

## Charles Michael Wright



### Award: Spotlight Award

**Justification:** Grand Bahama Community, witnessed the 14th Annual Charles Michael Wright, City of Freeport Council, District Junior Junkanoo Parade. Mr. Charles Michael Wright, aka Mikey, was born on September 27, 1952 in Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas. He is Married to Parnell J. Wright and they are blessed with one daughter and five sons, and 12 grandchildren.

**Junkanoo Affiliation and involvement** From early childhood, time spent in and around the two junkanoo shacks of punch bowl Junkanoo group forerunner of the famous and innovative, Vikings Junkanoo group, one on south street directly opposite Mr. Wrights Grandmother's house and the other on west street, In Saks Taylor's Yard. Although children were not allowed in the shacks, it was hard to keep Michael from going around the door. There, he got to know and meet the leaders of the groups, one being the now Governor General, Cynthia Mother Pratt. His Father, Charlie Taylor Wright played drums and bugle with the group and his mother sometimes pasted his father's costumes. So, it is safe to say that Michael Charles Wright was born into Junkanoo. In the middle and late 1950's as a youth in his parent's home, Mr. Wright along with his cousins and other neighborhood kids, would drag old costumes from Bay Street over the hill, and use cans filled with pebbles, and broken glass. They also used as drums, empty paint cans with plastic stretched across the top, along with old water buckets to rush around the neighborhood. His creative Junkanoo spirit was invoked around 1959 when



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