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**YOUTH SPEAKS PRESENTS
THE 8TH ANNUAL LIFE IS LIVING FESTIVAL**

**A FREE CELEBRATION OF URBAN LIFE THROUGH HIP-HOP, INTERGENERATIONAL HEALTH,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

San Francisco, CA, September 28, 2013 – Youth Speaks, the country’s leading non-profit presenter of spoken word performance, education and youth development programs, will produce the 8th annual LIFE is Living Festival in Oakland, CA at the historic deFremery Park also known as Little Bobby Hutton Park on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 10am – 8pm.

Creative Use of Urban Space

Youth Speaks produced the first LIFE is LIVING Festival at deFremery Park in 2008. Under the direction of National Programs Director, Hodari B. Davis, LIFE is LIVING has grown from a festival that uses art to foster environmental justice to a mobilized campaign much larger in scope that travels across the country. LIFE is LIVING established a new model for collaboration between diverse and under-resourced communities, green action agencies, and the contemporary arts world. Highly successful LIFE is LIVING events have taken place in Harlem, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Atlanta, San Francisco and Oakland.

A Tribute to Soul Train

In honor of how music and dance have helped sustain life in Oakland, this year’s LIFE is LIVING features many of the best DJ’s, dancers, dance companies and musicians performing in Oakland today. In partnership with Oakland Parks and Recreation, and the Friends of deFremery, LIFE is LIVING presents the OAK TRAIN, an attempt to break the world record for the longest Soul Train line in history. The Guinness Book of World Records will be present to count the number of participants as we dance to a variety of dance music.

Also featuring the following zones:

Town Park Skate Zone featuring Karl Watson Day; Emily Butterfly's Kids Zone; Oakland Is Fly Market Place Featuring the Antique Beauty Zone; Free Breakfast Program featuring The Bigger Picture Project; Youth Speaks All Day; Cal Shakes Theater Stage featuring Marc Bamuthi Joseph's "Black Joy in the Hour of Chaos" and work by Campo Santo; Town Futurist Hip Hop Dance Party, Dance is Life: Africa in Oakland, Oakland is Fly Main Stage, Wellness Zone, and OakTown vs. The World dance battle presented by YAK Films.

For detailed information about LIFE is LIVING, please visit lifeisliving.org

About Youth Speaks

Founded in 1996, Youth Speaks is the leading nonprofit presenter of Spoken Word performance, education, and youth development programs in the country. Presenters of local and national youth poetry slams, festivals, reading series, and more. Youth Speaks also offers a comprehensive slate of literary arts education programs during the school day and after school, and provides numerous publication and youth development programs.

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Youth Speaks presents

The 8th Annual Life is Living Festival

A Free celebration of urban life through hip-hop, intergenerational health, and environmental action

WHO

Youth Speaks

WHAT

The 8th Annual Life is Living Festival

WHERE

deFremery Park also known as Little Bobby Hutton Park in West Oakland
1651 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA

WHEN

Saturday, October 10th, 10am – 8pm

TICKETS

FREE

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