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MEDIA ALERT

Press Conference Announces the Emancipation Park 150th Juneteenth Celebration Presented by Kinder Foundation

Upcoming free event celebrates park's sesquicentennial and commemorates the end of slavery

HOUSTON, April 13, 2022 — On Monday, April 18, Emancipation Park Conservancy, Kinder Foundation and the City of Houston will host a press conference announcing Emancipation Park's upcoming Juneteenth celebration. Featuring local vendors, a resource fair, community impact discussions and national recording artists, the event will commemorate Emancipation Park's sesquicentennial anniversary and the June 19, 1865, abolition of slavery in Texas. The park was founded in 1872 by four local freedmen and the community as a place for unity, empowerment, remembrance and the celebration of emancipation and Juneteenth.

Join us to learn more.

WHO: Emancipation Park Conservancy
City of Houston, Mayor's Office
Kinder Foundation, presenting sponsor of the Emancipation Park 150th Juneteenth Celebration

WHAT: Press conference announcing the Emancipation Park 150th Juneteenth Celebration presented by Kinder Foundation. Details of the event — including its historic significance, activities leading up to the celebration and the musical line-up — will be shared.

Attendees will hear from the following event participants during the press conference and the Q&A that will follow:

- Sylvester Turner, mayor, City of Houston
- Jackie Bostic, vice-chairman of the board, Emancipation Park Conservancy and great granddaughter of Jack Yates, an Emancipation Park founder
- Rich Kinder, chairman of the board, Kinder Foundation
- Ramon Manning, chairman of the board, Emancipation Park Conservancy

WHEN: April 18, 2022
11 a.m. - noon CST

WHERE: Emancipation Park
Blessing Stage
(behind the Cultural Center)
3018 Emancipation Ave.
Houston, TX 77004
The event will also be streamed live at [EPC Facebook Live](#).

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ABOUT EMANCIPATION PARK CONSERVANCY

Emancipation Park Conservancy is a non-profit 501c3 charitable corporation established in 2014 to restore, manage and enhance Emancipation Park. Its mission is to create an open space of environmental and community excellence while continuing to preserve the park's integrity and historical roots. The conservancy's goal is to transform Emancipation Park into one of the nation's premier landmark destinations through capital initiatives, operational improvements, strategic partnerships, programming and special events. For more information visit epconservancy.org.

ABOUT KINDER FOUNDATION

The Kinder Foundation, a family foundation established in 1997 by Rich and Nancy Kinder, has distributed nearly \$452 million in gifts to transformational projects in the areas of urban green space, education and quality of life. In the Third Ward, the Kinder Foundation is involved in several initiatives including Emancipation Park, Project Row Houses, and the Law Harrington Senior Center. For information, visit kinderfoundation.org.

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