

CITATION

The City of Philadelphia's international reputation as the City of Brotherly Love speaks to our residents' compassion and empathy for one another. Our City is home to many impressive organizations whose members are dedicated to meeting the needs of their communities and Philadelphia as a whole. The City of Philadelphia is grateful to those who share their caring spirit and improve the lives of others on a daily basis.

Frontiers International Inc., formerly The Frontiers of America Club, is one such organization that has a long tradition of fellowship in Philadelphia. The national organization was founded in Columbus, Ohio on November 10, 1936 by a small group of people who were concerned about the condition of African Americans and the exclusion of African-American men from membership in service organizations. They formed their own group with the motto "Advancement Through Service." The national nonprofit's second charter was founded in our City in 1942, and over several decades has become known for its deep commitment to many important causes such as homelessness, supporting healthy lifestyles, and fighting against hypertension, vitiligo, and sickle cell disease. The Frontier members, called Yokefellows, donate countless hours of service and dollars to those less fortunate by sponsoring college scholarships, health fairs, career fairs, and business seminars, and by participating in adopt-a-school programs.

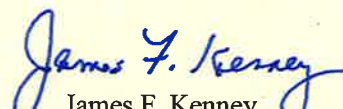
On Tuesday, July 18 to Saturday, July 22, 2017, the organization will host the 76th annual Frontiers International Club national convention, which will bring thousands of members from 15 chapters nationwide to Philadelphia. As this will be the first time our City has had the opportunity to host the convention, we are honored to welcome these individuals from such a worthwhile organization.

This year's theme is "Striving for Excellence, Committed to Service," and members will participate in several community service projects during their time in Philadelphia. Events include distributing teddy bears to young children at HELP Philadelphia shelters through the Public Health Management Corporation's (PHMC) annual event; having junior frontier members clean up and help renovate the Cornerstone Christian Academy; and providing toiletries at the Families Forward shelter in West Philadelphia. The event's keynote speaker is Dr. Glenn Ellis, owner of Strategies for Wellbeing LLC, a health education and consulting firm in Philadelphia that works with clients on promoting and providing healthy options to consumers and providers.

It is fitting and appropriate, therefore, that the City of Philadelphia officially recognize with this Citation the

76TH ANNUAL FRONTIERS INTERNATIONAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

and urge everyone to recognize this outstanding organization for the important work they do to benefit our City through its goal of exposing and developing our youth educationally, economically, and socially in hopes they will be able to improve their quality of life and have increased opportunities to participate and succeed in a complex and rapidly changing world.


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