

48
years of
community service
‘City
of
Roses’



Community in Shock

Knife wielding man killed in confrontation

See Local News, page 3

Voices from the Riots

Portland actress fronts groundbreaking play

See Metro, page 9



Portland Observer

Volume XLVII • Number 15



www.portlandobserver.com
Wednesday • April 11, 2018



Established in 1970
Committed to Cultural Diversity



PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Celebrants and community members join Portland NAACP President and Pastor E.D. Modainé for the grand opening of a new office and headquarters in Lloyd Center. Located on the second floor near Marshall's, it's the first physical location for that the local civil rights organization in 30 years.

Civil rights group opens first office in 30 years

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The Portland NAACP is celebrating the opening of an office in Lloyd Center marking a milestone for increasing public outreach and building on the local civil rights group's 104-year-old history.

At 1,836 square feet, the new headquarters will help continue the legacy of the Portland chapter of the National Association of Colored People advocating on issues like fair housing, mass incarceration, poverty and education.

NAACP Strong

"Having an actual location that people can come to is going to give people a hands on, right now, ability to talk to somebody face to face about what's going on with

them," said Portland NAACP President and Pastor E.D. Modainé, at last Wednesday's ribbon cutting ceremony. "We have a space that we can do training, seminars and

all types of different community engagements that benefit our community."

A large group of dignitaries, elected officials and members of the black community joined together to mark the opening which occurred on the same day as Portland and the world remembered civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his death.

Charlotte Rutherford, the daughter of former Portland NAACP leaders Verdell and Otto Rutherford were among those in attendance. The Rutherfords were integral to passing the Public Accommodations Act in Oregon, a civil rights bill that became law in 1953. The Rutherford family home in north Portland once served as a NAACP office more than 30 years ago.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4