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RON SCOTT JR. JOINS YWCA WHEELING



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WHEELING, WV – Ron Scott Jr. has joined the management team of the YWCA Wheeling as the Cultural Diversity & Community Outreach director.

“Advocating for those individuals facing discrimination and prejudice will be at the forefront of the programming. The YWCA Cultural Diversity & Community Outreach program will conduct cultural awareness workshops, culturally specific education; provide referrals and also community outreach in the Upper Ohio Valley. I feel honored to serve in this position because of the history of the YWCA and the competence of the staff with whom I’ll be working. Thanks to a lifetime of experience in advocacy, I’m anxious, excited and ready to tackle the tasks ahead,” said, Ron Scott Jr., director of the YWCA Cultural Diversity & Community Outreach program.

Scott will lead the YWCA Cultural Diversity & Community Outreach program, which provides cultural specific advocacy to underserved populations throughout the community. In addition, signature community outreach programs include: the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest a statewide event focusing on the issue of racism and the Wheeling Arts & Culture Fest, which will be held June 16th & 17th in conjunction with the City of Wheeling, Arts & Cultural Commission.

“Ron’s a great fit and we are confident that his experience, education and vast knowledge of community resources will be of great value to the YWCA Wheeling. Everyday we advocate for the undeserved citizens of this community, Ron will be a strong advocate to fight alongside,” said, Lori Jones, executive director of YWCA Wheeling.

Ron Scott Jr. is a native of East Wheeling, and the son of Linda and Ronald Scott Sr. He currently resides in Wheeling, with his three children, D’asia (15), Luca (12), and Lorenzo (2). A graduate of Wheeling Park High School, he attended Morehouse College and graduated from West Liberty University. Scott comes to the YWCA Wheeling, after a successful tenure with Youth Services System, Inc.

Community service is a way of life for Scott, with experience in community-based advocacy and the arts have led him to hold several roles including: founder of the Ohio Valley African American Students Association, a member of Undependent

Films and board member of the Independent Theater Collective. Former roles also include, president and vice president of the Upper Ohio Valley NAACP, vice chairman of the Wheeling Human Rights Commission.

Ron will join fellow program directors including, Patricia Flanigan; director, Family Violence Prevention, Laura Albertini-Weigel; director, Women Inspired In New Directions and the YW Women's Residence & Homeless Shelter and Patty Dennard; volunteer director of the Y-Not-Repeat Boutique. Joshua Benyo, operations director, is responsible for overseeing all programmatic operations.

"We are excited to see Ron flourish as part of the YW program management team. He'll be a integral part of the organization as we seek to further our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women," said, Joshua Benyo, operations director of YWCA Wheeling.

For further information regarding YWCA Wheeling, log onto their website at [YWCA Wheeling.org](http://YWCAWheeling.org), follow current events and happenings on Facebook, twitter and Instagram.

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