and the larger community.

Join us.