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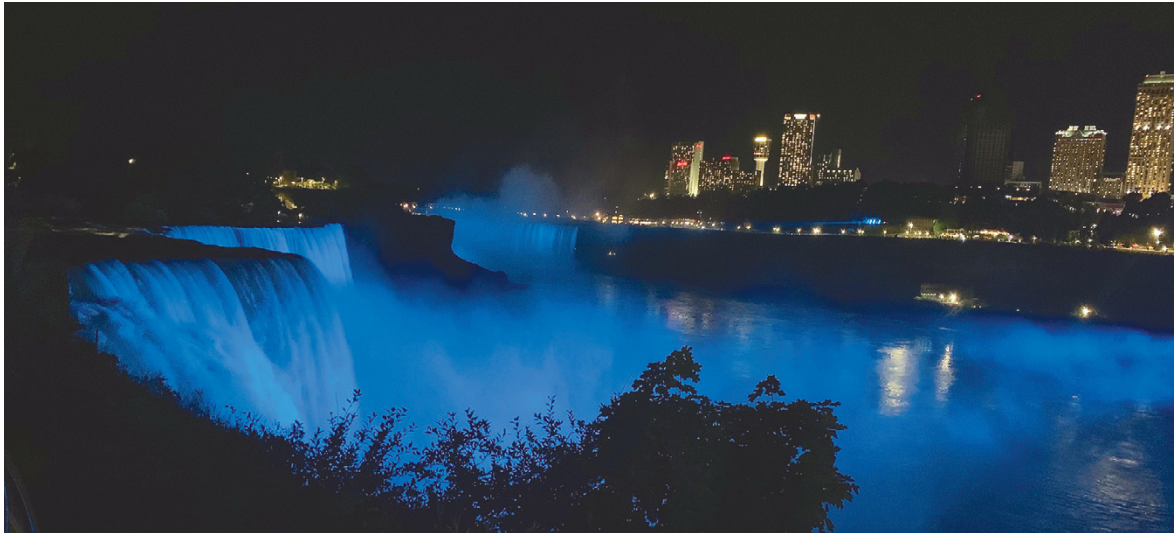


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## People Inc. celebrates 50th anniversary



Local landmarks light up blue in recognition

**IMAGE COURTESY OF PEOPLE INC.**

On Friday, Aug. 14, local landmarks were lit blue in recognition of the 50th anniversary of People Inc., a regional nonprofit leader in the health and human services industry. The illuminated landmarks included:  
 ✓ Niagara Falls, lit by the Niagara Falls Illumination Board, and photographed by Roxane Albond-Buchner.  
 ✓ Buffalo City Hall, lit through the Buffalo Landmark Illumination Team initiative, and photographed by Kevin Horrigan and DeWan Stroud.  
 ✓ The Electric Tower building in Buffalo, photographed by Stroud. (See these other photos at [www.wnypapers.com](http://www.wnypapers.com).)  
 People Inc. is celebrating 50 years of supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families and older adults. The agency provides programs and services to more than 10,000 people throughout Western New York and the Greater Rochester region. To learn more, visit [people-inc.org](http://people-inc.org).

## Niagara Falls: 9/11 memorial service canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions

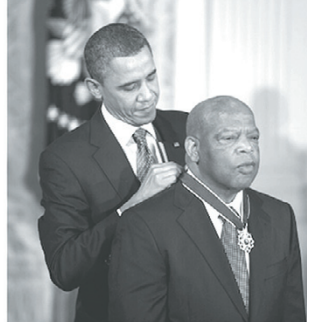
*From the Office of Mayor Robert Restaino:*  
 Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the safety of the public, the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Fire Department made the unfortunate but necessary decision to cancel the 9/11 memorial service.  
 In lieu of a public gathering and service, the public is encouraged to privately honor the mem-

ory of those who died that day. Alternatively, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center is hosting a September 11 Day of Service and Remembrance that features socially distanced gathering at Schoellkopf Park. More information about these events will be posted on <http://911dayniagara.org/>.  
 Niagara Falls Fire Department Chief Joseph Pedulla, who

oversees this memorial service, said, "For the past 19 years, the Niagara Falls Fire Department has been holding a service to remember the events of 9/11. Due to the restrictions in social gathering, we must regrettably cancel this year's memorial service. Ultimately, public safety is our greatest concern and we believe this is the right decision. We all must do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19. We hope that public will privately honor the memory of those who died. We are hopeful that we will resume this tribute next year, on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks."

## John Lewis Day at Underground Railroad Heritage Center

57 years since the 1963 March on Washington  
 August 28, 2020  
**JOHN LEWIS DAY**  
 Free admission Aug 28-30  
 Sponsored by the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area



Images courtesy of The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center proudly proclaimed Aug. 28 as John Lewis Day at the Center, in honor of the late representative.  
 Fifty-seven years ago, on Aug. 28, 1963, more than 200,000 people participated in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Lewis, chairman and co-founder of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, delivered a speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He spoke to the lived reality of African Americans at the time: lack of employment, voter suppression, police violence, and homelessness.  
 Known for his activism, Lewis went on to be elected to the House of Representatives in 1986. He served Georgia's 5th District until his death earlier this year.  
 A press release said, "Fifty-seven years later, Lewis's speech remains chillingly relevant, just as the resistance to oppression that became the Underground Railroad remains relevant today. Lewis continued the work of the freedom seekers who came before him. We

must all continue the work of John Lewis.  
 "In honor of Lewis' legacy of fighting for racial equality and voting rights, we welcome all to visit the Heritage Center to learn the history behind his activism and to be inspired by the stories of perseverance told within our walls."  
 John Lewis Day features:  
 ✓ Free admission to the Heritage Center from Friday, Aug. 28, thru Sunday, Aug. 30, courtesy of the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area.  
 ✓ A free copy of the "Black History Coloring Book: Entrepreneurs" with all purchases of at least \$57.  
 ✓ On-site voter registration provided in coordination with Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope.  
 The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center is an experiential museum that reveals authentic stories of Underground Railroad freedom seekers and abolitionists in Niagara Falls, aims to inspire visitors to recognize modern injustices that stem from slavery, and take action toward an equitable society. Open since May 2018, the permanent exhibition, "One More River to Cross," features the rich stories of the Underground Railroad, the crucial role played by its location and geography, and the actions of its residents – particularly its African American residents.

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