

Christian Hospital Foundation to Award Scholarships at MLK Luncheon

The Christian Hospital Foundation is hosting its second annual “Embracing the Dream – The Beloved Community” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Luncheon on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Detrick Building Atrium, 11133 Dunn Rd. The event will be a celebration of inspiration, hope and healing for our beloved community. Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of Repairers of the Breach, is the keynote speaker; and Evangelist Mary Tillman, “Your” Radio Angel 95.5 FM, will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

The Drum Major for Service Award will be presented at the celebration to honor an unsung individual who has given their time, talents and treasure in service of justice and equality. The award is inspired by the following words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. describing what he called the “Drum Major Instinct” in a sermon over a half-century ago to the congregation in Atlanta’s Ebenezer Baptist Church: “If you want to say I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness ... We all have the drum major instinct.”

The 2019 awardees are:

- James Buford, Retired President and

Chief Executive Officer, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

- Maxine Clark & Bob Fox, Clark-Fox Family Foundation

- Sonya Crider, Executive Director, Emerson Family YMCA

- Esther Haywood, President Emeritus, Saint Louis County NAACP

- Susan Stith, Vice President, Diversity, Inclusion and Corporate Giving, Express Scripts Holding Company

- Kelvin Westbrook, President and Chief Executive Officer, KRW Advisors, LLC

Scholarships will also be awarded at the celebration to one student from each of the Ferguson-Florissant, Hazelwood, Jennings, Normandy and Riverview Gardens school districts; Lutheran North and Trinity Catholic high schools and one student from St. Louis Community College interested in pursuing careers in health care.

Sponsorships are available for the celebration. Individual reservations are \$50 and table reservations for eight (8) are \$400. The celebration includes lunch and complimentary valet parking. For more information, please visit ChristianHospital.org/MLK-Celebration or contact Kamille Pope at 314-653-4191 or Kamille.Pope@bjc.org.



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2019 Business Person of the Year

More than 250 guests enjoyed the sold-out 'Winter Wonderland' Nite of Stars festivities at the Greater North County Chamber gala on Dec. 7 at the Paul Detrick Atrium on the campus of Christian Hospital.

That evening Chamber President Venus Martz announced the selection of Cathy Bono as the 2019 Business Person of the Year. Cathy Bono has devoted over 37 years of her life to caring for thousands and thousands of residents with a passionate focus of adhering to the Delmar Gardens Philosophy of "Love, Care and Understanding" each and every day. Cathy is the original Administrator of Delmar Gardens North, opening it in 1988. "Cathy has been committed to making a positive impact in our community and we are so thrilled that she is receiving this prestigious award," said Martz. Cathy will be honored as the Business Person of the Year in February on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m. at Catering to You. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call the Chamber office for reservations at 314-831-3500. The gala included food, drinks, dancing, and live and silent auctions. Kent Miller Photography snapped holiday photos of the guests, Big Papa G Entertainment provided the music, and was the auctioneer for the live auction items. Delmar Gardens provided a photo booth for the event. Martz said the evening was a huge success, thanks in part to the businesses, organizations and individuals that donated items for the live and silent auctions and to the 2018 Nite of Stars sponsors. Sponsors for the gala included Presenting Sponsor Christian Hospital; Gold Sponsors Life Care Center of Florissant and the Bridget at Florissant; Silver Sponsors Aperion Care Hidden Lake, Central Bank of St. Louis, Delmar Gardens North, Garden Villas North, Gary's Auto Service, Handyman TrueValue Hardware, Life Development Support Center, Inc., St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley, US Bank, and Valley Industries. Bronze Sponsors A Skeetz Production, Citizens National Bank, City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Denny & Associates, Inc., Hazelwood School District, Kwik Kopy Printing, Pallottine Renewal Center, Paramount Bank, Stems Florist, St. Catherine Retirement Community, St. Louis Ambush, and Vivial. Martz added that a special thanks goes to Nite of Stars Committee – Chair Kitty Harrison with Johnny Londoff Chevrolet, Vice-Chair Darla Tinker with US Bank; Mike Moehlenkamp with Gary's Auto; Jon Vogt with Catering to You; Kim Brannan with Stems; and Bret Berigan with Christian Hospital.