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**"Building Healthy Communities One Tree at a Time"**

**KQED and Wells Fargo Celebrate Women's History Month**

KQED and Wells Fargo are honoring Kemba Shakur for her leadership and strong commitment to community service in the Bay Area. Congratulations to Local Heroes Rhodessa Jones, Dr. Raye Mitchell, and Marily Mondejar, who are also being honored for making a difference in our community. Join us on Thursday, March 22nd for the Women's Month celebration and Local Hero awards ceremony. Please RSVP to whmrsvp@kqed.org or 415-553-3330 as soon as possible.
Joyce Gordon Gallery Honors Kemba Shakur

The SheRose of Our Time exhibition is currently on display at the Joyce Gordon Gallery in Downtown Oakland. The exhibit features a special installation of honoree Kemba Shakur in partnership with the Oakland Museum of California. Special thanks to artist and sculptor, Karen Seneferu, whose talented work reflects such dedication and thoughtfulness, as well as to curator Eric Murphy and the Joyce Gordon Gallery for supporting the important work of local artists and Urban Releaf. Be sure to join us as we celebrate Urban Releaf Day at the Joyce Gordon Gallery on Saturday, April 14th. Event details to come.

New UFEST Program Fosters Partnership with United Roots

Urban Releaf’s Urban Forestry Education and Stewardship Training Program is off to a great start! The UFEST program, designed by Director of Education, Gregory Tarver, Jr. is designed to develop green job skills for local youth to help manage and care for Oakland’s urban forest. The Trees 4 Life Youth Crew, organized by United Roots, began their first in a series of environmental education workshops at the beginning of this month. The workshops will continue into April and culminate with an Earth Day Tree Planting in East Oakland on Saturday, April 28th.
Urban Releaf is looking for interns to support our various programs including tree planting and maintenance, environmental education, research, outreach, and administration. If you are interested, please forward your resume to info@urbanreleaf.org.

Spotlighting Our Board Member

Pamela Wallace has been in the energy services industry for 6 years and is responsible for developing the higher education market for Honeywell Building Solutions. As a Board Member for the past 3 years, she has allowed for our agency to expand its horizons by providing her professional business expertise. We are grateful for her continuous contributions to Urban Releaf.

Trees

“I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast;”

People Magazine's A Hero Among Us

Urban Releaf would like to extend our appreciation to People Magazine Staff Writer Ken Lee for his diligent efforts in writing the story of Kemba Shakur. This article, featured in the March 5th Issue, brings attention and awareness to urban forestry on a national level. We are grateful to have been given the opportunity to advocate for trees in communities such as ours, and will continue to promote our efforts. For ways to help, check out our website www.urbanreleaf.org.

Downtown Tree Planting with Cloyne Court Cooperative

Cloyne Court Cooperative, a UC Berkeley student group, participated in a community tree planting with us on February 4th. We planted both aristocrats and London plane trees in Downtown Oakland. We appreciate their hard work and assisting us in greening our core urban areas.
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.”
--Joyce Kilmer

4th Annual MLK Day of Service Event

This year’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Tree Planting on January 16th was a major success. Over 250 community members came out to 31st Street in West Oakland to honor Dr. King’s legacy with the planting of specially selected, drought tolerant trees. This planting was especially significant as 31st Street is the project area of our current Green Street Research and Demonstration Project, a national showcase for urban greening. We would like to give a special thank you to all our partners, volunteers, and the media, and hope to have an even greater turn out next year!

Check out KTVU Channel 2's video here.

Oakland Museum of California Tree Dedication

On January 15, we planted and dedicated
a native Catalina Ironwood tree of California in the Oakland Museum of California Garden. Attendees were invited to view the OMCA’s exhibition entitled, John Muir: A Walk in the Wild featuring Executive Director Kemba Shakur as a Modern Day John Muir. We appreciate Suzanne Pegas and the OMCA for their support, and plan to continue to foster this newly created partnership.

Oakland Peace Center Tree Planting

In celebration of the International Peace and Art Center launch, we planted bronze loquat trees with their volunteers. Sandhya Rani Jha, Director of the Oakland Peace Center and co-pastor of First Christian Church of Oakland, exclaimed, “We are excited to have the chance to collaborate with this community of artists, activists, cultural workers, educators and non-profits to bring about a city of hope, justice, nonviolence and compassion.”

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