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"Unless man is committed
to the belief that all
mankind are his brothers,
then he labors in vain and
hypocritically in the
vineyards of equality."
- Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

**“There is no life that does not contribute to history”
Dorothy West**

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Dear friend,

It is that time of year when we consider giving some financial support to a cause that we consider worthy. The African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard is a nonprofit corporation so any donations made to us can be taken as a deduction on taxes, and we ask for your support.

The Trail organization has created a vibrant and constantly growing memorial to people of color on the island of Martha's Vineyard. We have dedicated 27 sites each of which has a bronze plaque describing the story of the person honored. We began our work in 1998 and dedicated our most recent site, the home of Anne P. Jennings the first African American nurse at Hartford Hospital, on November 24th this year. The building of the Trail has been financed by the sale of our book and the tour program that we operate each summer, and generous donations from the friends and supporters of African American history.

This is a labor of love for us and the memorials that we have built have brought the history of people of color on this island which had been previously undocumented and uncelebrated to the forefront. This year is ongoing and in addition to building the Trail, we operate an education program in the community to raise consciousness of the incredible contributions made to African American history here on this Island.

We would welcome any financial support that you feel able to make to help us to continue this vital work. We accept paypal and our access code for that is lightingthetrail@gmail.com. Checks should be made payable to AAHTMV and sent to us at POB 596, West Tisbury, MA. 02575. We will issue letters for your tax returns upon receipt of any donation.

With every good wish for 2018,

**Elaine Cawley Weintraub Carrie Camillo Tankard
Cofounders of the African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard**