

## IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH, ONEUNITED BANK ANNOUNCES 12TH ANNUAL "I GOT BANK" CONTEST FOR YOUTH

Offers Free "I Got Bank" E-Book plus \$1,000 to 10 winners

**Boston, MA – April 4, 2022** – In celebration of National Financial Literacy Month, **OneUnited Bank**, the nation's largest black-owned bank, is proud to announce its <u>12th Annual "I Got Bank!" National Financial Literacy Contest</u> where ten children will win a \$1,000 savings account. To make financial literacy a core value of the Black community, the Bank is offering a free <u>"I Got Bank" E-Book</u>.

Students from across the country between the ages of 8 and 12 are encouraged to read a financial literacy book of their choosing, and either write a 250-word essay or create an art project to show how they would apply what they learned from the book to their daily lives. Submissions must be emailed or postmarked by **June 30, 2022**. The Bank will choose ten winners and award each winner a \$1,000 savings account at OneUnited Bank by **August 31, 2022**. For more information, please visit: www.oneunited.com/book.

**Teri Williams, OneUnited Bank President and author of "I Got Bank! What My Granddad Taught Me About Money",** wrote the book when she found that there weren't enough books geared toward educating urban youth about finances. "In 2022, we launched the <u>OneTransaction Podcast</u> to encourage our community to focus on one transaction to close the wealth gap for their family," states Ms. Williams. "Our contest and free e-book encourage families to teach their children how to build wealth and make financial literacy a core value in the Black community!"

The 2021 winners are **Travis Brown**, 8, Hialeah, FL, **Gilana Freeman**, 12, Dallas, TX, <u>Ariel Hartman</u>, 10, Tamarac, FL, <u>Amel Johns</u>, 12, Washington, DC, <u>Jackson Lennox</u>, 12, Sunrise, FL, <u>Aziza McKay</u>, 10, Dorchester, MA, <u>Ada Nazneen</u>, 10, Rocklin, CA, <u>Kylie Thurman</u>, 9, Miami, FL, <u>Shalena Prakash</u>, 11, Duarte, CA, <u>Christian Turner</u>, 9, Los Angeles, CA.

*"I Got Bank! What My Granddad Taught Me About Money"* is published by The Beckham Publications Group, Inc. (Beckhamhouse). For more information about the official contest rules, please visit: www.oneunited.com/book.

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