From: Howard County Lynching Truth & Reconciliation, Inc. admin@hocoltr.org Subject: OUR EXCITING NEWS!!! Date: Aug 18, 2021 at 6:48:29 PM To:

WE ARE ON A JOURNEY...

and most of you knew that already. We made the decision to form as a nonprofit to do our work, and took steps down our path when we filed with the state to form and with the IRS to seek 501(c)(3) status.

We are now officially a 501(c)(3)!!!

We actually became one last month, unbeknownst to us. (snail-mail, ugh). We will be posting the update to our website, but am enclosing it here for those of you who have asked about contributing to help us do our work.

But wait... that's not all...

A gift for the community and interested parties. To kick-off our official new status, and give you an idea of the kind of value we are working to bring to the community, I invite you to check out our new website (a subdomain of our base website). You'll find 2 things on the site so far, but they're exciting...

The first thing is information concerning Session 1 of our Ellicott City Black History Roundtable: Thomas Isaac's Log Cabin. Questions abound regarding WHY it's called Thomas Isaac's, and the accurate age of the building. You'll read more about what we're doing with that by clicking on the link on the site. We will have our first research session next week.

Next, we have released the first stage of our research regarding 1860-1930 Ellicott City. If you have an ancestor in the county from that time period, you might find them there! I

guarantee you will be surprised by many things you will read on that page, and I don't mind sharing that I myself was surprised.

*Did you know there were 175 Free Black or Mulatto people recorded as living in the District that was made up of the Ellicott City post office?

*Did you know there was a significant Free Black/Mulatto population of washerwomen in EC?

*Interested in seeing the names of Free Black/Mulatto children who were working in various households in EC?

*Did you know there was an Italian barber in Ellicott City? And, a Professor of Music?

*Interested in seeing the names of children under age 18 working as factory hands?

I wanted to create something that would help us to be able to better-see what the landscape was like that African Americans were living in 1860 Ellicott City. Yes, there were people with significant wealth whose homes you can still see on a tour. And yes, there are many people enslaved by many of them whose stories we are working to uncover and reveal. Many stories are waiting in the queue, which will be released intermittently. The story of 75 year old Ellicott City resident Jefferson Davis is one, and you'll find it on the blog area of the site, and can be accessed by clicking the photo below. Okay, so there were 3 gifts. We will be working our way up to the 1900s to see how the county seat progressed for African Americans. You may have heard that the county is "majority minority" now. We don't yet know how Ellicott City fares in that department, but it will be interesting to compare then and now.

Check us out, and if you appreciate what you see, consider making a donation to our (okay, I have to write it again because I'm giddy with excitement) **501(c)(3)**. The button below on the left will take you to our donation link, set up to accept Paypal right now, but will be expanded when we get a moment.

We will be releasing our second case for our lynching work, a man named Joseph, on Friday. Look for an email from us on Friday. We do our best to keep them at a minimum to respect your inbox. We do put extra things on our Facebook group page, so do also consider being a member of that.

Until Friday...

Marlena

President HCLTR, Inc.

p.s. the organization owes a debt of gratitude to the prior Board members/Founders who held things down while all of this got formalized. A special thanks to the Treasurer, Lynn

Mumma, who (through many late night calls) helped to batten down all of the hatches to make this happen.

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Date 07/24/2021 Employer ID number: 86-2894181 Person to contact: Name: Customer Service ID number: 31954 Telephone: 877-829-5500 Accounting period ending: December 31 Public charity status: 509(a)(2) Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required: Yes Effective date of exemption: March 22, 2021 Contribution deductibility: Yes Addendum applies: No DLN: 26053496002821

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

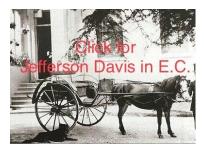
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