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**SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF INNOVATION HOSTS FREE HOLIDAY
BREAKFAST AND READ ALONG FOR GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN**

*Grandparents' Holiday Breakfast with Amir & Zuri combines literacy, good health, and
holiday cheer for families.*



WHO: Shelby County Mayor's Office of Innovation, ShelbyCares, partnering nonprofits, and 200 local grandparents and grandchildren

WHAT: Grandparents' Holiday Breakfast with Amir & Zuri, including a festive read along

WHEN: Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117



Shelby County, Tennessee – On Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., the Shelby County Mayor’s Office of Innovation will host a free holiday breakfast for Shelby County grandparents and their grandchildren. The Grandparents’ Holiday Breakfast with Amir & Zuri will feature a plated breakfast, a read along with festive favorites, gift giveaways with surprise VIP guests, and photo stations that feature characters Amir and Zuri, from Shelby County Government’s recently released children’s book, “Adventures with Amir & Zuri: Shelby County A to Z.”

The event is powered by ShelbyCares, a community campaign to promote health and reduce barriers - like illiteracy - which plague households across Shelby County. Recent data suggests that as many as 75% of 3rd graders in some local school districts cannot read at grade-level. Additionally, Literacy Mid-South reports 1 in 7 adults in Memphis do not read above a 6th-grade level.

Seating is limited and an RSVP is required. Grandparents can RSVP their families [here](#).

Residents interested in volunteering at the Grandparents’ Holiday Breakfast can sign up [here](#).

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