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## 'Emerging Leaders' amplify call for reform in DeSoto march

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The hot Texas sun of the past few days was the perfect symbol of the internal fire of the more than 100 people of diverse ages and ethnicities who marched through the streets of DeSoto, Texas, with the #SayHerName, Black Lives Matter Protest organized by the Emerging Leaders of DeSoto on June 6.

Chanting, "I Can't Breathe!", "Get Your Foot Off My Neck!", and "No Justice, No Peace!" amid calling out the names of black women and men from around the country whose lives were extinguished at the hands of police, the protestors demonstrated solidarity with the international outcry for systemic change, social justice and the eradication of racism against all African Americans.

The protestors observed the death of George Floyd, the most recent black man who was allegedly killed beneath the knee of a Minneapolis police officer and extended the focus to also raise awareness of the 22 black women killed by law enforcement officers. The #SayHerName protest was held one day after what would have been the now deceased Breonna Taylor's 27th birthday. Taylor, a 26-year-old EMT who was killed by police officers in her own home in Kentucky in March, is the most recent black woman killed by



More than 100 participants braved the Texas heat to bring a nationwide outcry over police treatment of minorities to the local stage in DeSoto. (Photo: Jacquinette D. Murphy)

police.

"Their stories are not told with the same attention as black men. They are underreported. The media talks about it for a little while," said DeSoto City Councilwoman Kay Brown-Patrick who helped to organize the event for the community. "This is not a competitive narrative. The men are not less important and we still talk about them. Today, we wanted to put their [the women's] names back in the forefront or at least in the mix with George Floyd. The protests and the change that we are seeing in the country are the results of his death, not theirs. They are killing black women, too."

Brown-Patrick read the names of the women at the rally as protestors held up corresponding signage in their honor and encouraged the crowd to research and learn about the lives of the women after leaving the protest.

"Women's voices need to be amplified and the death that is happening at the hands of police needs to be amplified too. Like in anything else, women often get pushed aside and a lot of times, the women are on the front line when we talk about protests coordinating and putting the events together, so we just

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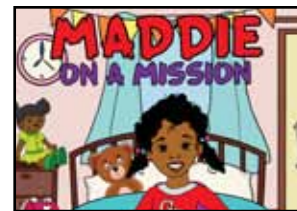
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Otis Williams

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Judge Joe Spurlock II



Seyry Moreno

*NDG Quote of the Week: "Black people have always been America's wilderness in search of a promised land."*

— Cornel West

# Children's book explains coronavirus in an attempt to answer young people's questions about the pandemic

Dr. Jill Waggoner is a residency trained, board certified Family Practice physician and author. She and friend Sharon Jones-Scaife, an author/illustrator, have teamed up to write and illustrate a new book explaining coronavirus in simple terms for children. Jones-Scaife shared the idea with Dr. Waggoner who loved the concept and was immediately onboard!

The children's book is called Maddie On A Mission. It carries a message that children can understand, while encouraging

teamwork. "Amazing things happen when we all work together," Jones-Scaife said.

Maddie is disappointed that she can't go to school until she learns the reason why...a germ is passing from person to person. Maddie must do her part to stop the germ from spreading. But how? And how will her friends help?

The authors collaborated to write Maddie On A Mission to make it easy for children to understand why their worlds have changed so dramatically in the last few months, and to explain quar-

antine and social distancing in a story that young people can understand, and enjoy. Dr. Waggoner and Jones-Scaife hadn't partnered on a project before this one. They wrote the book, commissioned the editing, and Jones-Scaife illustrated it all in the span of 7 days.

"It's a confusing time for kids right now," Jones-Scaife said. "Our intention was to give parents a tool to help them navigate through it." Dr. Waggoner adds, "Children have a lot of questions like, 'What is a virus?' 'When can I see my

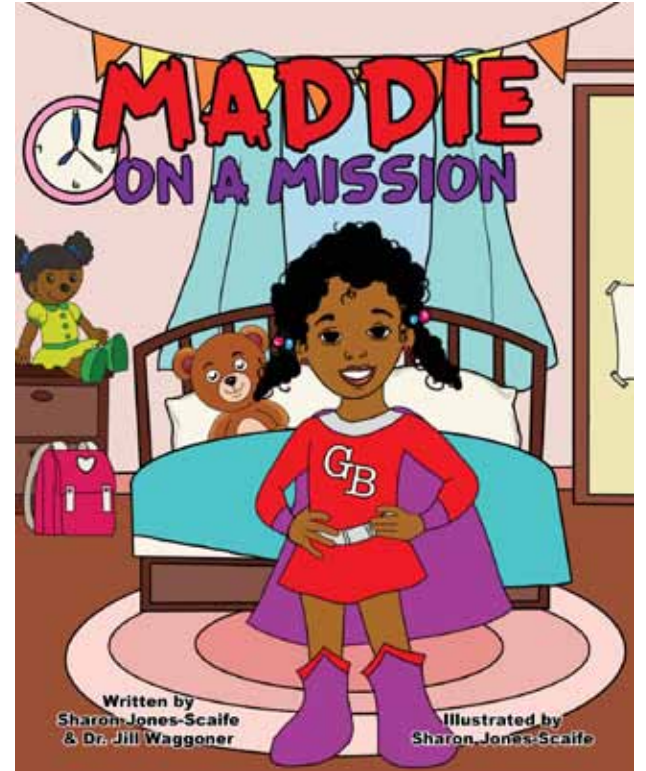
friends?' 'Why do we have to wear a mask?'" Maddie On A Mission explores questions and gives answers to some of the biggest questions that little ones might have about the virus, about staying home and about how to stay safe.

"This book aims to provide a resource to help parents talk to their children about the coronavirus pandemic by discussing germs, quarantine, social distancing, and how staying at home can help to stop the spread of the virus," Dr. Waggoner said.

She concludes: "It will also allow parents to open the discussion in a way that is non-frightening, which can lead to expanding dialogue

where children can express their feelings."

Maddie On A Mission is available in print and eBook at online retailers.



## New release highlights talents of young Latin star rising

Year after year, the Latin urban genre has seen many upcoming talent who have stood out and made their mark in the industry. Each artist brings their own unique style, including Xylon who is a young Puerto Rican that is destined to break barriers in the genre. The artist releases his new single "Chau Chau (Remix)" alongside VF7 and JuanFran under the label The Baby Boys.

Both the original and remix version of "Chau Chau" which was produced by "Labia La Fuerza", opened doors for Xylon to perform on various stages and win

the hearts of many new fans in his native country, Puerto Rico. The original version has generated over 600,000 views on the artist's YouTube channel.

"Working with VF7 and JuanFran on the 'Chau Chau Remix' was an unique ex-

perience. I have learned so much with them throughout the process and I know that our fans will love this new release. This was made specifically for all the fans who have been supporting me since the beginning", Xylon shared about his collabora-

tion with VF7 and JuanFran. VF7 shared, "I feel grateful to be a part of this remix alongside Xylon and JuanFran. We had so much fun during the music video shoot

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