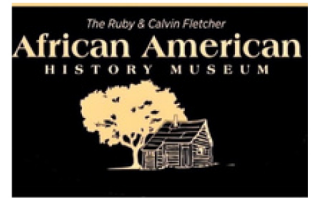


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“Legacy in Motion: Community, Culture & Connection “



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GROWTH & LEGACY

I'm honored to introduce **Ms. Jacqueline Marie Goldstein** as the newest addition to our outstanding Board of Directors. A respected African American entrepreneur in Southeastern Connecticut, Jacqueline brings invaluable experience and knowledge to our team. She is also the first direct descendant of our founding family to join the board—continuing a legacy that began with my mother's personal collection and has grown into the museum we know today. We're thrilled to have her with us on this journey.



AROUND TOWN



We had a fantastic time at this year's Stratford Main Street Festival! Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth—especially as it was located right in front of our soon-to-be new home. A highlight of the day was a visit from the **Honorable Secretary of State, Stephanie Thomas**, a longtime supporter and advocate of the museum. We're deeply grateful for her continued encouragement and presence in our journey.



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



Malcolm, a computer science major at UCONN Stamford, has been volunteering with us since November 2021. Along the way, he's grown as a public speaker, connected with community leaders, and deepened his understanding of his cultural roots. Outside the museum, he's an Eagle Scout—an achievement that speaks to his leadership and commitment to service.



Gustavo, an engineering science major at CT State, has been volunteering with us since November 2021. His experience has deepened his connection to African history and broadened his global perspective. Outside his studies and volunteer work, he enjoys visiting family in Guatemala and reconnecting with his roots.



Shareece, a radiography student at CT State, joined our volunteer team in May 2023. Her time at the museum has helped her grow in confidence, connect with new people, and embrace public speaking. When she's not building community through history, she enjoys expressing herself through painting and ceramics.



Asha, a Junior at Stratford High School, joined our volunteer team in March 2025. Inspired to become a labor and delivery nurse, she's passionate about supporting women of color through culturally competent care. Leading tours has deepened her understanding of African American history—and of herself. When she's not volunteering or studying, you'll find her cheerleading proudly for her school.



Richard, an architectural drafter and interior designer, began volunteering with us in April 2025 after being moved by a Black History Month presentation at NCC. Known for his creative vision and practical design skills, he's extended his passion into community work—supporting our mission to preserve history and amplify powerful voices.



Mario, a senior at Stratford High School, began volunteering with us in May 2025. With plans to study biology and political science, he's passionate about both medicine and the arts. His time at the museum has deepened his commitment to preserving history, especially the stories tied to his Ghanaian heritage and legacy.