

FOR THE LADIES BEAUTIFUL BLACK BROTHERS

By Bonita Armstrong

Not too long ago, I was engaged in some heavy conversation with some friends . . . we discussed politics, racism, sexism, etc.

We talked about the plight of Black people in America. Then, one friend said something I found to be extremely profound. He said, "The prettiest thing in the world to me is a Black man who has himself together."

I received his wonderful words with immediate agreement and consideration. I had never heard a truer statement. It IS a wonderful sight to see a brother with his head on straight . . . a brother who is not afraid to stand up and be what God meant for him to be . . . a Black man.

It's sad to see the condition of some of my Black brothers. Those that are imprisoned . . . but not just by the bars of the so-called justice system . . . but those who are imprisoned by drug and alcohol addictions . . . imprisoned by economic oppression . . . lack of education . . . and so on.

These are the brothers who have fallen victim to the master-plan to destroy and divide the Black race. Since our arrival here



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on slave ships . . . we have been conditioned to hate ourselves, to reject our culture, to take on slave names with pride, to work for slave wages and live in modern-day slave quarters or projects.

Destroy the Black man, and the whole race will die . . . not just physically . . . but mentally and spiritually as well. Kill their hopes and dreams and brainwash them into believing that Black is bad and African culture is something to be ashamed of . . . and you have the makings of a dying and hopeless race.

But thanks to some of those beautiful Black brothers (with dynamic sisters at their side) we have been able to keep our

heads above water. The brothers are rising from the dust and taking charge of their destiny along with the destiny of their women and children. These beautiful Black men now know they are descendents of royalty, educators, mathematicians, scientists, philosophers, athletes and riches untold.

Now it's more and more common to see Black men who are successful in their careers, leading their family and are in touch with their heritage and their God. We are depending on these brothers to touch the lives of other black men who have not been awakened amidst the madness.

Those who are awake, can not afford to forget about their brothers who are still lost in the salve mentality. You have to talk to them, advise them, listen to them, hear their pain and their anguish, care for them and give them hope.

Many great black men have risen from ashes. If we want to see more great black men in the world, we may have to invest some time into helping to dig them out of those ashes that are leftovers from the great fire we called slavery and oppression.

U.S COMMITTEE FOR UNICEF RECEIVE GIFT FOR SOMALIA FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS



"U.S. Committee for UNICEF president Dr. Gwendolyn Calvert Baker (center) accepts the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs contribution for UNICEF programs in Somalia from NANBPWC executive director Ellen Graves (left) and Helen Scott (right), chairperson of UNICEF projects."

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club's (NANBPWC) has presented U.S Committee for UNICEF president Dr. Gwendolyn Calvert Baker with a check for \$3,200 for UNICEF programs in Somalia.

The NANBPWC contribution will help bring health, nutrition, and education to the children of Somalia, who are still battling the affect efforts of famine, drought and continued fighting. UNICEF feeding programs in Somalia now reach nearly 200,000 malnourished children daily. More than 650,000 children under the age of five have been vaccinated against measles since September 1992 because of a UNICEF-led immunization campaign.

Twenty hospitals, 49 mother-child health centers, 32 out-patient clinics and 151 rural community health posts throughout Somalia are being operated directly by UNICEF or through UNICEF-supported organizations. UNICEF is also helping 107 school communities to rebuild primary education capacity. And UNICEF is providing tools,

construction materials, textbooks, and education kits to benefit 60,000 children.

The NANBPWC is committed to community service, education, employment, health, and housing issues and has 300 local groups and 10,000 members across the country. The U.S. Committee for UNICEF's partnership with NANBPWC is to continue through fundraising drives to support UNICEF-assisted programs in Africa and through advocacy campaigns, including the annual Day of the African Child, a commemoration of the massacre of children in Soweto, South Africa on June 16, 1976.

"Our partnership with the NANBPWC links us to a network of caring individuals dedicated to our common mission of preventing malnutrition, disease, and other consequences of poverty from limiting a child's potential," Dr. Baker said.

"Through reaching out to every child and adult in cities and small towns all over the nation, we can give people the opportunity to know of the lives of (See U.S. Committee for UNICEF, Page 20)

LOS ANGELES SELECTED TO HOST NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT TO AID AFRICAN AMERICAN TEENS

With community involvement and participation from the local, state and city government, Los Angeles was granted the opportunity to host the 9th annual Miss Junior Black America Scholarship Pageant.

Local sororities, fraternities, and civic leaders have banned together to embrace the Miss Junior Black America Scholarship Pageant as it makes it's first debut in Los Angeles. Previous cities hosting the event were Atlanta, Dallas, Miami, Baltimore and Oakland.

Now in it's 9th year, the Miss Junior Black America Scholarship Pageant through the continued commitment of local communities, business leaders, social and civic organizations in addition to national sponsors, has become a star studded gala. The pageant has evolved into a week-long list of festivities at the Hilton Hotel in sunny California, July 27, 1994 through July 31, 1994.

Thirty five contestants from the United States ages 16-21 years will compete for college scholarships and a host of other

awards and prizes. The competition is based on talent, intelligence and scholastic achievement. Monies will be paid directly to the college selected by the winners.

All interested teens are encouraged to compete for college

scholarships. For further information, please call 1-800-203-2034. The national headquarters is also accepting financial contributions towards scholarships and is seeking local pageant directors to host local pageants.

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