



# Ralph E. Hunter, Sr.

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**Ralph E. Hunter, Sr. is the founder of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey. Over forty years ago, he began a personal collection of African American cultural, artistic and media images that inspired the creation of the museum. After more than four decades of acquiring pieces, the collection now numbers in the thousands, and Mr. Hunter is committed to sharing it with school students, families and others interested in the honest depiction of the African American experience.**

**“FOLKS USED TO COME TO MY HOUSE AND SAY, THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE A MUSEUM. AND THAT’S WHERE THE IDEA CAME FROM. I HAD THIS QUEST FOR COLLECTING JUST FOR ME. THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, SOMETHING CAME OVER ME AND I THOUGHT, HOW DARE YOU COLLECT ALL OF THIS JUST FOR YOURSELF? YOU COULD SHARE ALL OF THIS.”**

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