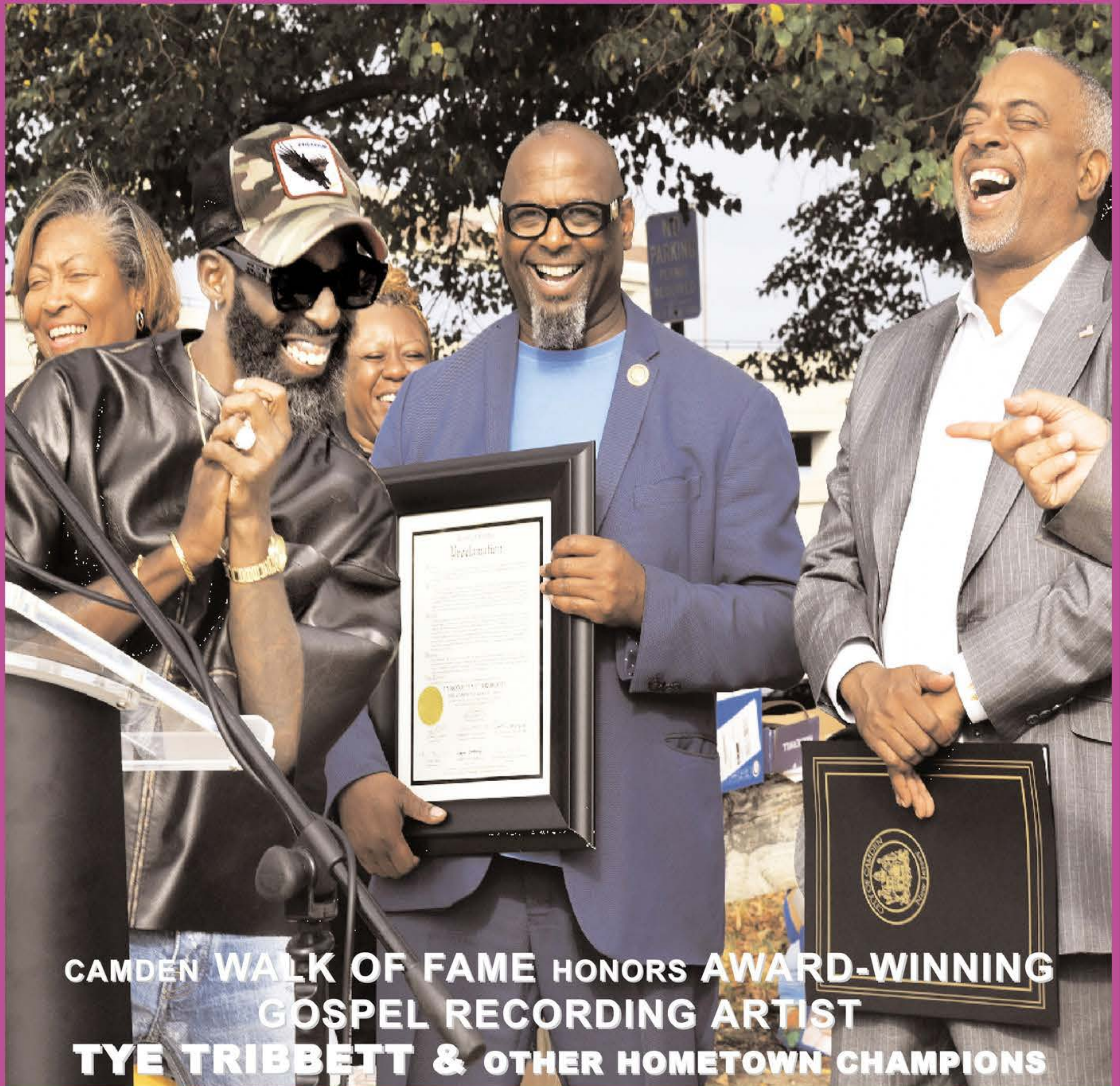


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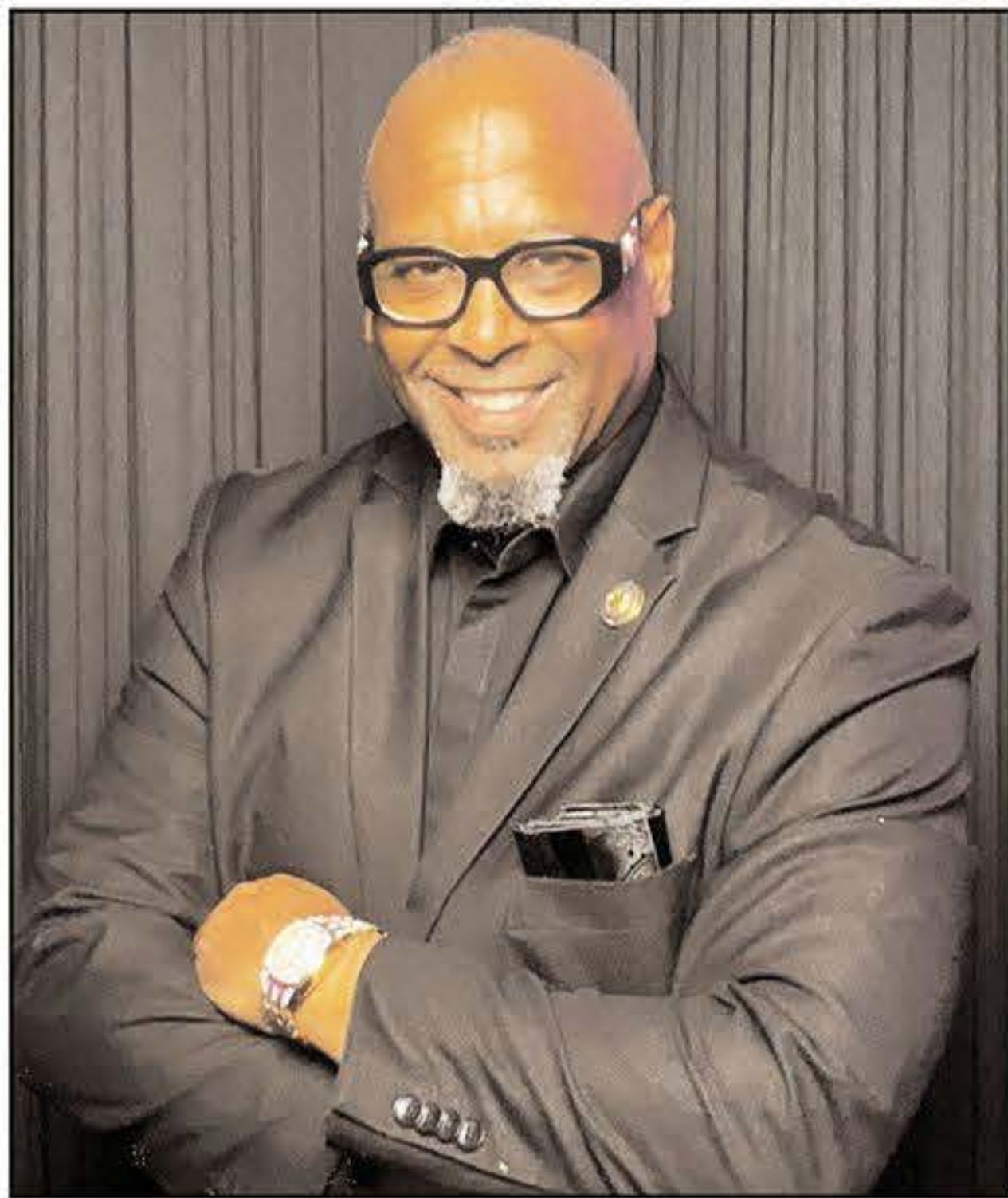
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Dear Readers of the nation's premier faith-based and professional newspaper for winners, Anointed News Journal (ANJ). I am taking this time personally to thank each and every individual that has read the Anointed News Journal. I hope you have been inspired by the many positive people interest stories, and stories that have uplifted and empowered our communities.

I am also taking this time to thank our many advertisers that saw the value in utilizing ANJ to accomplish your marketing goals for your companies and/or purpose. ANJ remains the VOICE of Camden city and the SOURCE for connecting people together. If you are in business and need to advertise, we can help. Based in Camden, NJ, the Anointed News Journal has distribution locally in CAMDEN, BURLINGTON, GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND, DELAWARE, NEW CASTLE, KENT, and PHILADELPHIA COUNTIES. Since 1995 ANJ has provided stories and distribution to 28 states across the country and 11 nations around the world.

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I am also thanking those individuals that have given resources to support our mission of publishing positive press. Your contributions are paramount and my heart continues to be filled with joy from the smallest contribution to the largest, every time I receive a contribution I cannot hold my smile in. I am forever grateful. For those that have been reading ANJ for many years and have never given a contribution, now is a great time to do so.

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About Anointed News Journal

In May 1994 the CEO/Editor-in-Chief, Chris Collins received a vision from the Creator to write a business plan to seek funding for a grass-roots newspaper. For eight months and through Divine intervention, the business plan was rewritten for the ministry of the Anointed News Journal. The Holy Scripture given divinely to Collins was Habakkuk 2:2 (Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry). As a result and with prayer and seeking God's direction, the name "Anointed" was given.

Knowing that English was not his favorite subject while attending school, and that his career goal had nothing to do with journalism, Collins completely trusted in the Creator while developing this business.

The name "Anointed" comes from the hands that God has anointed to master this work and profession. Collins left a career in law enforcement to pursue the vision he received from the Creator.

Using his hands cutting and pasting stories and artwork is how it all began. Typing, proofreading, and making sure things were camera-ready before the layout was the process before technology was included.

Today, 31 years later, ANJ is recognized as a leader in the newspaper industry. ANJ was awarded Best100 Small Businesses consecutively since 2017. In 2021 Chris Collins was recognized by CIO Magazine as a Top 50 Innovators of the Year.

Although it may seem as if newspapers are becoming obsolete, ANJ continues to thrive. As the daily press struggles due to increase rates that have simply priced them out of the market. Weekly newspapers continue to make their mark serving the community and its advertisers. Although many have embraced the digital divide, people still want their physical newspapers. Because of the types of "Peoples Interest Stories" found in ANJ, most readers save their copies for years. Although mainstream media focus on negative press, ANJ has built its legacy on positive stories. "We have written a lot of stories in the past 30 years, and in 30 years we still have not run out of great stories to write about the great people of Camden and surrounding areas," said Collins. "As we look at the rise of Camden, NJ and the great positive image it has today, I believe we helped to increase that image by sharing the positive stories Camden has to offer, and we've been doing that for 30 years now," said Collins.

My Ask!

This is what I am asking from you today. I am asking every reader of ANJ, those of you who believe in positive press and grass-roots press to make a financial contribution to support our mission. Many have been reading ANJ for 30 years and have never made a contribution but would like to. Now is the perfect time as we have entered into our 31st season. For those who are unable to financially contribute, we are thankful for your continued prayers.

The Holy Scriptures in Matthew 7:7-8 (KJV) states, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Luke 6:38 (KJV) states, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

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May God continue to bless you! May God continue to bless this world! May god continue to bless ANJ!

Yours truly,
Chris Collins, CEO/Editor-in-Chief

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Camden Walk of Fame Celebrates 2025 Honorees

Award-winning Gospel recording artist Tye Tribbett inducted by hometown.

By April Saul / Tapinto Camden and Chris Collins II / Anointed News Journal

CAMDEN, NJ – On Monday September 22, 2025, several people gathered at the top of the hill at Wiggins Waterfront Park for the annual celebration of the Camden Walk of Fame. Established in 2014, the Walk of Fame has honored Camden natives by sharing their success stories and placing a bronze inlay on the sidewalk coming up the northwest side to the waterfront park.

Since 2014, when the first inlays were placed at the since-demolished Campbell's Field, the Camden Walk of Fame has been a joyful celebration of the city's success stories.

This year's honorees were no exception. On the afternoon of September 22nd, they gathered at Martin Luther King Boulevard across the street from Wiggins Park, to accept plaques, proclamations and congratulations and see their names engraved on the sidewalk in front of friends, family and city officials.

This year ceremony was hosted by Melissa Morales, Founder and Executive Director of Together We Win Global, a non-profit in Camden focusing on single parent families making sure they are seen, heard and valued in any moment they are in.

2025 Honorees included: Arnold Byrd, R. Mangaliso Davis, Father Leonardo Carrieri, Donkey's Place Leon Lucas and Tye Tribbett.

Honorees were individually called by Melissa Morales and presented a replica plaque of the bronze inlay, a proclamation from the mayor's office, a proclamation from the Camden County Commissioners, and an accommodation from Camden City Council Office. Elected officials participating were Camden City Councilman & co-founder Chris Collins, Camden City Council President Angel Fuentes, and Camden's Mayor Vic Carstarphen.

The most exuberant inductee was easily Grammy Award-winning gospel musician, songwriter and keyboardist Tye Tribbett, 49, who grew up in the city and honed his craft at a church at 2nd and Pine where he said he "tore things up" in his younger years. He went on to found the group Tye Tribbett & G.A. (Greater Anointing), and eventually launched a solo career, winning three Grammy Awards along the way.

"This means more to me than a Grammy!" he told the crowd. "Home recognition means more than world recognition." A few moments later, Tribbett made Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen laugh by asking why he hadn't gotten a key to the city yet. "Philly gave me one!" he added.

The four Camdenites behind the Walk of Fame—Yocontalie "Connie" Jackson, Camden Councilman Chris Collins, Terri Keene and the late Maurice DeShields--were honored with an inlay as well.

Collins recalled Jackson bringing the idea of a walk of fame to the other three over a decade ago. "It was a no-brainer," he said. "Pound for pound, Camden has more success stories than any city in the world."

Jackson said that even though Campbell's Field was demolished after the initial inlays were placed there—and the one for the boxer Jersey Joe Walcott was actually stolen and had to be replaced—it was all for the good because "this site is where we wanted it all along."

Leon Lucas, who founded the legendary Donkey's Place restaurant in the city 82 years ago was honored posthumously, his award accepted by his grandson, Rob Lucas, who called the recognition "awesome."

"I never met my grandfather," said Lucas. "My dad was three years old when it opened."

The recipients of three community awards were Arnold Byrd, R. Mangaliso Davis, and Father Leonardo Carrieri.

Byrd, now in his 80s and unable to attend, was the Executive Director of the Camden County Council on Economic Opportunity for decades and had a great influence on economic development and education in the city.

Davis is a longtime activist and advocate, fighting for jobs, better housing, and a healthy environment for Camden residents. A patron of the arts, he has also promoted African-American music, supported the Walt Whitman Center and organized Camden Juneteenth Celebrations.

Davis is so well-known for being outspoken at city council and board of education meetings that when he accepted his award, he reminded attendees that "There's more to my life than, 'Oh God, here he comes again!'"

The late Father Leonardo Carrieri was honored for founding Camden's San Juan Bautista Parade in 1957, which was actually the first Puerto Rican parade in America. Current parade organizers who accepted the award on his behalf said that he was sending his blessings from heaven.

Hugging his mother and mother-in-law, an energetic Tribbett was the last to receive his award, posing for pictures with admirers and joking that, "I'll be out here tonight putting armor" on his sidewalk inlay to protect it.

"It feels like home...the love, the laughs, the family," Tribbett said of his return to his native city.

"I salute and celebrate everyone who's still in the trenches here. We've endured it, we continue to endure it and we're going to be all right."

The nation's premier faith-based and professional newspaper for winners, Anointed News Journal, salutes the 2025 honorees for their commitment and contributions to the Camden community. Thank you to Melissa Morales and Together We Win Global. Special thanks to the four founding members of the Camden Walk of Fame.



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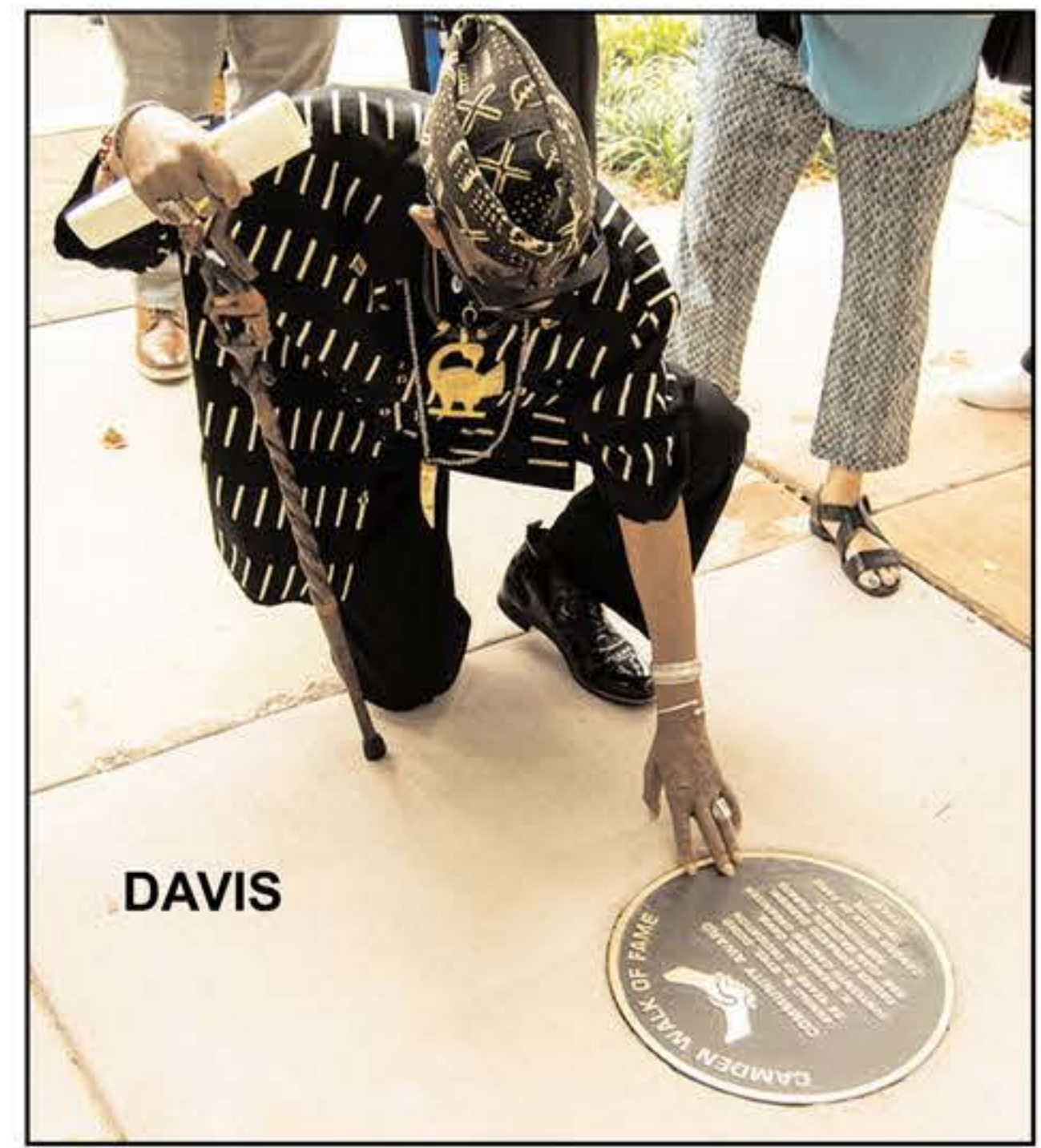
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L-R: YOCONTALIE "CONNIE" JACKSON, TYE TRIBBETT, COUNCILMAN CHRIS COLLINS & MAYOR VIC CARSTARPHEN CHUCKLE AS TYE ASK FOR THE KEY TO THE CITY



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SICKLE CELL DISEASE

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WHAT?

Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is a rare, inherited blood disorder in which red blood cells may become sickle-shaped and harden. For a baby to be born with Sickle Cell Disease, both parents must have the sickle cell trait, or one parent has the sickle trait and the other parent has another abnormal hemoglobin trait. Sickle Cell Disease is not contagious, and there is no universal cure.

The Facts



- Sickle Cell is a **rare disease**
- An estimated over **100,000** people in the U.S. have **SCD**
- **2,000** babies are born with **SCD** annually in the U.S.
- Average age of diagnosis: **under 5 months**
- Sickle cell impacts people of **many races and ethnicities**

53 years

life expectancy of those suffering from chronic sickle disease complications in U.S.

The blockage of blood flow caused by sickled cells leads to complications including:

- Chronic severe and unpredictable pain
- Anemia
- Frequent infections
- Fatigue
- Delayed growth
- Vision problems/blindness
- Lung tissue damage
- Kidney disease
- Stroke
- Shortened life expectancy
- Blood clots
- Hip and shoulder joint damage
- Skin ulcers
- Difficult pregnancy

Where?

Sickle Cell Disease is a global health problem



Staying healthy with Sickle Cell Disease involves:

- Pain management
- Blood transfusions
- Self-care, including eating well, exercising, and drinking water
- Preventive antibiotics (when prescribed)
- Prescription treatments such as hydroxyurea, glutamine, and crizanlizumab to reduce the severity of SCD
- Screening tests for early detection of some sickle cell complications

Curative and Potentially Curative Therapies

No universal cure exists for **Sickle Cell Disease**; however, the following treatment options are considered curative and potentially curative.

- Bone marrow transplant (curative)
- Gene therapy (potentially curative)

City Officials Join St. John Baptist Church for the Renaming of 30th Street to Honor Pastor, "Rev. Silas M. Townsend Way"

CAMDEN, NJ – On Sunday, September 21, the City of Camden Officials: Mayor Vic Carstarphen, Council President Angel Fuentes, Councilwoman - 4th Ward Jannette Ramos, Councilman – 2nd Ward Chris Collins, Camden County Sheriff (Retired) Gilbert L. "Whip" Wilson, and sponsoring legislator, Councilman – 3rd ward Falio Leyba-Martinez, were excited to announce the renaming of N. 30th Street to "Rev. Dr. Silas M. Townsend Way"! This historic occasion commemorated over four decades of service, leadership, and impact by the beloved pastor, mentor, advocate, and pillar of the community.

In a historic show of unity, the Camden City Council unanimously approved the ordinance to honor Rev. Dr. Silas M. Townsend.

"Every now and then, we're blessed to walk alongside someone whose presence makes us better. In this community, that person has been Rev. Dr. Silas M. Townsend. For 43 years, Rev. Townsend has been a guide, a counselor, a steady hand pouring into this community and its people with love and wisdom. While no award can match that kind of impact, we can offer something meaningful and lasting!"

— Camden City Councilman Martinez, on the historic and well-deserved renaming of N. 30th Street.

The Day of Celebration kicked off with a spirit-filled worship service at St. John Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 400 N. 30th Street, Camden, NJ 08105. A highlight of the day was the unveiling of the new street sign at the intersection of 30th and Mitchell Streets, immediately following the service. The congregation marched out drum-service following the drumbeats of the Pastor's Posse line and steppers to join in this landmark celebration!

About Rev. Silas Townsend

The Reverend Dr. Silas M. Townsend is a native of Washington, D.C. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Miliken University, Decatur, Illinois, and his Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1998, Reverend Townsend earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. (Now Palmer Seminary)

He retired in 2015 as the Executive Director of the Burlington County Community Action Program after forty years of service. He is a former Adjunct Professor at the Palmer Theological Seminary.

Dr. Townsend has been the Pastor of the St. John Baptist Church since 1982. Under Dr. Townsend's leadership, the Church built a new edifice and paid off a twenty-five-year mortgage in four years. Under his leadership, the Church also built a youth development center that houses the St. John Day Care Center. St John has 83 ministries that advance the kingdom of God.

The Church's ministries provide food and clothing to those in the community and other services to the community. The church also provides meals to the homeless and Senior Saints every Sunday.

St John planted two churches the St John Baptist Church of Pennsauken NJ and the St. John Family Worship Center in Burlington NJ. The Church launched the Light League in 2012. The Light League is a national ministry of teens and young adults who are on fire for Christ! With a center focus on worship, outreach and growing together as disciples the Light League has impacted the lives of hundreds of teens and young adults.

Pastor as we affectionately call him is a humble, compassionate man of God, full of The Spirit.

He works tirelessly on behalf of our young people, supporting programs in local schools and community groups he encourages them to stay in school and always do their best. Pastor is known for his kind manner and generous heart, serving God and His people, helping, guiding and supporting individuals from the joy of baptism to the sorrow of a funeral, and nurturing their spiritual growth.

Dr. Townsend is married to the former Ida R. Rankin, a retired teacher in the Camden School System. They have two lovely daughters, Lauren and Kristen. Kristen is married to Deacon Emmanuel Bryant, and they have two precious daughters, Mya and Ava. Lauren is engaged to Min. Alan Jean.



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Philadelphia Honors Donald "Ducky" Birts by Renaming Street After Him

The 1300 block of Jefferson Street in North Philadelphia has a new name. It will now be known as Donald "Ducky" Birts Way. Birts was the first Black entrepreneur to sign a lease at the Progress Plaza Shopping Center. He was also instrumental in bringing the Black Expo to Progress Plaza in the 1970s.

PHILADELPHIA, PA – On Saturday September 20, 2025, there was a tale of two cities, Philadelphia and Camden.

Supporters from Camden, New Jersey along with Camden City Councilman Chris Collins, joined folks from the "City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection" to celebrate Donald "Ducky" Birts who is one of Camden's favorite sons.

Ducky is known as a Camden living legend. In his early days he evolved as a leader in athletics, civics, government and entrepreneurship. He has inspired many Camdenites that have all attained the status as Camden greats, including the likes of former Camden County Sheriff Gilbert "Whip" Wilson, Itchy Smith, Councilman Chris Collins and Mayor Vic Carstarphen, to name a few.

After making a huge impact in Camden city, Ducky moved to Philadelphia and began to build relationships that became long-lasting even until today.

In the heyday of now the late U.S. Congressman William H. Gray, III, Ducky Birts was an Aide to Congressman Gray and a close ally and friend to the late J. Wyatt Modesire, a past President of the NAACP, Philadelphia Branch. Ducky is a philanthropist. He's a published author, having written his own life's story, and he's a strong advocate for the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc. He's a member of the Prince Hall Masons of Southeastern PA.

Always on the scene whenever Rev. Jesse Jackson came to Philly, Ducky was known for having access to many important backroom meetings that helped shape some of the political actions of our city, as well as other cities, within the Black community.

About Donald "Ducky" Birts:

Ducky is the oldest of five children and is a native of Camden, New Jersey. He always gives credit to his mother, Frankie Mae Birts, now deceased, for being the guiding force of his life.

Ducky is a graduate of Camden High School, where he excelled in sports, including basketball, football, baseball, and gymnastics. For a time, he served as an assistant coach and subsequently as the coach. His work experience began when he was in elementary school. At that time, he was the mainstay of the family, helping his mother to make ends meet by selling newspapers and subsequently obtaining a job at the Garden State Race Track in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, as a shoe shine boy. As he grew older, he gained employment at the New York Shipyard, working on the "Kitty Hawk." He was later employed at Walmont Tailors, first working as a stock boy and then moving up to salesman, manager, and eventually buyer. This job gave him direction toward his dream of becoming an entrepreneur.

The dream became a reality when, in 1964, he was the first African American to open a haberdashery clothing store in Camden, New Jersey, called "Ducky's Dashery" located at 1119 Haddon Avenue. In 1968, he relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he met the Reverend Dr. Leon Howard Sullivan, the Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, who was instrumental in his quest to establish a "Ducky's Dashery" in North Philadelphia's Progress Plaza, the first Black-owned shopping center in America. Reverend Sullivan passed away on April 24, 2001.

In addition to his business venture, he has contributed much of his time and energy to the community. Besides being an active member of Zion Baptist Church, he finds time to align himself with several organizations, such as the James W. Bell-Allen Lodge No. 97, Prince Hall Affiliation, and the Masons Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Earl C. Abrams.

For many years Ducky was a very active member of the NAACP Philadelphia Branch and for quite a few years he served as the Circulation Manager of the Philadelphia Sunday Sun Newspaper; Member of the Philadelphia Club of Frontiers International, Member of the Police Advisory Board of the 14th District in Philadelphia, Member of the Board of Directors of Progress Investment Associated and Member of the Board of Directors of Zion nonprofit Charitable Trust.

He is very much involved in the political scene, serving as a committee person of the 50th Ward, second division. With the Honorable Marian B. Tasco as Ward Leader, he has been privileged to serve on the Executive Committee. With his vast experience in politics, he serves as Special Assistant to U.S. Congressman Robert A. Brady of the First Congressional District.



**PHILADELPHIA COUNCILMAN
JEFFERY YOUNG, JR. 5TH DISTRICT
& DONALD "DUCKY" BIRTS**

For many years, he served as a Coach with the Charles Baker League and a Trustee of the Sonny Hill League. Ducky was the Project Director of the Wade Wilson Football Classic of Cheyney University from 1982 until 1997; during this time, more than 200 worthy students received scholarships.

In 2006, he formed The Ducky Birts Foundation. The primary focus is to educate youth on economic development and government operations on all levels. The Eagle Program "Economics and Government Learning Experience," targeting students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The secondary focus is to provide scholarships for students attending Cheyney and Lincoln Universities. To date, Ducky has helped more than 2,000 students attend these schools.

His main goal has been to build a youth academy to offer after-school programs with a concentration in math, science, and reading. It will also organize and facilitate a Youth Christian Basketball Program.

Lastly, it is lovely to see people receive their flowers while they are still with us to enjoy them. Ducky has received his flowers on September 20th —three cheers for Ducky.





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WHY WE FLUSH

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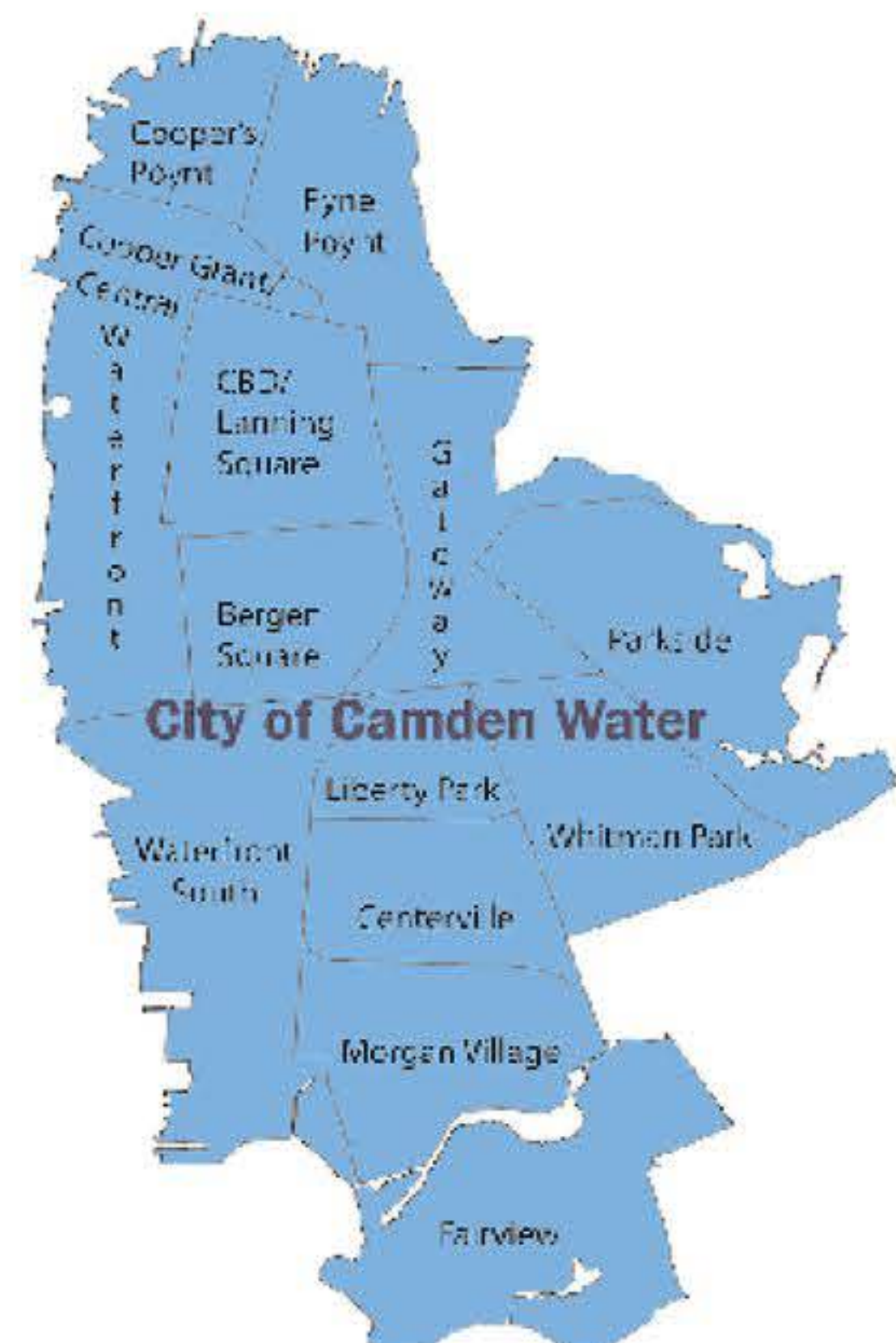
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CAMDEN, N.J. – The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., along with New Jersey American Water are excited to announce the recipients of its Hydration Station Grant Program. Ten organizations across New Jersey will utilize the funding to install water bottle refill stations in public spaces, helping reduce single-use plastic waste and foster trust in tap water.

The grant program, launched in 2024, helps communities improve access to safe, reliable tap water while promoting sustainability.

One of last year's recipients, Kula Urban Farm in Asbury Park, has already seen community impact. "The installation of the water bottle filling station at Kula Urban Farm represents a meaningful step toward promoting health equity and environmental sustainability in Asbury Park's west side neighborhood," said Heather Triarsi, Associate Executive Director of Interfaith Neighbors. "It's a simple but powerful resource that supports our mission to uplift underserved neighborhoods through thoughtful, community centered development."

This year's grant recipients include:

- Donald Aleshire & J. Holmes Memorial Scholarship Fund for installation at Washington Street Park in Mount Holly.
- Egg Harbor Township Board of Education for installation at Adler Avenue Middle School.
- Heart of Camden for installation in their community gym located at the corner of Broadway and Viola Street in Camden.
- Howell High School Parent and Teacher Association for installation at Howell High School.
- Neptune City Public School District for installation at Woodrow Wilson School.
- New Providence Memorial Library (Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library) for installation at New Providence Memorial Library.
- ReSoap Foundation installation at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey in Bridgewater.
- Roselle Park Youth Baseball/Softball League for installation at league park.
- South Orange Maplewood School District for installation at Columbia High School.
- Washington Township Board of Education for installation at Brass Castle School.

"These grants are an investment in both community well-being and environmental stewardship," said Carrie Williams, President of the American Water Charitable Foundation. "By supporting the installation of these bottle refill stations, we're helping reduce plastic waste and encouraging sustainable habits, while also deepening our charitable impact in communities served by American Water."

"Through this grant program, we are proud to support schools, community centers and public spaces across our service area by funding the installation of modern bottle filling stations," said Mark McDonough, President, New Jersey American Water, and Board Member, American Water Charitable Foundation. "These grants encourage people to choose tap water, one of the most affordable and reliable resources available, while also reducing plastic waste and fostering healthier, more sustainable habits."

Each selected organization will receive funding to purchase a water bottle filling station at a community location, enhancing access to safe, sustainable drinking water for all. The awarded filling stations are expected to be installed in the coming months to benefit residents, visitors, and the environment alike.

This grant is made possible by funding from the American Water Charitable Foundation as part of its State Strategic Impact Grant Program. State Strategic Impact grants support high-impact projects and initiatives throughout American Water's national footprint.

For more information on this grant program and other community impact programs, please visit www.newjerseyamwater.com/community.

About American Water

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Fifth Annual Lace Up for Ag Literacy 5K to Support Agricultural Education

The Delaware Farm Bureau (DEFB) Foundation is excited to host its 5th annual Lace Up for Ag Literacy 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 18, 2025. This family-friendly event raises funds to support the Foundation's mission of building awareness about Delaware's agricultural industry and promoting the benefits of fresh, local food.

Whether it's planting seeds, making ice cream, or engaging in other hands-on lessons, children love learning how their food makes its way to their plates. The DEFB Foundation is dedicated to building awareness, understanding, and positive public perception of Delaware's farm operations.

"Agriculture touches every part of our lives, and this event is a fun, meaningful way to connect our community with the farms that feed us," said DEFB Foundation Chair Bill Powers. "By supporting ag literacy, we're investing in the future of ag by ensuring that the next generation understands and values the importance of local farming."

The Foundation launched the 5K Run/Walk to support its fundraising efforts, and the event continues to highlight local agriculture as participants make their way through a scenic dairy farm.

This year's race will take place at Hopkins Farm Creamery, located at 18186 Dairy Farm Rd. in Lewes, on October 18. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., with the race beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Hopkins Farm Creamery is a family-friendly, fourth-generation farm at the intersection of Dairy Farm Road and Route 9 in Lewes. The off-road course starts and finishes at the creamery and takes runners and walkers through pastures, past hay bales and barns, across a covered bridge, and around a beautiful pond.

New this year, the race coincides with the Hopkins Farm Fall Festival, held every weekend in October from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to stay after the race to enjoy breakfast, fall-themed activities, apple cider, and more.

Registration for the Lace Up for Ag Literacy 5K Run/Walk event is \$30 per person, through Oct. 10. Registration increases to \$35 starting Oct. 11 through the day of the event. Checks can be made payable to "DE Farm Bureau Foundation" and mailed to the DE Farm Bureau Foundation at 3457 S. DuPont Hwy, Camden, DE, 19934.

To register online, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Lewes/LaceUpforAg5KRunWalk>. Interested participants and sponsors can also contact the DEFB state office at 302-697-3183 or visit the DEFB Foundation online at <https://defb.org/foundation/lace-up-for-ag-literacy/>.

ICYMI: ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Info: DEADLINE 10/31/25

Attention Homeowners and Renters! The ANCHOR filing deadline is October 31, 2025. This program offers property tax relief to New Jersey residents who own or rent property in New Jersey as their main home and meet certain income limits. This year's ANCHOR benefit is based on residency, income, and age from 2024. For residents under 65 and not collecting Social Security disability benefits, the ANCHOR filing season has begun. Treasury will file on behalf of most eligible residents and they began sending those residents their Anchor Benefit Confirmation Letter on August 13, 2025, with details of the upcoming filing. If you receive a letter and need to change your banking information, or prefer to request a paper check, then you will have to file your own application by September 15, 2025. If you do not receive an Anchor Benefit Confirmation Letter, you can file an ANCHOR application on your own here: <https://nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml>.

NOTE: Senior residents or residents collecting Social Security disability benefits can apply for all three senior property tax programs – Stay NJ, Senior Freeze, and ANCHOR - now using the new combined application, PAS-1.

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Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10-16*, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, to receive title papers authorizing and the issuance of a New Jersey certification of ownership for Make Honda, Year 2013, VIN/Hull identification number 1HGCR 2F32DA 134302.

Objections, if any, should be made in writing, immediately in writing to the Chief Administrator of Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey 08666-0017.

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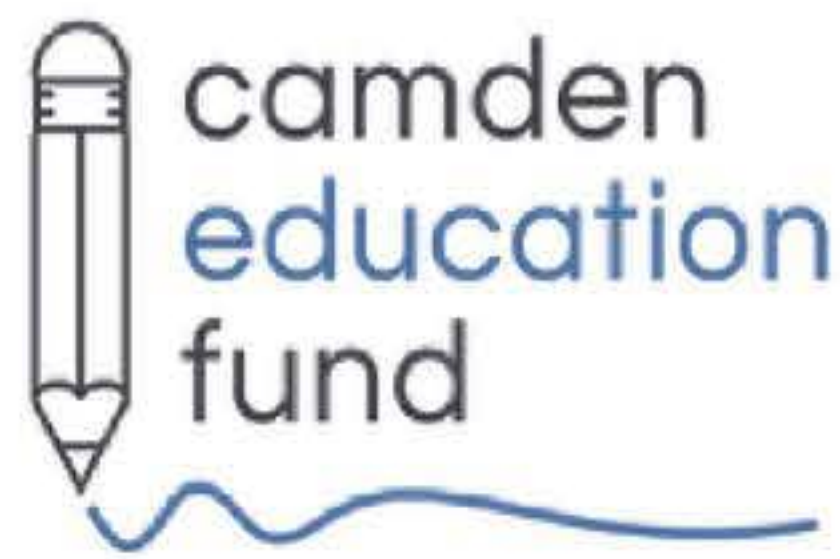
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The mission of the Delaware Farm Bureau Foundation is to build awareness, understanding, and positive public perception about Delaware's farm operations and fresh local food.



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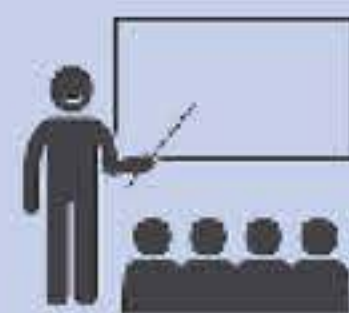
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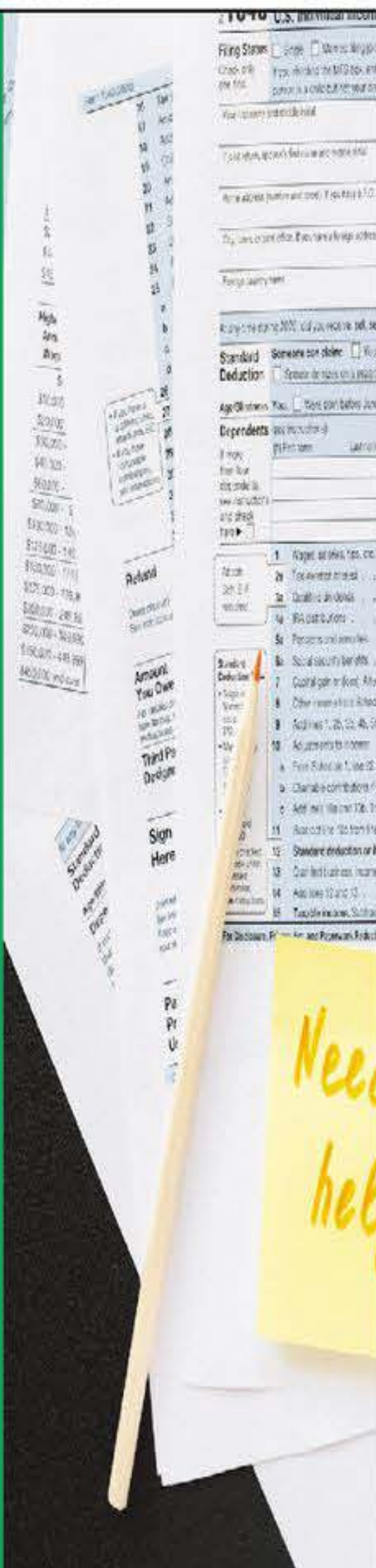
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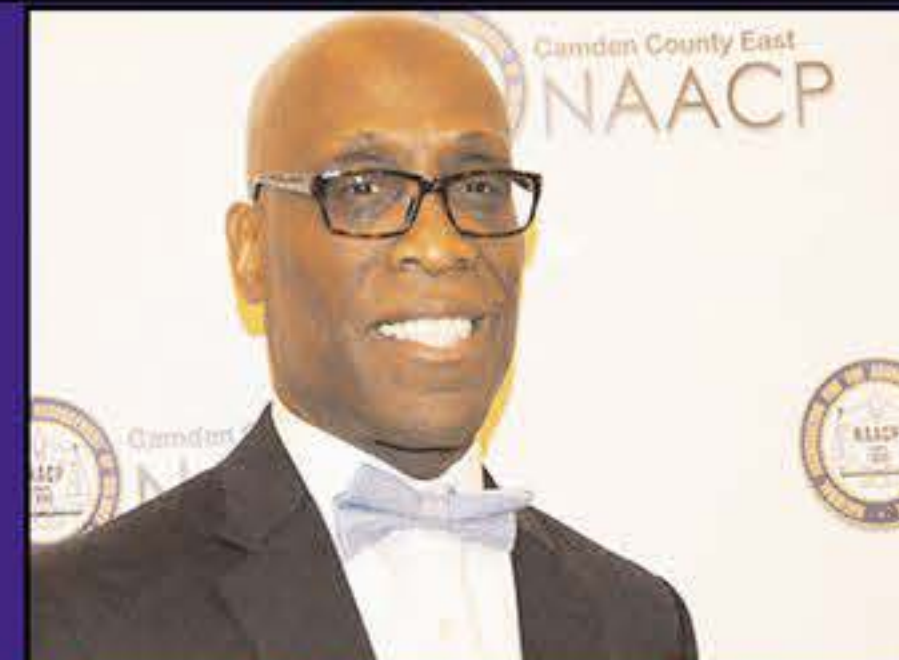
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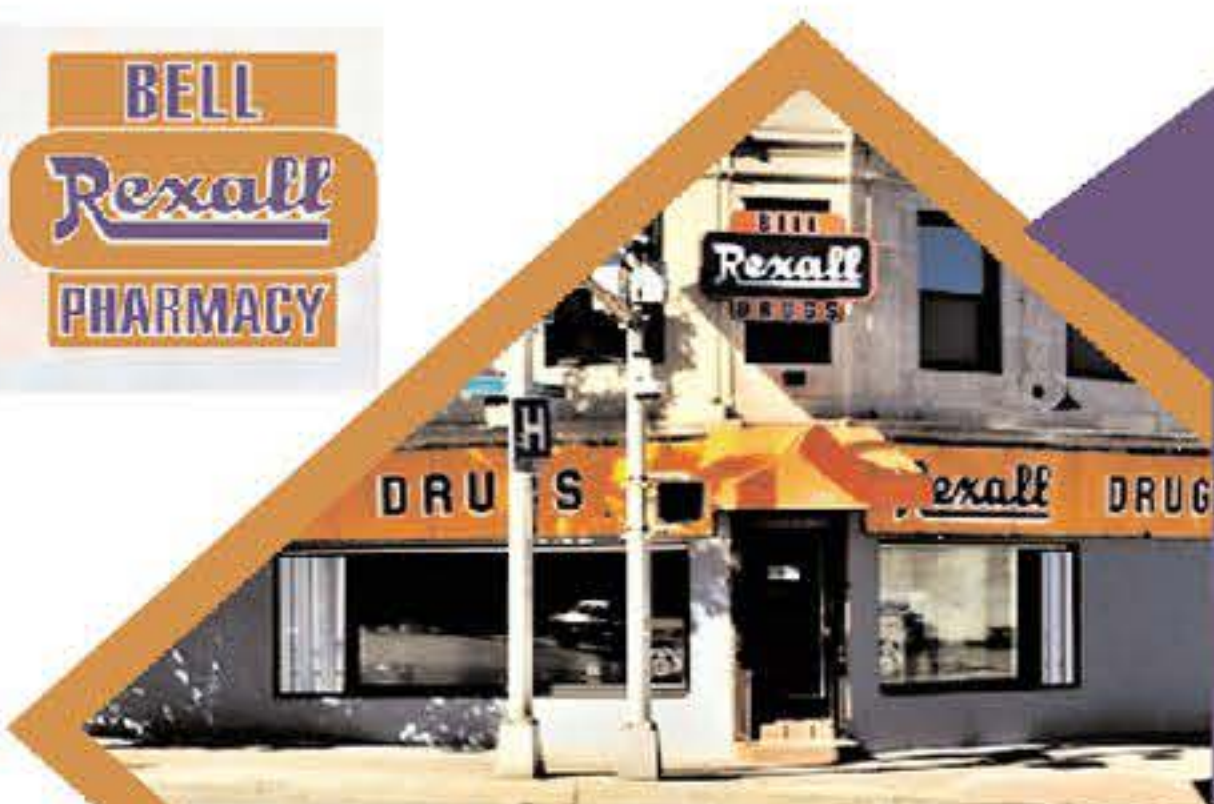
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Norcross, Stevens, Lawler, Markey Introduce Bipartisan, Bicameral Bill to Improve Warehouse Worker Safety

July 31, 2025

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Representatives Donald Norcross (D-NJ), Haley Stevens (D-MI), and Mike Lawler (R-NY), along with Senator Edward Markey, introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Warehouse Worker Protection Act. The bill aims to improve safety by requiring companies with large warehouses to disclose quotas to workers and prohibiting quotas that interfere with health and safety.

The Warehouse Worker Protection Act requires companies to provide written descriptions of quotas workers are subjected to, any disciplinary action that would result from failure to meet the quota, and the existence of any incentive or bonus program associated with each quota and how the quota is monitored. The bill also prohibits companies from establishing quotas that prevent a worker from complying with any meal or rest period or from using bathroom facilities.

“In 2022, three New Jersey warehouse workers tragically died on the job within weeks of each other, bringing attention to working conditions and injury rates in warehouses. Businesses can keep workers safe and earn a profit, but that’s only possible with more transparency and accountability,” said Congressman Donald Norcross (D-NJ). “As a former electrician, I know firsthand what it’s like to lose a coworker on the job. The Warehouse Worker Protection Act takes necessary steps to ensure everyone can come home from work safely.”

“Too often, the people powering our supply chains go unseen. Warehouse workers, including thousands across Michigan, are essential to keeping goods moving and our economy strong,” said Congresswoman Haley Stevens (D-MI). “That’s why I’m proud to co-lead the Warehouse Worker Protection Act, a bill that prioritizes worker safety. It establishes fair limits on productivity demands and guarantees access to basic needs like meal and restroom breaks. This legislation is about honoring the hardworking people of Michigan, and beyond, who keep our communities and businesses running every day.”

“Injury and illness rates in warehouses remain unacceptably high. While progress has been made, far too many warehouse workers are still operating in conditions that are unsafe and unsustainable,” said Congressman Mike Lawler (R-NY). “It’s time to bring greater transparency, accountability, and basic protections to the job site. I’ll continue working across the aisle on policies like the Warehouse Worker Protection Act to ensure our economy works for both employers and the hardworking Americans who keep it running.”

“Workers deserve to clock in knowing they will return home safe and healthy at the end of their shift. The Warehouse Worker Protection Act would protect the basic health and dignity of workers from corporate bosses who time and again have prioritized unfettered greed and profit over their own people,” said Senator Markey. “I am proudly in solidarity with nearly two million warehouse workers nationwide in the fight to ensure that their rights, safety, and dignity are protected.”

“Amazon and other abusive warehouse employers are squeezing their workers for every penny of profit, leaving behind tired and broken bodies,” said Teamsters General President Sean M. O’Brien. “These corporate criminals are destroying good jobs in an industry that once supported a strong middle class. But one thing stands in their way—that’s the Teamsters Union, along with a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers who understand what’s at stake. It’s time to pass the Warehouse Worker Protection Act and put workers’ safety over corporate profits.”

The Department of Labor’s Office of Inspector General audit found that injury and illness rates in warehouses are consistently high. The report found that in 2021, the injury and illness rate was 5.5 per 100 employees for warehouses, which is more than double the rate across all industries. A recent study also found that more than half of employees at Amazon and Walmart, two of America’s largest private companies, report that their production rate makes it hard for them to use the bathroom at least some of the time.

The Warehouse Worker Protection Act is endorsed by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the National Employment Law Project, the Athena Coalition, and Oxfam.

Bill text of the Warehouse Worker Protection Act can be found here. More information on the legislation can be found below:

Enforcement

The bill will establish a Fairness and Transparency Board within the Department of Labor to share resources and responsibilities through OSHA and Wage and Hour. It will be comprised of union and employer representatives, health experts, civil rights experts, workplace technology experts, and worker protection experts and will be charged with enforcing the guidance and rules laid out within the legislation.

Requirements with Respect to Warehouse Quotas

All workers hired will be given a written description of the following:

- Each quota the worker is subject to, any disciplinary action that could result from failure to meet each quota, how performance targets for each quota are calculated, the existence of any incentive or bonus program associated with each quota and how the quota is monitored.
- Each employer will have to provide updates to these quota systems to each worker no later than 2 days after any change is made.
- Require workers be notified when employers take an adverse action against them for failing to meet any quota.
- Employers will have to provide a training and written description for how workers can file a complaint when quota rules are violated.
- An employer would not be able to take adverse action against a worker for violating any of the prohibited quotas listed above or for the completion of work based solely on the ranking and comparison with other workers.
- Employers will be required to maintain work speed records for all workers, written description of all quotas and make them available to workers and the DOL upon request. Workers may request certain pieces of work data up to 3 years after employment has been ended.

Prohibited Quotas

Employers will not be able to establish quotas that would:

- Prevent a worker from complying with any meal or rest period.
- Prevent a worker from complying with any health or safety provision required by law.
- Prevent a worker from the use of bathroom facilities, including responsible time to travel to and from said facility.
- Set a performance target that measures the output for a worker that is shorter than one workday.
- Include time for paid or unpaid breaks.
- Prevent a worker from exercising any right already guaranteed by a collectively bargained agreement.

First Aid Standard

- OSHA will be charged with establishing a proposed rule requiring all employers have trained individuals on site ready to administer first aid to workers to reduce delays in medical treatment for workers following injuries.

Rep. Norcross Announces Grant for Camden County College to Launch Electric Vehicle Technician Training Program

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Donald Norcross (NJ-01) announced that a \$474,314 grant from the National Science Foundation will be awarded to Camden Community College. The funds will be used to create a new electric and hybrid vehicle technician training program.

“This investment will train the next generation of auto technicians in South Jersey to service electric vehicles and create good paying jobs in our community,” said Congressman Donald Norcross, a graduate of Camden County College. “With New Jersey roads expected to see more than two million electric vehicles by 2035, Camden County College will lead the way in making sure our students are ready to work on the technology of the future.”

“I thank Congressman Norcross for his support of Camden County College, and for championing educational opportunities that lead to rewarding careers,” said Dr. Lovell Pugh-Bassett, President of Camden County College. “This grant will equip our automotive technology students with the specialized training to safely service all aspects of new model EVs. These high-demand skills will set our graduates apart, making them workforce ready and positioning them to excel in the rapidly evolving automotive industry.”

Camden County College has long been a hub of higher education in South Jersey, and this funding will strengthen opportunities for students by creating a specialized curriculum focused on hybrid and electric vehicles. It will provide state-of-the-art instruction and nationally recognized credentials, while also offering training for local workers and professional development for educators. Programs like these ensure South Jersey is prepared to meet the demands of a clean energy economy.

This award comes through National Science Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program, which supports technician training in high-demand technology fields that drive America’s economy focusing on two-year Institutions of Higher Education.

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