

NEWSLETTER

“Thinking of Possibilities “



March 18th 2025

1st Quarter



The Ruby and Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum started off the year by thanking our many supporters with a special event and reveal of our newest exhibit honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.!

Special thanks to **Madam Secretary of the State of Connecticut** Stephanie Thomas, **Hon. Mayor of Stratford** Laura Hoydick and **Stratford State Representative** Joseph Gresko for attending.

This new exhibit features a remarkable cast iron bust of Dr. King on generous loan from the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College. As you know, it takes a community to make things happen. With that in mind, we are truly grateful to our many supporters who contributed to making this possible.



FEBRUARY REPORT:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

21 Private Group Tours
Total People reached **411**

80+
Walk in Visitors

Offsite Engagements **8**
310 Total People reached

GREAT NEWS!

NEW LOCATION in sight



The Ruby and Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum is moving! Our new location will be the childhood home of John W. Sterling, located right on Main Street, in Stratford, just a short drive from our current location. This move will expand our space from 4,700 to nearly 10,000 square feet, allowing us to enhance our exhibits. Repairs and restoration to this historic colonial mansion have already begun! This expansion is made possible by a **\$2M grant** from Connecticut's **Community Investment Fund (CIF) 2030** awarded by the State Bond Commission in 2024. **Get ready to celebrate with us at this grand opening coming soon! We are looking for sponsors to become part of our family!**



**A MOMENT
OF
GRATITUDE**

As a volunteer-run non-profit, we depend solely on the generous support from our sponsors and countless hours dedicated by our volunteer staff. They are instrumental to our growth, and we are incredibly grateful! We are facing significant challenges with funding and educational cultural programs and need your continuous support. To become a sponsor or join our volunteer team, please email us at africanamericanmuseumct@gmail.com.

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