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The McConney Foundation was inspired and founded in principles based on the life of Norman McConney. Our three pillars of; Social Equality, Community Development, and Youth Empowerment, align with the mission and spirit of Mr. McConney's lifetime drive to instill "Justice, Harmony, and Truth," within the hearts of those in the community he served. He along with his partners in the past were responsible for spearheading vital changes in public policy, thus ensuring access to resources and finances to the underserved population. This was accomplished through vigorous hours of dedication, setbacks, and then undoubtedly triumphs, by drafting pioneering legislation, statues, and policies within the State of New York, such as the New York State Science and Technology Enrichment program, the Bridge Program, and "The Peoples' Budget!"

Norman was born on November 10, 1946. His childhood was anything but normal as he survived a fall and subsequent surgery when he was only 6 years old, resulting in the loss of a lung; at 12 he lived with Peg Leg Bates at one of the few resorts that catered to African Americans. Here Norman learned his love for music and his thirst for political activism. After graduating from SUNY Albany and working in the local community, Norman was hired as Chief of Staff for the Honorable Arthur O. Eve, where he served for over thirty years. It was in this capacity, through his hard work, that Norman became known as a champion of the community.

He dedicated the rest of his life to being an advocate for youth, the economically poor, and under-represented populations throughout the state of New York. As a result of his efforts tens of thousands of individuals benefited and were able to lead prosperous lives. Norman was an extraordinary person who continues to be loved and cherished not only by his wife Cathleen Coleman McConney, and his family, but also by the many individuals, institutions, and organizations that benefited from his efforts.

The McConney Foundation is dedicated to continuing the legacy to strive for the benefit of "The People," and this will stand in the forefront of all of our collective goals and missions, therefore keeping Norman McConney's passion alive for generations to come in perpetuity!

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