



**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS**

**LIBRARY - BRECKENRIDGE ROOM, 240 W. 13 MILE RD.**

**HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE SPECIAL  
MEETING AGENDA**

**MAY 27, 2026 AT 6:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- [1.](#) Minutes of April 16, 2026
- [2.](#) Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2026.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**WORK PLAN ITEMS**

- [3.](#) Accessibility and Community Resources
4. Juneteenth Scholarship entries
- [5.](#) Novels and Neighbors Book Club

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- [6.](#) Arts and Pride
- [7.](#) Juneteenth Event
- [8.](#) Paradise Eve Lantern Festival
9. Revin' in the Heights

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
April 16, 2026

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Yu called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Andrew Attard  
Aaron Brown  
Tanner Langdon  
Teresa Scott  
Alec Yu  
Student Member Aaron Dockery

Also present, Heather Hames, Staff Liaison

Motion made by Brown to excuse Kapas, Jarvie, Wright, and Strunk, Seconded by Langdon. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

#### **ABSENT**

Rebecca Chambliss

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of March 19, 2026

Motion made by Brown to approve the minutes of March 19, 2026, Seconded by Langdon. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No one present wishing to speak.

### **WORK PLAN ITEMS**

2. Adaptive Programs and Community Resources
  - a. Adaptive Programs - Next dates for Adaptive Game Nights are scheduled for June 11, youth 15 and under and August 13 for teen and adult 16 and older. Two Sensory Movie Days are planned for July 8 at 4 pm and July 18 at 2 pm.

b. Community Resources website - no update at this time.

3. Community Celebrations

a. Arts and Pride - June 7, 2026 from 1-5 pm in Civic Center Park, Pavilion B and Bandshell. At the time of this meeting, sponsors in addition to \$500 each from the Arts Board and HREC include a \$500 donation from a local business wishing to remain anonymous.

Motion made by Brown to approve the following expenses totaling \$523.11, Seconded by Attard. Motion passed unanimously.

\$140 total for Karaoke  
\$300 for Drag Queen Story Time and Sing-a-long  
\$27.99 for Volunteer Lanyards  
\$55.12 for Tie Dye supplies

b. Lantern Festival - May 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm in Civic Center Park, Pavilion A and Bandshell.

There will be more lanterns this year, 300-400 available for the public to decorate at the event.

Youth ages 6 and up can join the parade of lanterns through the park.

Vendors and food trucks will be on-site.

Currently recruiting cultural dance groups and DJ.

c. Revin' in the Heights – September 19, 2026.

4. Novels + Neighbors Book Club

The Heated Rivalry Party and Book Discussion will take place on June 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Library. Activities will include button making, custom temporary tattoos, and other crafts as well as snacks, followed by a discussion of the books and hit TV show.

Motion made by Attard to approve \$75 towards snacks and supplies for the event, Seconded by Langdon. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
May 21, 2026

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**CALL TO ORDER**

at 6:58 pm by Staff Liaison Verdun-Morris.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Kate Kapas  
Teresa Scott  
Ashley Strunk  
Council Representative Quinn Wright  
Student Member Aaron Dockery

**ALSO PRESENT**

Staff Liaison Vanessa Verdun-Morris  
Library Coordinator Heather Hames

**ABSENT**

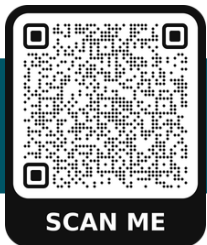
Andrew Attard  
Aaron Brown  
Rebecca Chambliss  
Tanner Langdon  
Alec Yu  
Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach  
Alternate Hannah Jarvie

**Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. due to lack of quorum.**



# SENSORY FRIENDLY

MOVIE



**SENSORY MOVIE - LAND BEFORE TIME**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 8 AT 4:00 PM**



# SENSORY FRIENDLY

MOVIE



**SENSORY MOVIE - INSIDE OUT**  
**SATURDAY JULY 18 AT 2:00 PM**

**Youth  
15 and  
Under**

Item 3.

**Adaptive  
Game Night  
June 11 6 - 8 pm**



**SIGN UP**

**ADAPTIVE GAME NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY JUNE 11 AT 6:00 PM**

**Adults  
and  
Teens  
16 & up**

Item 3.

**Adaptive  
Game Night**  
**August 13 6 - 8 pm**



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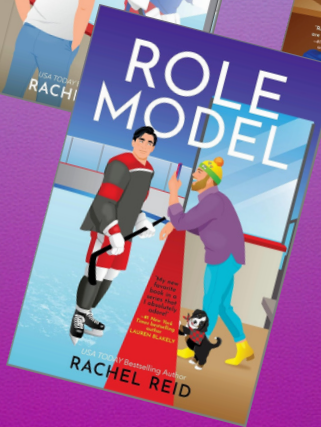
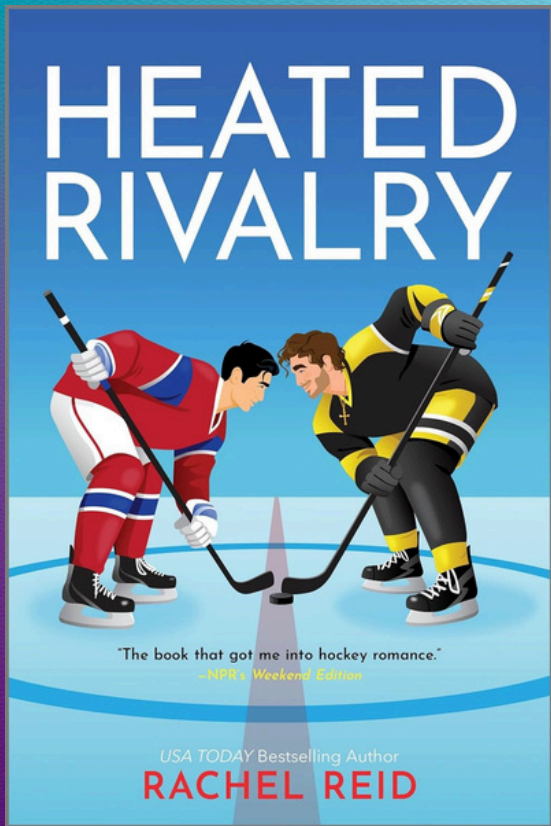


**SIGN UP**

**ADAPTIVE GAME NIGHT**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 13 AT 6:00 PM**

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**JOIN THE CLUB**

**NOVELS + NEIGHBORS**  
**HEATED RIVALRY PARTY & BOOK DISCUSSION**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 9 AT 6:30 PM**

<b>Arts and Pride 2026</b>					
		<u>Invoiced/Paid</u>	<u>Estimated</u>		
	Karaoke	140			
	Drag Queen Story Time performer	300			
	Decorations		200		
	Art supplies	56	369		
	Volunteer Lanyards	27.99			
	Yard Signs to promote event	255			
	Face Painter	250			
	Banner		300		
	Printed postcards (2 orders \$85 x 500 ea)	170			
	Water and snacks		200		
	Advertisement, social media and otherwise		200		
		1198.99	1,269.00		
				2,467.99	Expenses
Revenue		<u>Received/Committed</u>	<u>Estimated</u>		
	Arts Board	500			
	Human Relations and Equity Commission	500			
	Allyship Yard Signs	37.62	60		
	Vendor Fees (\$20 until April 7 then \$40)	681.29			
	Sponsorship - Alchemy Color Lab	970.61			
	Silent sponsor (local car dealership)	500			
	Individual sponsor	48.06			
		3,237.58	60.00		
				3,297.58	Revenue
				\$829.59	Event Profit



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Madison Heights, MI 48071

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248.588.7763

ACCOUNT NO.	ORDERED BY	PURCHASE ORDER	SHIP VIA	DATE SHIPPED	TERMS	INV. DATE
AR5069	HEATHER		OUR TRUCK	03-21-2026	NET 30 DAYS	03-21-2026

QTY. ORDERED	QTY. SHIPPED	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
500	500	ARTS & PRIDE FESTIVAL CARDS	85.00	85.00

### WE PRINT ON PAPER:

Business Cards  
Flyers  
Brochures  
Stationery  
Scratch Pads  
Sales Forms

Letterheads  
Special Promotion Packages  
Insert & Mail  
Carbon Snap-outs  
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Computer Paper

Envelopes  
Tickets  
Tags  
Invoices  
Membership Cards  
Labels

Padded Forms  
Purchase Orders  
Statement Systems  
Presentation Folders  
Software Compatible Forms

Please Pay This Amount 

<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$85.00
<b>SALES TAX</b>	\$0.00
<b>SHIPPING</b>	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$85.00

## Thank you for your Business!



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ACCOUNT NO.	ORDERED BY	PURCHASE ORDER	SHIP VIA	DATE SHIPPED	TERMS	INV. DATE
AR5069	HEATHER		OUR TRUCK	04-23-2026	NET 30 DAYS	04-23-2026

QTY. ORDERED	QTY. SHIPPED	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
500	500	ARTS & PRIDE FESTIVAL CARDS	85.00	85.00

### WE PRINT ON PAPER:

Business Cards  
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Scratch Pads  
Sales Forms

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Special Promotion Packages  
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Computer Paper

Envelopes  
Tickets  
Tags  
Invoices  
Membership Cards  
Labels

Padded Forms  
Purchase Orders  
Statement Systems  
Presentation Folders  
Software Compatible Forms

Please Pay  
This Amount



<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$85.00
<b>SALES TAX</b>	\$0.00
<b>SHIPPING</b>	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$85.00

**Thank you for your Business!**

Order Receipt - 1000343  
Printed May 14, 2026, 6:59:22 PM

QuikPrints  
orders@quikprints.net  
2489068152  
141 W. 13 Mile Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
United States



Item 6.

Order Status: ReadyToShip  
Order Date: 05 May 2026  
Order Number: 1000343

Order Summary



Yard Signs - Double Sided full color print - 18x24

30 Items / \$225.00

Color: Full Color Print  
Sizes: 18x24 (30)

Ⓢ \$7.50 each



Step Stakes - Standard

30 Items / \$30.00

NO IMAGE

(30)

Ⓢ \$1.00 each

Order Item Count	60
Item Subtotal	\$255.00
Pickup at QuikPrints	FREE
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Subtotal	\$255.00
Tax TAX EXEMPT	\$0.00
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**Order Total** USD **\$255.00**

**Payment Total** USD **\$255.00**

Customer Info

Madison Heights Public Library  
Hames, Heather  
hhames@madisonheightsmi.gov  
12485887763

Pickup Details

QuikPrints  
141 W. 13 Mile Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
United States  
  
Expected Pickup Date  
Monday, May 11, 2026  
  
Pick Up Details/Instructions  
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Order Info

Email  
hhames@madisonheightsmi.gov

Payment Info

Date	Amount Due	Total Paid	Payment Type	Description	Cardholder Details
05 May 2026	\$255.00	\$255.00	Credit Card	Mastercard - 2130 Auth Code: 44442Q	Heather Hames 240 W 13 Mile Rd Madison Heights, MI, 48071 (248) 588-7763

Card Payment made to:  
QuikPrints  
141 W. 13 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 US

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QuikPrints

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If you are not 100% satisfied with your purchase, please contact us to request a refund. Please note refunds may not be available on all orders.

Delivery Policy

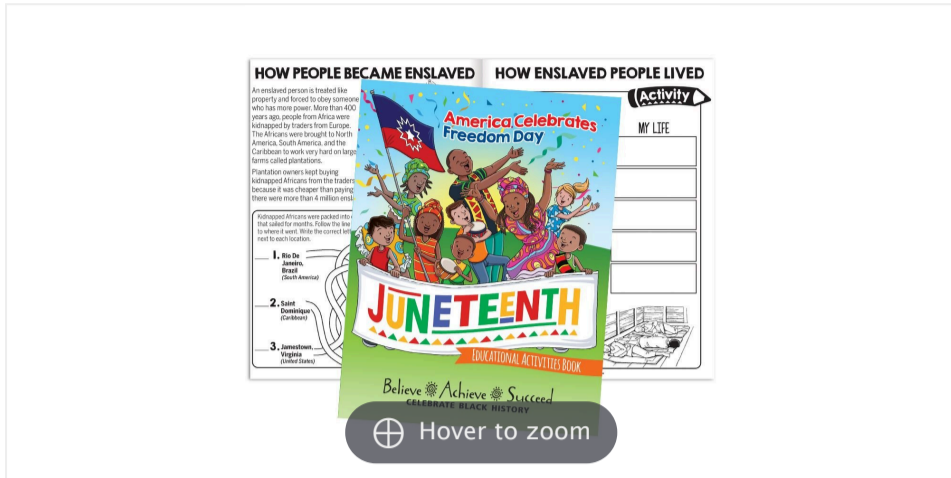
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## Juneteenth: America Celebrates Freedom Day Educational Activities Book - Pack of 50

Item #: KCB697V



### 1 Select Quantity

Pricing - Need more? Call 877-258-1225 for pricing beyond quantity shown

As low as \$0.47 each!

QTY	QTY	\$46.50	\$36.50	\$31.50	\$29.50	\$27.50
PACK	SALE	\$32.50	\$30.50	\$28.50	\$26.50	\$23.50

Sold in packs of: 50

Minimum Order Quantity: 1

Estimated Cost: (0 @ \$32.50 for \$0.00)

Additional charges may apply. Does not include tax & shipping.

### Related Links

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### Description

- Help students learn about America's newest federal holiday
- Explains what Juneteenth is, when and how it's celebrated, and why it's a significant event
- Discusses slavery and the struggle for emancipation in America
- Front cover features our exclusive *Celebrate Black History: Believe, Achieve, Succeed* design on the bottom
- 16 pages
- For grades 3 to 5
- 50 Books per pack

### 2 Positeline

0 @ \$32.50:	\$0.00
Setup Fee:	\$0.00
Upcharge:	\$0.00

**Total: Quantity is too low**

Please add at least 1 items

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### Product Specifications

Minimum Order Quantity: 1

Product Size: 8 1/2" X 11" (16 Pgs), 50 Activity Books Per Pack

### Imprint Specifications

Production Time: Ready to ship in 4 business days

### Customer Reviews

4.7 ★★★★★  
Based on 3 reviews

5 ★	2
4 ★	1
3 ★	0
2 ★	0
1 ★	0

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# 2026

# The Paradise Eve.

## May 30th Saturday 5 - 9pm.

Civic Center Park Madison Heights  
360 W 13 Mil Rd. Madison Heights, MI 48071

### Lantern Blessing Experience

400 lanterns decorate & walk, Yours to Keep. 5-7pm.

### Live Cultural Performances

*Next Gen.* An Unforgettable Night. 7-8pm.

### Open Runway Fashion show

First ever - Be Part of it. 8-9pm.

### Taste of Asian Favorites

Bites, Flavors & Fun. 5-9pm.



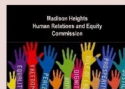
Next Gen Open Runway

Register Here:

Vendor Register Here:



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CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS  
Human Relations & Equity Commission

Event Proposal & Funding Request

# THE PARADISE EVE

*A Community Lantern Festival*

Civic Center Park • Madison Heights, MI • May 30, 2025

<b>Event Name</b>	The Paradise Eve — Community Lantern Festival
<b>Date</b>	Friday, May 30, 2025
<b>Time</b>	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	Civic Center Park, Madison Heights, MI
<b>Submitted By</b>	Human Relations & Equity Commission (HREC)
<b>Presented By</b>	HREC Subcommittee
<b>Submission Date</b>	May 20, 2026

## 1. Executive Summary

The Human Relations & Equity Commission (HREC) of Madison Heights respectfully requests formal approval to co-produce The Paradise Eve, a community Lantern Festival scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2025 at Civic Center Park from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.





The Paradise Eve is a multicultural community celebration designed to foster cultural appreciation, community belonging, and cross-cultural connection among Madison Heights residents. The event will feature lantern making, Asian cuisine, a traditional fashion show, and a ceremonial lantern parade through the park.

This proposal requests two specific approvals from the HREC: (1) authorization to proceed with The Paradise Eve as an official city-supported event, and (2) a \$500 budget allocation to fund professional DJ services for the evening.

## 2. Event Overview

The Paradise Eve takes its inspiration from the rich tradition of lantern festivals celebrated across Asian cultures — occasions symbolizing hope, community, and the letting go of burdens. Rooted in these traditions, our event reimagines the lantern festival as a Madison Heights community gathering open to all residents.

The four-hour program will create an immersive cultural experience across Civic Center Park:

Activity	Description
 <b>Lantern Making</b>	Hands-on workshop stations where attendees of all ages craft their own paper lanterns to carry in the parade.
 <b>Asian Food</b>	Curated Asian food offerings celebrating the culinary diversity of Asian cultures represented in our community.
 <b>Fashion Show</b>	A cultural fashion presentation showcasing traditional Asian attire and contemporary cultural fashion, celebrating heritage and artistry.
 <b>Lantern Parade</b>	The ceremonial closing: a procession of lantern-bearing community members parading around Civic Center Park, culminating the evening's celebration.

### 3. Community Partnerships

The Paradise Eve has been developed through a collaborative planning process bringing together key community and organizational stakeholders. The following partners are actively engaged in event planning and co-production:

Partner Organization	Role & Contribution
<b>Madison Heights–Hazel Park Chamber of Commerce</b>	Business community liaison and local outreach; supporting vendor engagement and community promotion.
<b>DAsian Media Group</b>	Cultural programming lead; media coverage, community outreach to Asian communities, and cultural authenticity guidance.
<b>The 168 Group</b>	Event co-production partner; event logistics, programming coordination, and community network engagement.
<b>Human Relations &amp; Equity Commission (HREC)</b>	Requested as official City commission partner; providing institutional credibility, civic endorsement, and budget support for DJ services.

### 4. Request to the HREC

The organizing committee respectfully presents the following formal requests to the Human Relations & Equity Commission:

#### 4a. Partnership Request

We request that the HREC formally endorse and join The Paradise Eve as an official event partner alongside the Madison Heights–Hazel Park Chamber of Commerce, DAsian Media Group, and The 168 Group. HREC approval to proceed with The Paradise Eve will:

- Affirm the City's commitment to celebrating cultural diversity and community inclusion

- Provide institutional credibility and visibility for the event
- Demonstrate the HREC's active engagement in Madison Heights' multicultural community
- Strengthen the collaborative relationship between city government and community organizations

#### 4b. Budget Request — DJ Services (\$500)

We request HREC approval of a \$500 budget allocation to cover professional DJ services for the event. Entertainment and sound quality are central to the atmosphere of a lantern festival, ensuring the evening program flows cohesively from the fashion show through the closing lantern parade.

Budget Item	Funded By	Amount
DJ Services (4-hour event set, sound equipment)	HREC	\$500.00
All Other Event Costs (programming, supplies, food, logistics)	Partner Orgs	TBD
<b>TOTAL HREC REQUEST</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>

### 5. Community Impact & Alignment with HREC Mission

The Paradise Eve directly aligns with the Human Relations & Equity Commission's core mission of promoting equity, inclusion, and cross-cultural understanding within Madison Heights. This event will:

- Celebrate and elevate Asian cultural heritage within the broader Madison Heights community
- Create an inclusive, accessible public event welcoming to all residents regardless of background
- Strengthen relationships between established residents and Madison Heights' growing Asian American community
- Provide a model for future multicultural programming and city-community partnerships
- Increase positive visibility for Madison Heights as a welcoming, diverse community

### 6. Formal Requests for HREC Approval

The organizing committee respectfully requests that the Human Relations & Equity Commission take the following actions:

- **APPROVE** formal HREC partnership in The Paradise Eve Lantern Festival
- **APPROVE** a budget allocation of \$500.00 for DJ services
- **AUTHORIZE** HREC representation and co-branding on event materials

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We appreciate the HREC's consideration of this proposal and are available to answer any questions, provide additional information, or present before the commission at its convenience. We are proud to bring this celebration to Civic Center Park and look forward to the HREC's continued leadership in making Madison Heights a truly welcoming and equitable community for all.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*On behalf of:*

Lantern Festival Subcommittee

Madison Heights Human Relations & Equity Commission



Donald peoples  
mrstreetzinc@gmail.com | (586) 457-4445

Invoice #001 **Item 8.**

Issue date  
May 15, 2026

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We appreciate your business.

## Customer

Madison Heights  
qwright@madisonheightsmi.gov

## Invoice Details

PDF created May 20, 2026  
\$500.00  
Service date May 30, 2026

## Payment

Due May 29, 2026  
\$500.00

Items	Quantity	Price	Amount
Dj services	1	\$650.00	\$650.00
Save More			-\$150.00
Subtotal			\$500.00

**Total Due** **\$500.00**



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