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The 100 Black Men of Atlanta Honors Civil Rights Icons John Lewis and C.T. Vivian

The 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. honors the leadership and legacies of civil rights icons, Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian and Congressman John Lewis. For over 60 years, Vivian and Lewis fought tirelessly for equality and social justice in the face of systemic racism, segregation and white supremacy. Their non-violent efforts, along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the other foot soldiers of the movement, put an end to legalized segregation and changed the trajectory of the African American community as well as the course of history for the United States. In 2018, the 100 Black Men of Atlanta honored Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian and Congressman Lewis with lifetime achievement awards during the Inaugural 100 Honors Gala. Highlights of the event can be found on the 100 Black Men of Atlanta social media channels.

“Congressman John Lewis and Rev. Dr. CT Vivian are American heroes, and their selfless efforts continue to pay dividends for so many African Americans and the broader American community today,” said 100 Black Men of Atlanta Chairman Kevin Gooch. “Not only did they sacrifice their bodies time and time again for the greater good of our community and serve as international change agents; as honorary members of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, they willingly helped to support the countless students, families and communities that we are committed to uplifting,” continued Gooch. “The ultimate compliment that we could pay to these fallen giants is that each man was as selfless as one could aspire to be and just a good person” concluded Gooch.

To sustain the pillars of equality and social justice that Congressman John Lewis and Civil Rights Icon Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian fought to improve for decades, the 100 Black Men of Atlanta has established a platform to facilitate meaningful discussions across generations, cultures and communities as well as civic engagement lessons: **Operation Community Uplift**. The new program will help determine the needs and demands of the African-American community with a focus on the students and young people that we serve as well as positioning the 100 Black Men of Atlanta to work with our community partners to address the underlying causes of the social unrest experienced recently in the metro Atlanta area and across our country.



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About 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.

100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. provides educational support programs and services, along with individual and group instruction, tutoring, and mentoring that is beneficial to Project Success and Atlanta Public School students. Programs are designed to improve or develop student capabilities, resulting in graduation from high school and acceptance into a post-secondary institution.