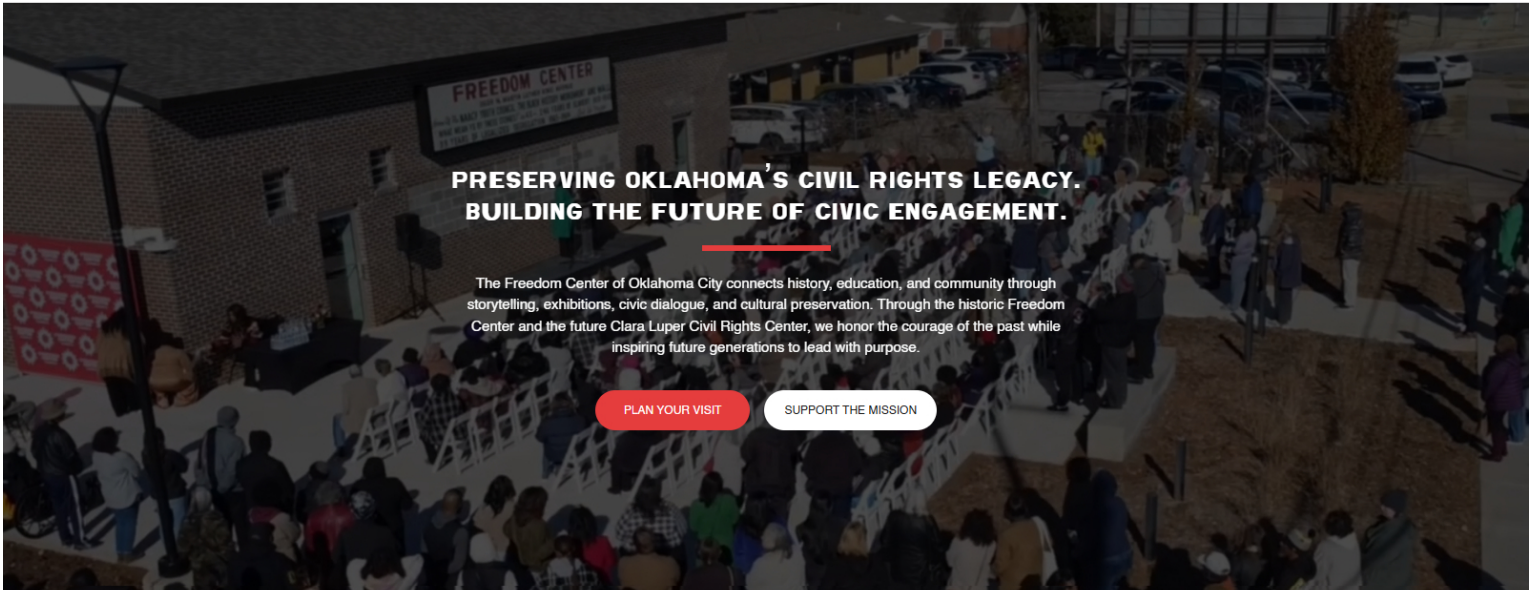




PRESERVING OKLAHOMA'S CIVIL RIGHTS LEGACY.
BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

The Freedom Center of Oklahoma City connects history, education, and community through storytelling, exhibitions, civic dialogue, and cultural preservation. Through the historic Freedom Center and the future Clara Luper Civil Rights Center, we honor the courage of the past while inspiring future generations to lead with purpose.

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PAST

The Freedom Center preserves the stories, sacrifices, and activism that shaped Oklahoma's civil rights movement. Through archival preservation, oral histories, and exhibitions, we ensure these stories remain accessible for generations to come.



PRESENT

Today, the Freedom Center serves as a gathering place for dialogue, education, exhibitions, community programming, and public engagement centered around equity, justice, and civic participation.



FUTURE

The Clara Luper Civil Rights Center will expand this mission through immersive educational experiences, exhibitions, youth engagement, and national conversations about civil rights and democracy.

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FREEDOM CENTER

The historic Freedom Center serves as a living archive of Oklahoma City's civil rights movement and a gathering place for education, dialogue, and community preservation. In 2025, the Freedom Center re-opened to fulfill our current mission to educate, empower and enlighten our nation to reflect on the past, present and future of the Civil Rights Movement in Oklahoma.

EXPLORE THE LEGACY



INSIDE THESE WALLS

THE HISTORY OF THE FREEDOM CENTER

The Freedom Center grew out of years of grassroots organizing led by Clara Luper and a network of pastors, parents, and neighborhood leaders. After relying on living rooms and church basements as their first "offices," they transformed this former service station into a permanent home for youth empowerment and community advocacy in 1967. Inside these walls, young people studied history, planned campaigns, and found mentors who believed fiercely in their potential. The Freedom Center became both a strategic headquarters and a spiritual anchor for a community determined to

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PUBLIC PROGRAMS



LEARN. DO. ENGAGE.

The Freedom Center hosts programs throughout the year that bring together educators, historians, students, artists, activists, and community leaders to explore the ongoing impact of civil rights history on contemporary life.

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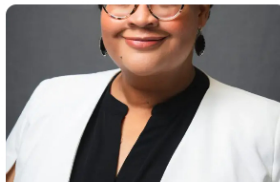
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BUILT BY COMMUNITY.

SUSTAINED BY COMMUNITY.

The Freedom Center exists because generations of people believed preserving history matters.

From community members who gave nickels and dimes to modern-day supporters investing in educational access and cultural preservation, every contribution helps sustain this work for future generations.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS



Preserve
Oklahoma civil rights history



Support
exhibitions and public programs



Expand
youth education initiatives



Create
accessible civic learning experiences



Grow
the mission of the Freedom Center of Oklahoma City

50+

Years Of History

1.000+

Artifacts Preserved

10K+

Lives Impacted Through Programs

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