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### **GARY'S ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **FEATURES "THRILLER DANCE 2300"**

**Gary, Indiana**-Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, the Gary Common Council and the City of Gary will host the Annual Harvest Festival for children on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at the Hudson-Campbell Fitness Center; parking lot from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The Hudson-Campbell is located at 455 Massachusetts Street.

This year's Harvest Festival and Trunk and Treat will feature for the first time, a special entertainment segment beginning at 6:00 p.m., produced by "Mother Divas House", a social media television series. "The Monternez Rezell Movement Revolution Dance Crew" will perform the Thriller Dance featuring an African Tribal House Music Remix Version of Thriller. "Thriller Dance 2300" is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the release of "The Wiz" (October 24, 1978) and 35 years of Michael Jackson Thriller Video (Debut December 2, 1983 on MTV). Audience members familiar with the dance are encouraged to participate. The segment also features Michael Jackson Tribute Artist Thomas Stone.

Again this year, the Harvest Festival will also include the city's Trunk or Treat. The Trunk or Treat will begin at 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside.

Other activities include free food, games, prizes, music and an array of vendors with valuable information including the city's Fire, Police, Green Urbanism, Recycling and Dental and Health professionals. A special Wiz/Thriller Cake will also be on hand in celebration of the Thriller anniversary...more details visit Thriller Dance 2300. Attendees will have an opportunity to win free raffle prizes both for adults and children. Prizes are Artist Renditions of The Wiz and Thriller Keepsake Posters.

Parents are invited and are encouraged to bring their children to this citywide event for fun and treats and entertainment as an alternative to trick or treating from door to door.

The event is hosted by the Mayor's Office of Special Events, the Parks Department and the Commission for Women. **For more information regarding the Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat, Sponsorship Trunk or Treat Registration or Vendor opportunities call (219) 881-1300 or visit [www.teamgaryindiana.com](http://www.teamgaryindiana.com).**

For parents choosing to allow their children to trick or treat on city streets, please be advised that the Gary Police Department has set trick or treat hours on Wednesday (October 31) from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

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