

Juneteenth ICT Historic McAdams Park 1329 E 16th St N

"Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Today, Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom and achievement while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. Juneteenth has been celebrated in Wichita, KS since the early 1900s, in homes and gathering neighborhoods, with celebrations involving music, food, tools for economic uplift, and unity among African American communities. This year's Juneteenth ICT theme was: 'The Black Print!'

Juneteenth ICT Highlights:

- \$5,000 awarded in Miss Juneteenth ICT scholarships
- 6 Black Fathers recognized for Father's Day
- 304 City of Wichita McAfee Pool Free Swim Day participants (free youth swimmers and free swim suits for those who did not have access to swim suits)
- 80 Parade Entrants

Volunteers

- 500 Hours
- 130 Volunteers
- 7 Sponsors organizations involved in volunteering

• Juneteenth ICT prioritizes purchasing, partnering with, and featuring local Blackowned and Minority-owned businesses.

- 30 Local small businesses
- o 10 Black owned

"Bar Week with Juneteenth ICT was nothing short of great! Greatness Vodka gained three new business connections during this time. Importantly, partnering with Juneteenth ICT allowed us to raise awareness in the community about what Juneteenth truly represents. Thanks to this experience, several customers have become ardent supporters of Greatness Vodka. I've even encountered them at liquor stores, where they were spotted purchasing our product as I walked in!" - Troy Brooks, Greatness Vodka

162 Vendors -

- 79 Minority Owned Vendors
- 57 Blacked Owned Vendors
- 2 Black Youth Vendors

2023 CHAIRS **BRIGET YOUNG CHAIR** TADONNE NEAL CHAIR ELECT DANIELLE JOHNSON PAST CHAIR

 3 Out-of-State Vendors 21 Non-Minority Vendors **CONTACT FOR QUESTION** juneteenthictl@gmail.com

