

# JUNETEENTH ICT

## “ROOTED IN”



### 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 10<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth ICT theme was: 'Rooted In!'

- **Juneteenth ICT Highlights:**

- Over \$6,000 awarded in Miss Juneteenth ICT scholarships
  - 6 young ladies participated in the scholarship competition
- 5 Black fathers/mentors recognized for Father's Day
- 1600+ Parade participants - record-breaking year

- **Volunteers**

In 2025, a total of 42 volunteers supported our efforts. Volunteer participation included one sponsor organization, with 20 volunteers coming from local business organizations.

- **Juneteenth ICT prioritizes purchasing, partnering with, and featuring local Black-owned and Minority-owned businesses.**

- 32 Local small businesses
- 14 Black owned

- **110 Vendors -**

- 80 Black Owned Vendors
- 14 Minority Owned Vendors
- 1 Black Youth Vendors
- 2 Out-of-State Vendors
- 13 Non-Minority Vendors



### 2025 CHAIRS

TADONNE NEAL CHAIR

TASHA HAYES CHAIR ELECT

DANIELLE JOHNSON PAST CHAIR

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