

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWKINS V. SHAW A CRITICAL MOMENT FOR PRESERVING OUR CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY

The lawsuit Mr. Hawkins filed against the City of Shaw was not without grave consequences. Mary Lou Hawkins was shot and killed in 1972. The accuser was tried and acquitted of manslaughter. The Hawkins home was firebombed several times with the final bombing killing Andrew Jr., and two granddaughters, Mary Yvette and Bernadette. The identity of those who firebombed the Hawkins home is still unknown today.



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It is time for a national discussion on race relations, and Shaw is the perfect place to hold that discussion. We will honor the sacrifice of Shaw civil rights leaders and the Hawkins Family by documenting their stories before it's too late. It is time for healing and reconciliation. It is time to renew old acquaintances. It is time for solidarity and solutions. It is Shaw's time to rise.

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Delta Hands for Hope is a 501C3 Non-profit organization. Please consider giving what you can — no amount is too small or too big.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE

- **A theatrical play** will be a live stage enactment of the Hawkins lawsuit and those individuals in the Civil Rights Movement in Shaw.
- **A reunion of Mississippi civil rights veterans** inviting everyone to the Delta region (Shaw, MS)
- **A Shaw Civil Rights Movement Exhibit.** This exhibit will include the oral histories of civil rights veterans, pictures, documents, and other artifacts. Afterwards, the entire commemoration collection will be housed at Delta State University Archives and Museums and made available online to the public. As many of the veterans enter their seventies and eighties, it is vital that we document their personal stories before it's too late.
- **Renaming of U.S. Highway 61** as "**Andrew and Mary Lou Hawkins Memorial Highway**" erect a **Civil Rights Marker/Freedom Trail Marker** in Shaw.
- **A national discussion** focusing on but not limited to Hawkins v. Town of Shaw (past and current impact), poverty in America, race relations, etc.



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