# Pastor Roderick Johnson and Partners Launch "United by Compassion: Driven by Community"

A Groundbreaking Initiative to Serve 15,000 Houston Families This Thanksgiving



Houston, Texas Nov 25, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - Pastor Roderick Johnson, Founder of Destined for Empowerment, has announced the launch of United by Compassion: Driven by Community, a historic new initiative uniting faith leaders, community advocates, and nonprofit organizations in an unprecedented act of service and solidarity.

This compassionate coalition, featuring **LaQuentin Jenkins**, Founder of **Grace Community Outreach** and a leading advocate for senior healthcare, and **Rob Slater**, Founder of **The Culture Commission Coalition**, a powerhouse in civic engagement and grassroots impact, is mobilizing across Harris County to bring real, immediate relief to families in need.

From **November 24–27**, Pastor Johnson and the **United by Compassion Network** will provide **hot meals to up to 15,000 Houston families** through a growing network of **partnering distribution locations** hosted by local **churches and community organizations**. These sites will serve as **hubs of hope**, ensuring that no family goes hungry and that every household experiences the warmth of compassion this Thanksgiving season.

"Our mission is simple but powerful — to bring compassion back to the center of community," said Pastor Roderick Johnson, Founder of Destined for Empowerment. "When faith and service unite, barriers fall. This isn't about red tape or politics — it's about people. Together, we're making sure that families across Houston know they are seen, valued, and cared for."

The United by Compassion: Driven by Community initiative is building what will become Harris County's largest independent resource distribution network, designed to deliver essential supplies quickly and directly — without government obstacles or bureaucratic delays. This framework will remain active beyond the holiday season, ready to respond to disasters, emergencies, and ongoing community needs with efficiency and compassion.

By turning churches and partner organizations into resource hubs, Pastor Johnson and his team are laying the foundation for a **community-driven support system** that can adapt, grow, and serve for years to come.

"This is what unity looks like — compassion in action," said Rob Slater, Founder of The Culture Commission Coalition. "We're building something bigger than a program; we're building a movement of care that lasts."

"No one should face hardship alone, especially our seniors and vulnerable families," added LaQuentin Jenkins, Founder of Grace Community Outreach. "This network is about restoring hope — one meal, one neighborhood at a time."

Media inquiries, partnership opportunities, and event details may be directed to **Tracey Harvey**, Media Relations with The Culture Commission, at **info@CultureCommission.org** or **(804) 502-7491**.

#### **About Destined for Empowerment**

Destined for Empowerment is a Houston-based nonprofit founded by Pastor Roderick Johnson. Its mission is to inspire, equip, and empower individuals and communities through faith-driven outreach, leadership development, and resource support.

#### **About Grace Community Outreach**

Founded by LaQuentin Jenkins, Grace Community Outreach is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving senior citizens and vulnerable populations by providing essential healthcare advocacy, wellness programs, and compassionate community support.

### **About The Culture Commission Coalition**

Founded by Rob Slater, The Culture Commission Coalition (TCCC) is a dynamic network focused on

social impact, civic engagement, and community empowerment through innovative partnerships, media, and public programming.

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