

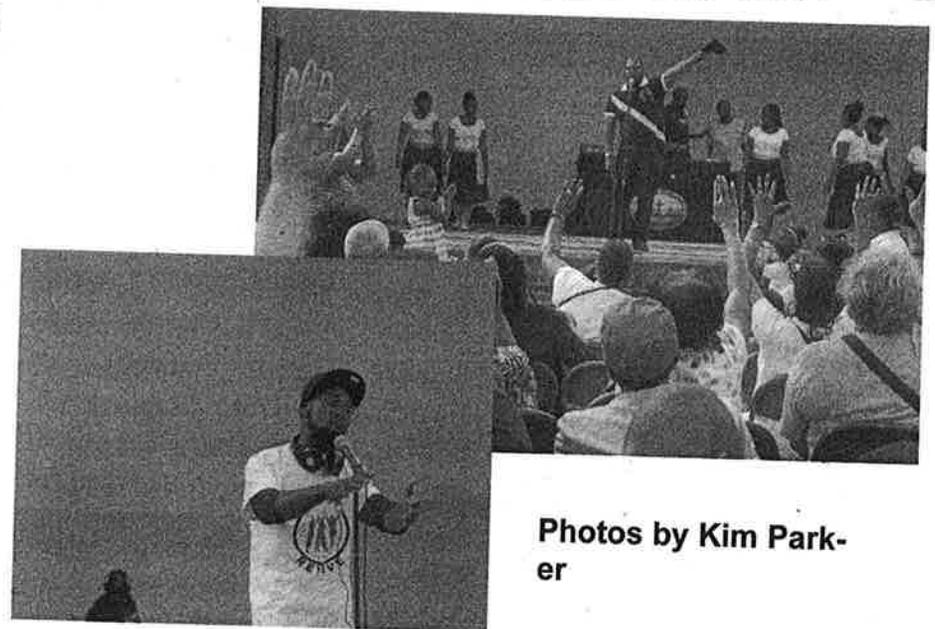
HCCI Hosts Community Day of Unity in Harlem

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The Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc (HCCI) hosted their first 'Community Day of Unity' in Harlem at Jackie Robinson Park on Saturday, June 15, 2013. This Father's Day weekend event attracted people throughout the Harlem community, the Metropolitan area, and people as far as Pennsylvania. There were diverse types of Christian and Christian influenced performances ranging from gospel song, rap, spoken word and interpretive dance. The event concluded with a powerful prayer that brought many to tears and a profession of faith.

This first years' theme, 'Spiritual, Emotional, Physical & Social Revival' was completely sown throughout the event. Vari-

ous stations were set up that educated participants holistically by promoting healthy lifestyles, on-site Hepatitis C screenings, and personal prayer stations. Pastors from various churches gave short sermons throughout the event. Pastors and volunteers were active throughout the event to offer a listening ear and advice to event goers. The park was full of activity from women clapping their hands and dancing to the DJ, to children playing catch, and fathers engaging with their children. Overall it was an amazing way to spend Father's Day weekend. Be on the lookout for next year's event and to learn more about HCCI visit <http://www.hcci.org/>.



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