

Crips Gang Founder Brokers Peace

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ster lifestyle and I deeply regret that I ever did," writes Williams, in a formal apology for co-founding the Crips. "I pray that one day my apology will be accepted. I also pray that your suffering caused by gang violence will soon come to an end, as more gang members wake up and stop hurting themselves and others."

Williams started the Crips in 1971, when he was 16, with Raymond Lee Washington, who was killed by a rival gang member in 1979, the same year Mr. Williams went to jail.

On April 11, Fox's FX network aired, "Redemption," the made-for-television movie starring Jamie Foxx and Lynn Whitfield.

The movie tells the exhilarating story of a boy from the South who moves to Los Angeles and, to protect his neighborhood, unites several smaller gangs into the Crips. Known as Tookie, Williams becomes the King of the Crips. He maintains his reign over the gang while incarcerated until he is sent to solitary confinement for six years.

While in the "hole," Williams begins reading, praying, studying words, history, and politics. He then meets a writer working on a book about gangs. Barbara Becnel, played by Whitfield, begins visiting Tookie and agrees to help him write children's books and get messages out to gangbangers in Los Angeles,

some with tears in their eyes," said Becnel. "Mr. Williams' message helped spark a gang truce between Crips and Bloods."

In 2000, Williams was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"To get to real change, you have to have systems in place. Then, you put a powerful voice with that system and you get the

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—Stanley "Tookie" Williams in a formal apology for co-founding the Crips

which helps create truces.

"Stan had the courage to embrace humanity in the most inhumane of circumstances," said Becnel during a star-studded premiere of the movie at Fox Studios. She says she decided to work closely with Williams after she witnessed a room full of 400 gangbangers watch a taped message of his.

"They gave him a standing ova-

result," said Hall of Fame athlete and actor Jim Brown, who founded Amer-I-Can, a gang intervention program.

"We have worked for years to put a system in place and have now joined forces with the powerful voice of Stanley Williams," said Brown, who recently visited with Williams for three hours on death row. "Tookie is brilliant and has a fantastic spirit."

Families Find Relief in School



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Annie Larry (from left), Cynthia Thomas and Ryan Bender launch a new program to help families at Harriet Tubman Middle School in north Portland.

Harriet Tubman Middle School students can keep their young minds on their studies with the launch of a new program to help address the needs of their families.

The Tubman Public Access Program helps families in need of housing, food, employment and emergency and utilities assistance.

As a SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods Community School), Harriet Tubman pools resources from the school district, city, county, state, parents and neighborhoods to help area residents.

"One of the goals of SUN Community Schools is to bring school-based services to families and children through collaboration between schools, nonprofits, businesses, community partners and government agencies," said Cynthia Thomas, program manager for Metropolitan Family Services.

These services are accessible by visiting www.beehive.org, which connects clients to various partners providing aid. Those interested are also urged to call 503-916-5636 to make an appointment with a specialist.

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Vanport Remembered

A commemoration of the Vanport community of north Portland and the 1948 Vanport flood will be held at the Vancouver campus of Washington State University on Tuesday, May 11, from 7 to 9 p.m.

in room SS110.

The free and open to the public event will include a screening of the short film "Vanport, A Survivor's Tale" and presentations by flood survivors who are also founding

members of the Vancouver NAACP.

The WSU Vancouver campus is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave. off the I-5 exit at 134th. For more information, call 360-546-9643.

Brother to Brother is a support and advocacy organization for African American gay and bisexual males and their families living in the Portland metro area.

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