

VERIZON
UP TO SPEED LIVE
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>> HEY V TEAM, HAPPY TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH!

THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO JOIN US TODAY FOR "UP TO SPEED LIVE."

TODAY'S SHOW IS A GREAT ONE. WE'VE GOT SOME LIVE GUESTS, SOME NETWORK UPGRADES AND A GIVEAWAY, AND I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU ALL LOVE

GIVEAWAYS, SO BE SURE TO STAY TUNED FOR THAT. ALRIGHT, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET'S KICK OFF THE SHOW WITH SOME EXCITING NETWORK NEWS!

TEAM, LET ME ASK YOU THIS: DID YOU KNOW THAT NOWADAYS FOLKS HEADING TO THE BEACH ARE MORE LIKELY TO BRING THEIR PHONES THAN A CHAIR, UMBRELLA, OR COOLER?

THAT'S WHAT NEW SURVEY DATA SHOWS, AND JUST UNDER TWO-THIRDS OF THEM SAY THEY USE THEIR PHONE FOR WORK.

SO IF YOU'RE PLANNING A BEACH TRIP, WE'VE GOT YOU TODAY.

TODAY WE ANNOUNCED NETWORK UPGRADES TO ADDRESS THE INFLUX OF JERSEY SHORE VACATIONERS HEADED TO SEA GIRT, LAVALLETTE, SEASIDE PARK, AND ORTLEY BEACH, WITH ADDITIONAL NETWORK UPGRADES EXPECTED IN BRICK AND ASBURY PARK.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.

SOUTH CAROLINA BEACH-GOERS HEADED TO MYRTLE BEACH OR HILTON HEAD WILL ALSO BE FEELING THESE UPGRADES.

THAT MEANS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WORK FROM THE BEACH, LISTEN TO MUSIC, SHARE THE ACTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONNECT WITH YOUR FRIENDS WITH EASE.

APART FROM ENJOYING THE FASTER SPEEDS, KEEP IN MIND THESE IMPROVEMENTS ALSO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY WHICH HELPS KEEP YOU SAFE AND LOCAL BUSINESSES, SO THAT THINGS MOVE ALONG EFFICIENTLY AND YOU CAN MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BEACH DAYS.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THIS EXCITING SUMMER NEWS, JUST CHECK OUT TODAY'S STORY!

ALRIGHT, NOW TO A TOPIC THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE KEEPING TOP OF MIND.

TOMORROW IS JUNETEENTH, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DATE, ON JUNE 19, 1865, ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS IN GALVESTON, TEXAS RECEIVED WORD OF THEIR

EMANCIPATION, A FULL TWO YEARS AFTER THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION WAS SIGNED AND STILL SIX MONTHS SHY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 13TH AMENDMENT,

WHICH WOULD OFFICIALLY ABOLISH SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.

SINCE THEN, AFRICAN-AMERICANS MARK THE DATE WITH CELEBRATIONS OF PRAYER, MUSIC AND REFLECTION.

AND TO HONOR JUNETEENTH, OUR BOLD EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP PLANNED ACTIVITIES ALL MONTH LONG TO COMMEMORATE THIS PIVOTAL HISTORICAL MOMENT.

FROM A CLEANUP AND MURAL SCAVENGER HUNT DEDICATED TO FINDING AND CLEANING SURROUNDING AREAS OF LOCAL MURALS REPRESENTING BLACK CULTURE TO THE 49TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL THIS PAST WEEKEND IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, V TEAMERS SHOWED UP STRONG TO SUPPORT.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "CELEBRATING FREEDOM'S LEGACY."

IT AIMS TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING A LASTING IMPACT AND THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL LITERACY IN TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES.

WHICH ACTUALLY BRINGS US TO A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER EVENT HAPPENING TODAY IN BASKING RIDGE.

OUR BOLD ERG ACTUALLY PARTNERED WITH OUR PRISM ERG TO CREATE A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WHERE V TEAMERS CAN ASSEMBLE FINANCIAL WORKBOOKS TO HELP HOMELESS YOUTH

LEARN TOOLS THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY TAUGHT IN SCHOOL.

THIS IS ALL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COVENANT HOUSE, AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.

AND OUR VERY OWN RAQUEL WILSON IS ACTUALLY LIVE RIGHT NOW IN OUR BASKING RIDGE AUDITORIUM WHERE VOLUNTEERS ARE ASSEMBLING THESE IMPORTANT WORKBOOKS.

RAQUEL, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A FEW FOLKS WITH YOU THAT CAN SHARE WHY THIS ACTIVITY IS SO IMPORTANT, I'LL TOSS IT OVER TO YOU!

>> I'M HERE IN THE AUDITORIUM WITH BOLD AND PRISM.

THEY ARE MAKING THE WORKBOOKS THAT YOU MENTIONED.

I JUST FLIPPED THROUGH THE WORKBOOK MYSELF.

IT'S AMAZING.

OKAY, YOU CAN SIMULATE GOING TO A GROCERY STORE.

THERE'S PHOTOS AND WE HAVE WORKSHOPS AND WORKSHEETS AT THE END.

SO AWESOME.

I WANT TO STEAL ONE OF THESE FOR MYSELF TO LOOK THROUGH LATER.

LISTEN, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF FOLKS HERE IN THE ROOM.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE ALL OF THEM, BUT THERE IS A PATCH ROOM TO HELP THE YOUTH HERE AND SO LET'S GET LIKE YOU SAID, TALK TO JASON.

FIRST OF ALL, YOU DID A GREAT JOB. JASON IS FROM BOLD.

HE WORKED ON THIS EVENT VERY HARD AND LOOKS GREAT.

TELL US MORE ABOUT WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT AND WHY THIS IS FOR JUNETEENTH.

>> THANK YOU, RAQUEL.

I THANK THE AMBASSADORS AND VOLUNTEERS.

IT'S REALLY EVERYBODY THAT MAKES THIS EVENT MOVE, BUT AS FAR AS JUNETEENTH, WHEN YOU THINK OF IT, IT'S A TIME OF REFLECTION, NOT JUST ABOUT THE SUCCESSES THAT WE'VE HAD SINCE THE END OF SLAVERY BUT JUST TO REFLECT ON THE THINGS WE COULD STILL GROW ON.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE DISPARITIES AND FINANCIAL LITERACY IN THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES STILL TO THIS DAY, THIS IS A TIME TO GIVE TOOLS TO THE NEXT GENERATION AND THE NEXT GENERATION THAT COMES AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO ELEVATE THEIR LIVES AND KEEP THEM GOING.

SO THIS IS FOR THEM AND IT ALSO GIVES US A CHANCE TO WRITE A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUTH TO MAKE SURE WE CAN KEEP THEIR HEAD UP AND KEEP THEM GOING ON.

>> WELL SAID. I LOVE THAT, THANK YOU, JASON.

>> NO PROBLEM.

>> SO WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH THE CALF MONTH HOUSE AND MARY, I GOT TO HEAR A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR SPEECH AT THE TOP OF THE WORKSHOP.

CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE YOUTH AT THE COVENANT HOUSE AND HOW THIS EVENT IS HELPING?

>> THANK YOU, JASON FOR BRINGING US HERE AND GETTING US TOGETHER.

OUR MISSION IS TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.

IN ORDER TO DO THAT OUR YOUNG ADULTS NEED THE KEY ELEMENTS OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL LITERACY IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO HELP THEM MOVE FORWARD WITH.

GRATEFUL JASON WAS ABLE TO GET US TOGETHER TO BUILD THE NOTEBOOKS.

THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE YOUNG ADULTS TO IDENTIFY HOW THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD AND UNDERSTANDING NEEDS AND WANTS AND BUDGETING AND CREDIT SCORES, ALL THOSE THINGS THAT THEY NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IS ESSENTIAL.

ALL WE CAN SAY IS THANK YOU.

THESE WILL BE WELL USED ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH VERIZON AND BOLD.

>> AWESOME, THANK YOU.

NOW V TEAM, IF YOU ARE HERE IN BASKING RIDGE, COME ON DOWN, GET A WORKBOOK AND GET TO WORK.

THIS IS A GREAT WORK THAT WE'RE DOING HERE. JEN, BACK TO YOU!

>> SO GREAT.

YES, THEY'RE GOING TO BE THERE UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

HEAD DOWN THERE IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, LIKE MARY SAID, THIS STUFF IS REALLY GOING TO BE PUT TO IMPORTANT USE. I THANK YOU, MARK, MARY AND RAQUEL AGAIN.

V TEAM, I KNOW WE TALK A LOT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING HERE AT VERIZON, BUT HOW NEAT IS IT TO ACTUALLY SEE IT ALL HAPPENING IN REAL TIME AND WHAT AN IMPORTANT CAUSE.

IF THAT JUST INSPIRED YOU, AND YOU WANT TO TRY YOUR HAND AT VOLUNTEERING, WE'LL HAVE A LINK IN TODAY'S STORY TO OUR CITIZEN VERIZON VOLUNTEER PAGE WHERE YOU CAN FIND A BUNCH OF OPTIONS TO

GIVE BACK AND HELP OTHERS.

ALRIGHT, NOW TO SOME NEWS THAT TIES IN NICELY WITH THE NETWORK BEACH NEWS WE SHARED EARLIER IN THE SHOW.

AS YOU KNOW, SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT HERE AT "UP TO SPEED," WE'RE READY FOR SOME SUMMERTIME FUN.

WHICH IS WHY WEE EACH WEEK, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SUMMERTIME SCAVENGER HUNT RIGHT HERE ON THE SHOW!

AND WE'RE MAKING IT EASY. WATCH "UP TO SPEED," AND EACH TUESDAY, WE'LL HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED THE PREVIOUS WEEK ON "UP TO SPEED."

WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE ANSWER, JUST POP IT INTO THE COMMENTS SECTION IN THE ARTICLE FOR THAT DAY'S SHOW AND YOU'RE IN!

ALRIGHT, READY FOR THE QUESTION?

WE HAVE IT NOW.

ON LAST THURSDAY'S SHOW, WE GOT SOME HELPFUL GIFT ADVICE FROM A V TEAMER WHO WAS GEARING UP TO CELEBRATE HIS FIRST FATHER'S DAY. THERE HE IS ON SCREEN. WHAT WAS HIS NAME?

LEAVE YOUR COMMENT WITH THE RIGHT ANSWER, AND YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN AN ECO-FRIENDLY NIMBLE BATTERY PACK!

PERFECT TO KEEP YOU CHARGED UP FOR ALL YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS, AND I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU GUYS LOVE CHARGERS.

LAST TIME WE GOT 98 COMMENTS ON OUR STORY.

SO THIS TIME, LET'S GO FOR OVER 100.

AND OF COURSE, BE SURE TO TUNE IN NEXT TUESDAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU WON!

AND TO GET THE NEXT QUESTION. GOOD LUCK!

WITH THAT, WE WANT TO THANK YOU AS ALWAYS FOR TAKING SOME TIME
OUT OF YOUR TUESDAY TO TUNE IN.

BE SURE TO JOIN US AGAIN ON THURSDAY FOR ANOTHER GREAT SHOW,
INCLUDING ANOTHER INSPIRING V TEAMER PROFILE.

IF YOU CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH, WE HOPE YOU TAKE SOME TIME TO
REFLECT ON WHAT THE DAY MEANS TO YOU.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, YOU'RE "UP TO SPEED"!