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**STORYCORPS, THE GROUNDBREAKING ORAL HISTORY PROJECT,
TO PRESERVE STORIES OF TALLAHASSEE RESIDENTS IN VISIT**

WFSU Public Media will host StoryCorps to record the stories of local residents through both in-person and virtual interviews and preserve them in the Library of Congress

November 11, 2021 – StoryCorps, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of people from all backgrounds and beliefs, comes to Tallahassee from November 18th – December 20th, 2021, to record interviews, in-person and virtually, as part of its Mobile Tour. We invite you to join us for **kick-off press event 11:30A at LeRoy Collins Leon County Library** in front of the StoryCorps Mobile Unit.

Now in its 17th year, the StoryCorps Mobile Tour has facilitated thousands of meaningful conversations between people who know and care about one another. StoryCorps is committed to creating a safe recording environment and has introduced several measures to its recording process in Tallahassee where participants have the option of recording in-person or via StoryCorps' Virtual Recording Booth, a video-conferencing platform that can be accessed remotely using an internet-connected device. Participants can learn more about safety precautions for in-person recording at storycorps.org.

Joining us at the press event will be Florida State Representative Allison Tant, Chair of the Leon County Commission, Bill Proctor and Tallahassee City Commissioner, Dianne Williams-Cox. StoryCorps representatives will be on hand to answer question about StoryCorps and the process. WFSU and StoryCorps are proud to partner with LeRoy Collins Leon County Library for this exciting project.

Reservations are open and still available to record and can be made by calling StoryCorps' 24-hour toll-free reservation line at **1-800-850-4406** or visiting storycorps.org.

In a StoryCorps interview, two people record a meaningful conversation with one another about who they are, what they've learned in life, and how they want to be remembered. A trained StoryCorps facilitator guides them through the interview process. After each 40-minute recording session, participants receive a digital copy of their interview. With participant permission, a second copy is archived at the **American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress** for future generations to hear.

Founded in 2003 by award-winning documentary producer and MacArthur Fellow Dave Isay, StoryCorps has traveled to every corner of the country to record interviews in the organization's effort to create a world where we listen closely to each other and recognize the beauty, grace and poetry in the lives and stories we find all around us.

“StoryCorps tells an authentic American story—that we are a people defined by small acts of courage, kindness, and heroism. Each interview reminds people that their lives matter and will not be forgotten,” said Isay. “During this pandemic, the value of preserving these stories, and of strengthening connections between people who may feel physically isolated, is more important than ever.”

In Tallahassee, StoryCorps will partner with NPR member station, **WFSU 88.9FM** WFSU-FM will air a selection of the local interviews and create special programs around the project. StoryCorps may also share excerpts of these stories with the world through the project’s popular weekly NPR broadcasts, animated shorts, digital platforms, and best-selling books.

“We are so excited that StoryCorps is coming to our area. There are so many unique stories in our community worthy of preserving. StoryCorps provides a unique opportunity for citizens to document those stories for future generations,” Kim Kelling, Director of Content & Community Partnerships

StoryCorps is made possible in part by the **Corporation for Public Broadcasting**, a private corporation funded by the American people.

About StoryCorps

Founded in 2003 by Dave Isay, StoryCorps has given over half a million Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs, in towns and cities in all 50 states, the chance to record interviews about their lives. The organization preserves the recordings in its archive at the Library of Congress, the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered, and shares select stories with the public through StoryCorps’ weekly podcast, NPR broadcasts, animated shorts, digital platforms, and best-selling books. These powerful human stories reflect the vast range of American experiences, wisdom and values; engender empathy and connection; and remind us how much more we have in common than divides us. For more information visit storycorps.org, or follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube at @storycorps.

About WFSU Public Media

WFSU Public Media provides quality public broadcasting services to the north Florida and south Georgia areas. WFSU Public Media is both an NPR and PBS member station, with TV and FM housed together in on one building near Innovation Park. In Panama City, WFSU Public Media is known as WFSG-TV and WFSU-FM. WFSU Public Media also provides extensive educational services through our PBS Ready To Learn grant. WFSU Public Media is licensed through Florida State University. For more information, visit www.wfsu.org, follow us on Twitter @WFSUmedia or Facebook @WFSUPublicMedia

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