



RACE: Are We So Different? is a dynamic family exhibit which uses history, science and lived experience, to explain differences among people and reveal the reality – and unreality – of race. As the story of race is complex, **RACE** challenges us to explore how we think about human variation as well as the impact of race as an economic, political and cultural construct. Nationally, RACE is a project of the American Anthropological Association and is funded by the Ford Foundation and the National Science Foundation. Additional information on the national project may be found at (www.understandingrace.org)

Locally, **The Kalamazoo RACE Exhibit Initiative** (established in 2007) is a collaboration of over **40 community organizations of Southwest Michigan**. In 2008, the Initiative established a Community Leadership Board which provides guidance and expertise to our efforts.

Some of the goals of the Initiative are:

- To use the exhibit as a catalyst to stimulate broad-based, productive community dialogue on issues of race, diversity, tolerance, and social justice.
- To strengthen and establish partnerships between community organizations committed to an antiracist, diverse, and tolerant region.
- To develop programming that will stimulate interest in the exhibit
- To develop programming that will ultimately contribute to transforming our region through lasting discussion, knowledge, and initiatives in the community.

Our activities are currently centered within six (6) working groups:

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| 1) Arts | 4) Higher Education |
| 2) Youth | 5) Community Outreach |
| 3) K-12 Education | 6) Publicity |



As new organizations join in, new subgroups (e.g. “Physical and Mental Health” & “Religious”) will be added. We are seeking members of the community including youth, parents, and organizations that want to be involved! **To join the movement, Please contact the RACE EXHIBIT INITIATIVE:**

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You may also join our mailing list by visiting:
<http://groups.google.com/group/race-exhibit>

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