

What is Unity Day Houston?

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Unity Day is more than an afternoon of simple festivities and free entertainment. It is a cultural experience that any family can enjoy. Saturday, August 23, 2008, the communities of Houston will unite to celebrate their diverse heritages. Despite religion, ethnic background, or social status, Houstonians will gather to promote unity in humanity. We are not creating a day, but a tradition that will eliminate prejudice and crush social barriers based upon family income.

Right now, the pressures of society and the consistent growth of our surrounding communities has driven many people to demand change. We believe that Unity Day Houston will be a catalyst for change. It is crucial that we lay no less than one day aside to examine what we've done and what we will do to uphold and observe unity. Daily we encounter people with different lifestyles and backgrounds without making any effort to know them. The plan of Unity Day Houston is to encourage people to embrace our cultural and social differences by displaying the beautiful aspects of as many cultures as possible. By advocating interaction through games and crowd participation, we believe the multicultural attendees will take the spirit of Unity Day beyond the day's festivities.

Tragedies such as September 11th in New York, the Tsunami in Sri Lanka, along with hurricanes Katrina and Rita in New Orleans and Houston has taught us all that at some point we will either lend or need a helping hand. Although that hand may be from an unknown individual, pain transcends all cultural barriers. Why wait until tragedy strikes to reach out. Start now, commit to unity and ignite a cycle of change.