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Tasha Clark Amar
East Baton Rouge Council on Aging
965 North 18th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

June 15, 2023

Dear Mrs. Amar:

Thank you for the many services you provide for seniors from The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging.

I want to thank you and Senator Regina Barrow for the Memphis, Tennessee to Montgomery, AL tour. It was fantastic. You and your staff provided exceptional support and service for a wonderful experience for everyone. Thank you and your staff for the patience, respect and inclusion of all who attended, and thank you for this opportunity that I would not have had without you.

I am a member of Antioch and I want to also commend Dorothea Akins and Twinkle Daniels for the superb services they provide for us at Antioch. They make a point to make everyone feel welcomed, respected and included in the many activities they prepare and provide for us. They work really hard to make it fun and enjoyable for everyone to want to go to the Antioch Center.

Again, thank you for your leadership. I appreciate you and your staff for your hard work to help seniors stay healthy with nutritious meals, activities and fellowship.

Sincerely,


Dr. Josephine Allen Oubre

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Mrs. Tasha Clark-Amar
Chief Executive Officer
EBR Council on Aging
965 North 18th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Mrs. Clark-Amar:

Re: Thank You for the 2023 EBRCOA M&M Senior Tour Trip
Memphis, TN to Montgomery, AL

I am Dianne Brandon, a senior participant at The Lotus Center. I am writing to express my sincerest appreciation for an awesome cultural experience during the M&M Senior Tour Trip. You and your staff far exceeded my expectations in every way.

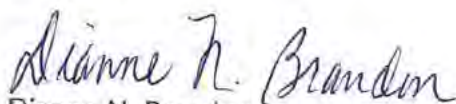
First, everything from program and meal planning, scheduling, transportation, and movement of the seniors from place to place was so well organized and planned. I really appreciated the trip cost that made it possible for me and a huge number of the seniors to attend. With so many people involved, it could not have been an easy feat to successfully accomplish. Yet, you did it! I personally commend you on your vision and leadership.

The Itinerary and Selected Cultural Sites were excellent. The Itinerary kept us moving at a nice pace. In the period of a week, we covered several historical sites and museums that are so meaningful to us as Southerners and American citizens. If not for this wonderful opportunity, I would not have been exposed to the history and legacy that I am a part of. For a once in a lifetime experience, I thank you.

Let me acknowledge ALL your staff members on the trip for their kindness, hard work, efficiency, and help. They rose to and, . . . *exceeded* the challenges of dealing with 200+ seniors, with personality differences, medical problems, personal needs and, . . . a **huge** amount of backbreaking luggage. I want to personally acknowledge my chaperone, Jasmine Carter, who provided exemplary service to me. In addition to Jasmine, I salute Patrice Bryant and Barbara Turner, our other two Bus 5-Kenny Rogers chaperones for their help, consideration, and service. They made the bus ride fun and enjoyable.

In closing, I'm SO glad you included the M&M Senior Tour Trip in the EBR Council on Aging's 50th Anniversary celebration. It was the best!

Sincerely,


Dianne N. Brandon

Cc: Charlotte Turner
The Lotus Center

I laughed so long when Peggy and I played UVO in Memphis with some girls from Lotus.

It was impressive to be at the Lorraine Hotel where Martin Luther King Jr. was killed.

The best thing was having Patrice for a chaperone. Patrice looked after us from beginning to end. She is always calm.

Brenda Bach

Our trip was an
adventure in itself they treated
us like royalty. Good food,
beautiful accommodations, excellent
service & good company.

God bless the people
involved in the planning of
this great adventure.

Kelley Young

June 13, 2023

I Jessie Berry had a wonderful trip. Enjoyed everything on the trip. Thanks to the Council on going for blessing us to enjoy a good trip. Thanks again.

Thanks again
Jessie Berry

June 15, 2023

The trip was great! Had a great time and was well taken care of by Patrice. Brenda + I laughed for 6 days. Everything was funny!

We were well fed (probably gained 10 lbs) and most of the museums were fun. (Some sad but that's the nature of them.)

Our rooms were great. All hotels took care of us.

Made a lot of new friends. Some from Lotus want us to visit. Very nice!

The wait on the bus was bearable. with over 200 people waiting was expected.

Didn't see friends from Antioch as much as we thought we would. All on different buses and in different hotels.

All in all it was a great adventure!

Thanks COA!

Peggy Thomas

June 13, 2012

I Kathy Richardson had a great trip. I'd like to thank the staff which treated us wonderful.

The trip was very informative and I enjoyed everything about it especially the STAX Museum and The Martin Luther King Museum. This was my first trip but I would certainly love to do this again.

Love you All
Kathy Richardson

My trip with the Council on Aging

I feel that this was a trip given by the help of God. Thank God, the older folks are not forgotten. This trip was a trip we as older folks will never forget.

The trip from Baton Rouge, La to Tennessee to Alabama was incredible. We were well educated from the beginning until the end. If you had not given us this trip we would have missed out. Please keep on doing what you are doing.

The hospitality was great.
The Chapron was amazing.
The food places was great.
We learned a lot.
The sponsors at Dumas

Center, Mrs. Berdine Williams,
and Mrs. Patricia Lundy
did a wonderful job in
preparing everyone for the
trip.

The trip is a trip that
we ^{will} never forget.

Please keep on doing,
and keep up the good work.
May God continue to
Bless and keep the older
people happy. Thank you!

Thank you! Thank you!

Mary Bailey
Dumas Center

Lucie P Coze. Daisy Probert!!!
 hope u All
 Betty Butler Norma Lewis
 Bennice Johnson Bustt
 Annie D Bowdley
 J. P. Davis Shirley³ Cummings

Mary
 Crump

It's the thoughtfulness
 of people like you
 that makes
 the world so bright.

Julia
 McKinnis

From the seniors at the Jesuit
 of Newman, we all so think so COTT
 for a beautiful trip. You all are the
 best. We love you all so much
 thank god for you all.
 May god for ever bless
 you and your staff.
 Tasha you are one in a
 million.
 Again Love You
 C.O.A.

And again we love our
 supporters who we are the
 love with.
 No. 5
 No. 3

Cher

Mrs Omar & the COA Staff,

It was truly a blessing to be able to visit and view our actual history. It was so important at this time when some groups are trying to erase all evidence of black history from all forms of media.

Thanks to all of the individuals involved in the planning of this marvelous trip.

We had a terrific time and as a group more rewarding. God well done!!!! The staff was exceptional!!!

Thanking God for you.

EPHESIANS 1:16 NLT

Thank You
So Much

Ruby Horne
&
Pearlana Hamilton