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THE PHOENIX PROJECT PRESENTS “CITY SOUL”

The Phoenix Project invites the Petersburg community to City Soul, a free event to highlight the Phoenix Project’s work in Petersburg and showcase local nonprofit organizations. “We have organized the event to show our appreciation to the residents of Petersburg for warmly welcoming us this summer and to bring folks together,” said Roshan Patel, a junior at the College of William & Mary who has been living in Petersburg since May as part of the Phoenix Project’s summer pilot program. “We hope people will come to enjoy the music, have some refreshments, and learn more about the resources available to them in the community,” explained Patel.

City Soul will be held from 3-6pm on August 5th at the Tabernacle Baptist Church Community Life Center, 418 Halifax Rd. in Petersburg. The Phoenix Project is particularly grateful to Tabernacle Baptist Church for hosting the event in its new facility.

City Soul will provide an opportunity for the entire Petersburg community to become aware of and engaged with many exciting nonprofit organizations. Twenty-five organizations have confirmed attendance: 4-H, Appomattox Regional Governor's School, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Burrow's Child Development Center, Chamber of Commerce, Department of Social Services, Downtown Churches United, Downtown Petersburg Inc., Elderhomes, Habitat For Humanity, Historic Petersburg Foundation, Landmark Resource Center, Legal Aid Justice Center, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Petersburg Cobras Athletic Association, Petersburg Library Foundation, Petersburg Urban Ministries, Rebuilding Together, Red Cross, Restoration of Petersburg Community Development Corporation, Southern Care Petersburg, Southside Regional Medical Center, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Sycamore Rouge, and Tri-City Literacy Council.

Entertainment at City Soul will include soul, blues, gospel, and jazz music, featuring Flo King, a native of Petersburg, and the Koinonia Jazz Experience.

Flo King, along with her 5-piece band, will perform at 3 p.m. Her unique combination of mellow blends of jazz and well-known ballads sung soulfully and melodically is often likened to Gloria Lynne, Phoebe Snow, Carmen McCrae, Phyllis Hyman and she has even been called the “Female Frank Sinatra.” The Koinonia Jazz Experience, from Chester, VA, will follow Ms. King with their mix of jazz, R&B, and Motown classics. This ten-piece band of experienced musicians is guaranteed to keep you entertained all afternoon.

The Phoenix Project is a nonprofit organization that builds partnerships between Virginia universities and communities and trains the next generation of nonprofit leaders. As the first step in a partnership between William and Mary and Petersburg, a team of undergraduate and law students have been living and working in Petersburg this summer, working to increase the capacity of the City and local nonprofit organizations. Community members will be invited at City Soul to suggest future projects for students and faculty of the Phoenix Project.

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