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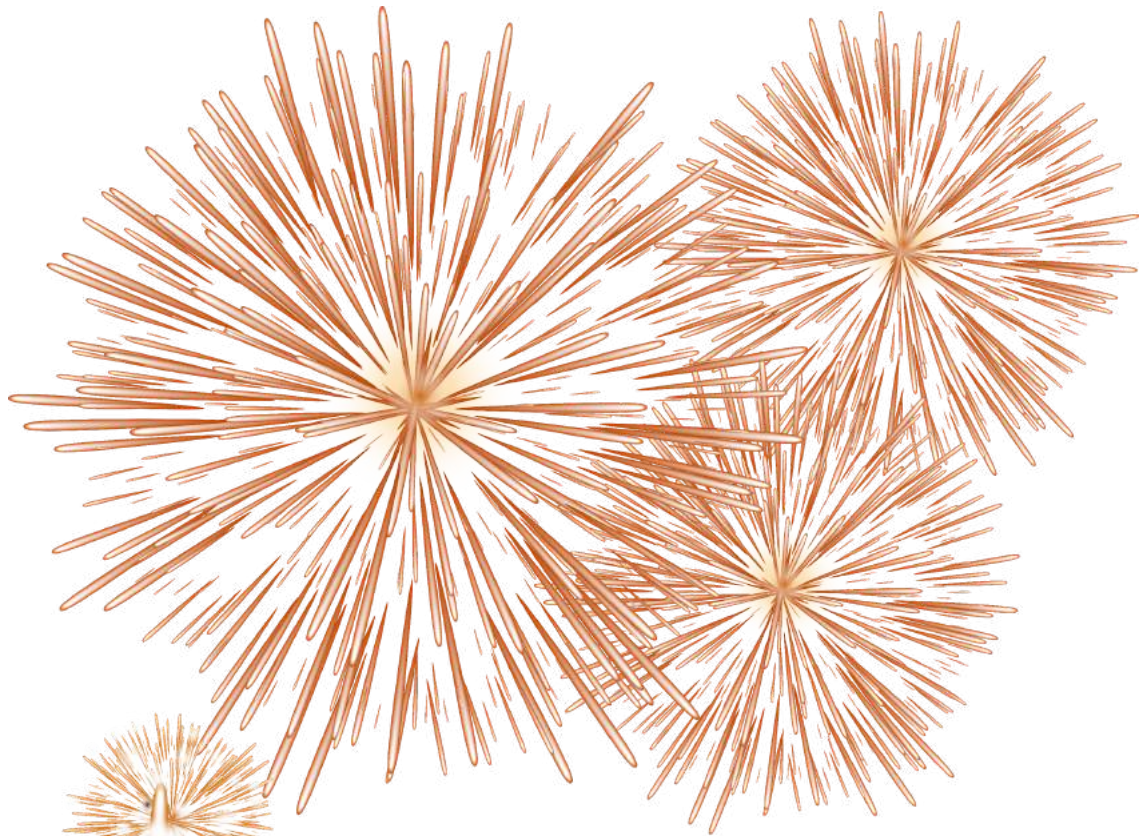
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Azmera Zerai



Dallas Public Diplomacy volunteering at MLK Clean Your City Event 2024

MLK Community Clean-up Event, Dallas, Texas.

The Dallas Public Diplomacy group registered and joined the MLK Community clean-up event. We met with the volunteer group, picked up our T-shirt, trash bag, and gloves, and got to work. The area assigned was the South Dallas area. Even though the weather was chilly, we needed to participate to honor MLK and be part of the community.

After completing our assigned area, Weyni introduced us to one event organizer, Paul Franklin, and presented him with an Eritrean scarf. He was delighted. He stated they are planning a Juneteenth event for March 15, 2024, and he wants the public Diplomacy group to participate and volunteer.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” – Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Weyni Kahsay has played a pivotal role in fostering connections within the Eritrean community, collaborating with other organizers in the DFW area. MLK FEST DFW is a prominent volunteer service event.

We visited a mural painting dedicated to the legacy of Mrs. Juanita Craft, who was known for her unwavering advocacy for desegregation, equal pay, equality in healthcare, and various civil rights causes. Mrs. Craft's impact was commemorated during this impactful morning of service. The festivities continued with a lunchtime celebration at the MLK Center, featuring delectable food, live music, and compelling speakers gracing the Dr. King outdoor stage.



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Dallas, TX.

On January 5, 2024, the “Storytelling in Solidarity” initiative unfolded at the South Dallas Cultural Center, attracting 34 participants, including Ermias, a veteran Eritrean Freedom fighter, and his two children. The event provided a sneak peek into the captivating ‘The Untold Stories by Dallas Eritreans.’ Sharing Eritrea’s untold stories is vital because history repeats itself, offering hope to other nations striving for independence. The initiative, sparked by the encounter between Maera and Weyni at Garland’s Bloom Cafe during the inaugural “Storytelling in Solidarity” event curated by Maera, aims to establish a platform for storytelling, spoken word, and poetry. This initiative serves as a means of connecting individuals in solidarity with historical and current liberation movements worldwide. Recognizing storytelling as the oldest art form, practicing and preserving this tradition becomes even more crucial, as it can foster understanding and unity.



Azmera Zerai

The Untold Stories by Dallas Eritreans Documentary On December 16, the first showing of ‘The Untold Stories by Dallas Eritreans Documentary’ happened at the South Dallas Cultural Center, produced by Weyni Kahsay. This event included poetry, a documentary screening, and an informal panel discussion. Participants included Eritrean youths, individuals from the older generation, and a diverse mix of non-Eritrean people. Started the event by educating the participants about ‘Zikre Sematat’ and ended with a Wedi Tikul song and dance tutorial of Tewedeb. It was alongside the Sunny South Dallas Food Park, making a shared space for cultural enjoyment. The event also had an Art Gallery by Daisha Board Gallery, the only one in Dallas owned by a Black woman. The documentary aims to connect different Eritrean generations, and the process of the documentary started in June 2023 and premiered in August 2023 at the National Eritrean Festival in Seattle.

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DOCUMENTARY

UNTOLD STORIES

BY DALLAS ERITREANS



**2PM-6PM
DECEMBER 16**

**SOUTH DALLAS CULTURAL CENTER
S FITZHUGH AVE, DALLAS, TX**

**FREE ADMISSION
LIMITED SEATING**

Don't miss this enlightening journey into the heart of our nation's history. "Untold Stories by Dallas Eritreans" is more than a documentary; it's a tribute to the indomitable spirit of those who fought for our freedom. Come together with friends, family, and community to honor and remember the heroes who shaped Eritrea's destiny.

*** in English and Tigrinya ***

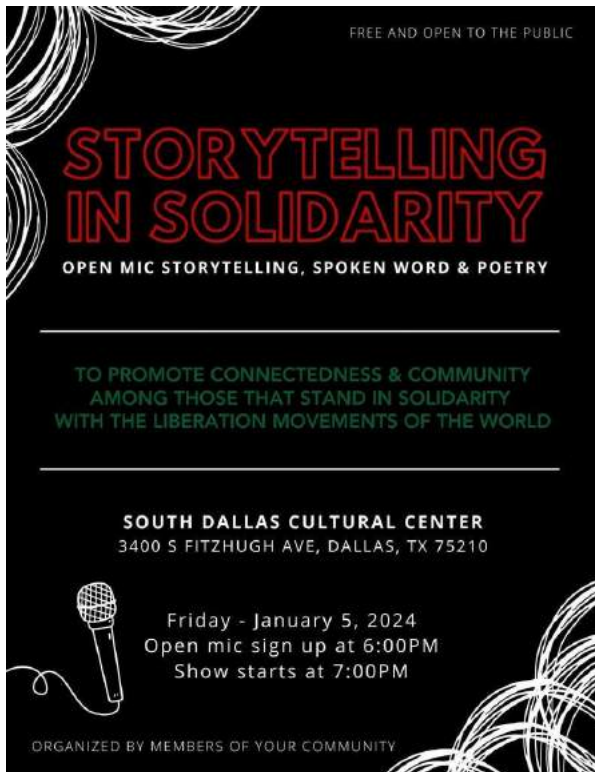
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Its goal is to heal, understand, and preserve Eritrea's history by sharing untold stories. This is crucial in teaching others about Eritrea's past, ensuring that the struggles and triumphs are not forgotten. The documentary explores Eritreans' experiences during the 30-year struggle with Ethiopia (1961-1991), revealing hidden stories contributing to healing in the Eritrean community. Besides its cultural importance, the documentary provides a safe space for sharing stories and has been translated into English for broader impact. Excitingly, three more showings are scheduled in Dallas for 2024, extending the opportunity for more people to engage with this enlightening documentary. This marks the beginning of an ongoing journey to capture diverse experiences and viewpoints, all with the crucial aim of educating others about Eritrea's rich history.



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Biniam Tsegai,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

14 January 2024 was the final and draw day for the Eritrea Fights Cancer raffle tickets, and the winner was Ronny Bundy, a local fisherman from Laffite, LA. It was a success. Tickets were distributed to be sold by the public diplomacy team of New Orleans, and most tickets were sold in-store, inside Tewelde's Market. Two days before the drawing, Mr. Tewelde set up a table outside the grocery store for the Eritrean Fights Cancer Program (Tewelde's Market). The Tewelde's Market had a sale that day, with a traffic of 11,000 customers. For the store, it was a success regarding the sale, and for the public diplomacy, it was indeed a success. We were able to sell out the Eritrea fight cancer program. Thank you all for all your support.



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Medical Equipment Fundraiser



Let us make a critical contribution now to purchase the necessary modern health equipment to fight cancer and ensure maternal and child health in Eritrea.



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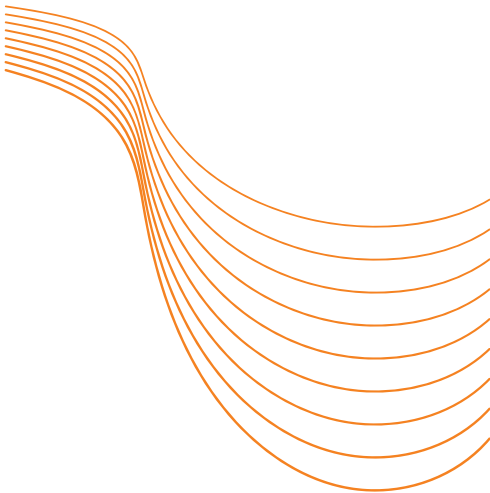
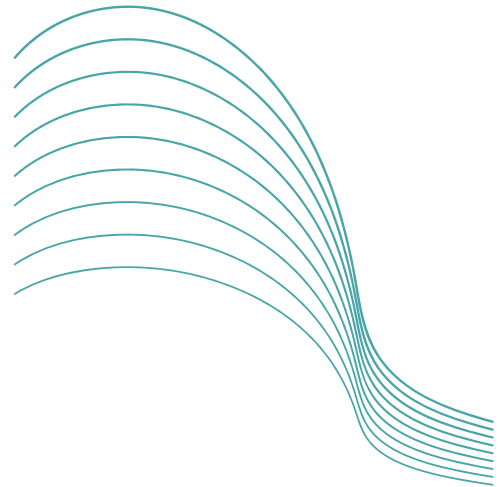
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The National Public Diplomacy Group designed and printed bookmarks. On one side of the bookmark are books in Tigrinya and Tigre/Tigrayit. On the other side are books on/about Eritrea published in English.

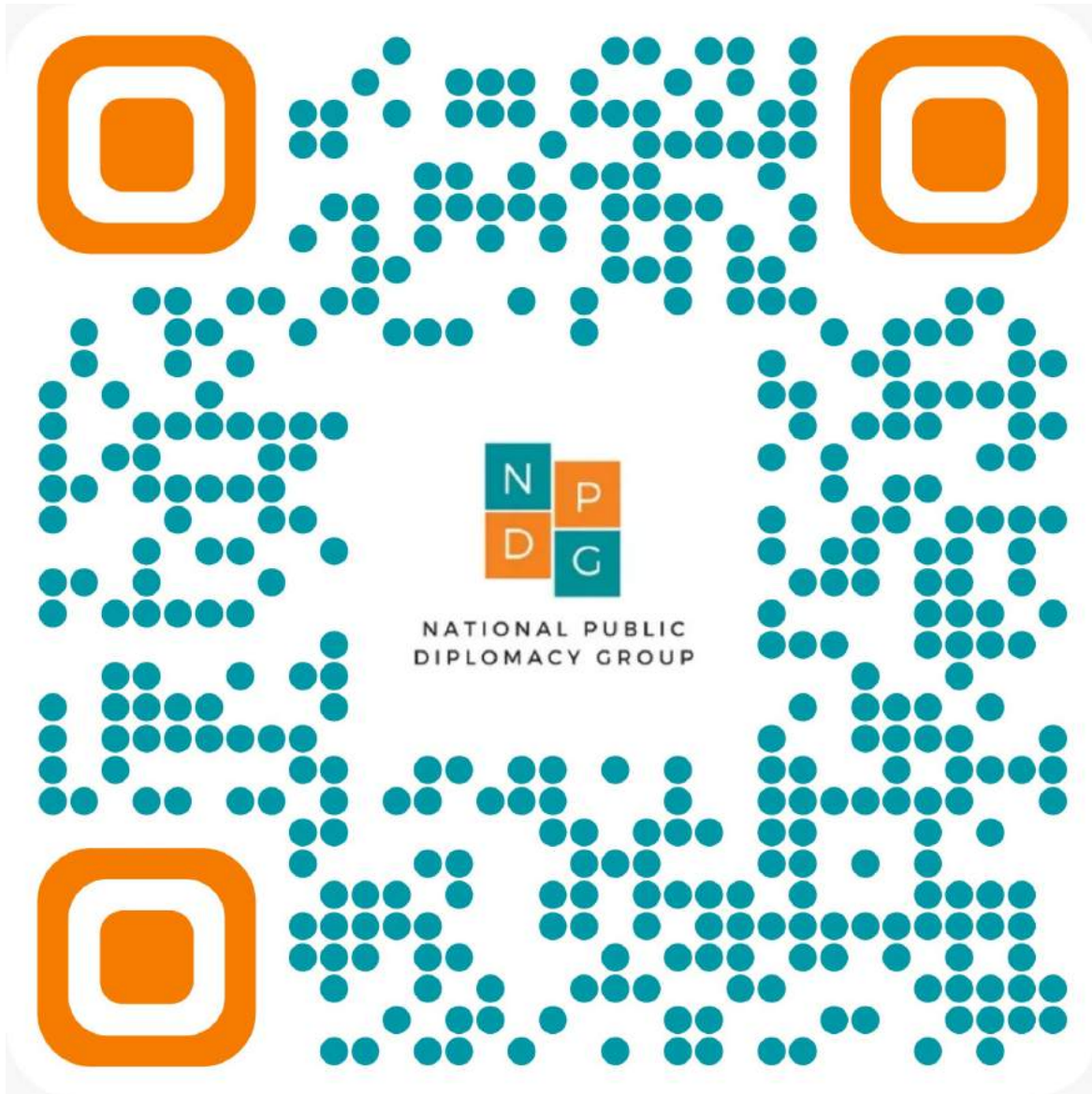


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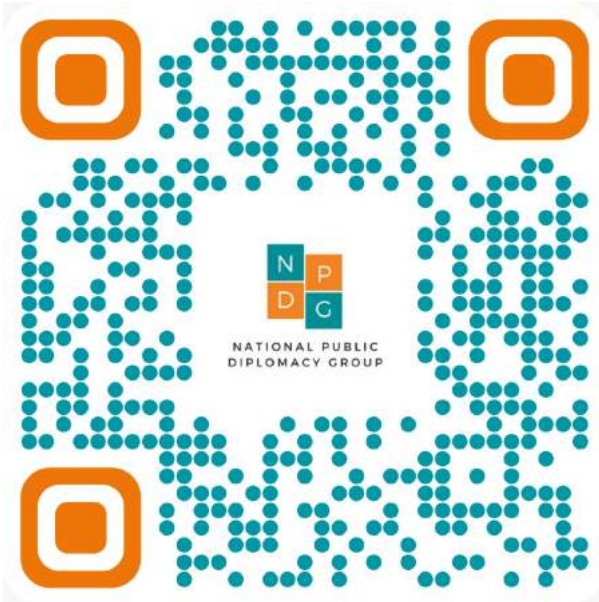


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