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**Fortune 500 Diversity Consultant Robert C. Henderson  
to Receive Race Amity Medal of Honor**

The National Center for Race Amity announced that Robert C. Henderson, life-long social activist and Fortune 500 management and diversity consultant, will be honored this fall with the National Center for Race Amity's Race Amity Medal of Honor.

"Bob Henderson's energetic, unflagging commitment to advancing racial justice, equity and access has impacted so many, from boardrooms to barrooms," said Dr. William "Smitty" Smith, Founding Executive Director of the National Center for Race Amity. Smith continued, "Beginning with work as a student leader that helped shape and expand diversity at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to serving as key architect of diversity and inclusion practices for Wegman Enterprises and other Fortune 500 companies, his eye has been on the prize of uplifting the underserved and neglected communities in our nation."

As Principal Consultant for The Henderson Consulting Group, Dr. Henderson specializes in the development of high-performance organizations through management consulting, organization development, executive coaching, leadership, change management and strategic planning. His clients have included CEOs and executive officers of such companies as American Express, AT&T, BP/Amoco, General Electric, Prudential, United Technologies, as well as the Chicago White Sox.

He was Co-Founder and an Executive Officer of Air Atlanta, the first commercial airline in U.S. aviation history owned by African Americans. He served as a Federal Commissioner on the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission. Henderson also served as chair of the *Models of Unity: Racial, Ethnic and Religious Study* in collaboration with the Chicago Human Relations Foundation. The Models of Unity Study provided a landmark analysis of intergroup unity in the Chicago metropolitan area. Presently Henderson serves on the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, elected governing body of the American Baha'i community.

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Dr. Henderson will join a roster of notable Race Amity Medal of Honor recipients, which include civil rights leader Dolores Huerta, documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, President Michael Higgins of Ireland, renowned philosopher and activist Cornel West, and recently deceased law professor and attorney Charles Ogletree.

The National Center for Race Amity created the Race Amity Medal of Honor awards program in 2013 to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to advancing access and equity in society through interracial partnerships. The awards are generally presented at a banquet held annually on the eve of the National Race Amity Conference each November.

This year's Race Amity Medal of Honor awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Atlanta's historic Mary Mac's Tea Room, located at 224 Ponce De Leon Ave NE.

Along with Dr. Henderson, this year's recipients are Debby Irving, best-selling author of *Waking up White*; Steve Sarowitz, philanthropist founder of the Wayfarer Foundation and principal of Paylocity and Blue Marble companies; and University of Kentucky men's basketball coach and advisor/mentor to NBA players of color, John Calipari.

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