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Douglass Community Center Celebrates Juneteenth 2010

The Plano Douglass Community Center will host an entire day of activities in celebration of **Juneteenth 2010** on **Saturday, June 19**. The event will be held at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 H Avenue and is free to the public. This year's Juneteenth observance features live music by Blues Soloist **Andrea Dawson** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and the **VINJAC** R&B band performing from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

One of the local traditions of this celebration is a community basketball game between the Plano Police Department and the Douglass Community Center staff and residents – game scheduled for 12 p.m. in the Thomas Gymnasium on site.

A brief welcome and Juneteenth history will be presented by Douglass Community volunteer Eleanor Evans.

Schedule of Events:

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Vending and Information Booths
12 p.m.	Plano Police vs. Douglass Community Basketball Game
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Face Painting
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Talent Showcase
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Juneteenth Youth Basketball Invitational Games
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Old School vs. New School (men)
5 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Live Music - Blues Soloist Andrea Dawson and R&B Band VINJAC

Often referred to as *African-American Independence Day*, Juneteenth has been deemed a special day of recognition by many municipalities and states. The observances commemorate June 19, 1865 as the day the Emancipation Proclamation was announced in Texas; which was the last of the seceding states to be occupied by the federal army.

For more information regarding Plano's Juneteenth 2010 celebration, to reserve vendor space or to register for the Talent Showcase, contact Dianne Dillon at 972-941-7174.