

African American Community Fund Banquet Supports Community Enrichment



Left to right: Hazel Roundtree, Nicholas Hubbard, Tyra Jackson, grant recipients and Marsha Barnhart, WDTN TV Mistress of Ceremony.

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The African American Community Fund (AACF) Gala was held on

October 4th at the Meadowbrook Country Club.

The event brought out the many financial supports of the fund, which

has been in existence for over 21 years. Since that time, the fund has been lead under the mantra of,

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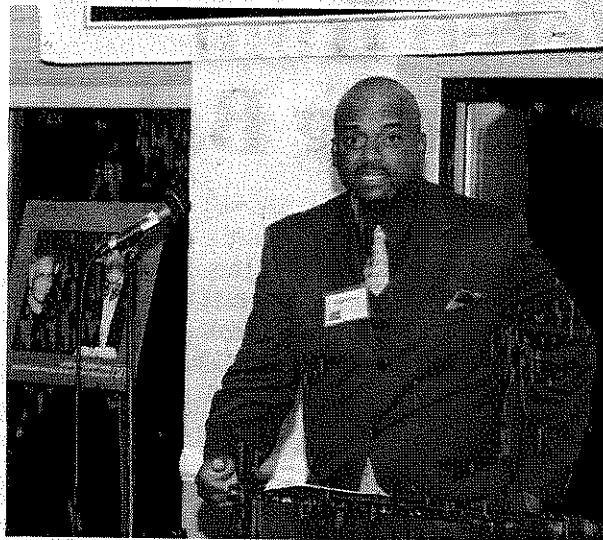
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Royce Johnson past president speaks to the audience.



Michael Parks Dayton Foundation head.

of the Dayton Foundation, spoke of the Dayton Foundation's commitment to the continuation of AACF. As a result of this commitment, the Dayton Foundation implemented the Matching Program for the AACF with a grant of \$50,000. The Dayton Foundation extended the matching program in 2012 and due to the success of the most recent match, has again extended the Matching Program through December 2014 with an additional grant of \$50,000. "AACF hold great promise of or community, says Parks. "The Dayton Foundation is very proud to support its Advisory Board, volunteers and donors in their dedication to continuing the tradition of African American giving for the benefit of generations to come."

AACF Vice President, Calvin Heard, encouraged attendees to support the AACF by opening a Charitable Checking Account (CCA). The CCA is a service provided through the Dayton Foundation and functions

"Continuing the Legacy of Educating Our Community," and as President of the AACF, Jessica Jenkins states, "the AACF has worked within the community to promote philanthropy, acts of kindness, and increased awareness of the physical, economic, social conditions that affect the quality of life of African Americans in the Greater Miami Valley area." The



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event highlights were the recognition of the 2012-2013 grant recipients. These dollars are available to community organizations to meet the needs of residents in the area of Education. During this 2013 grant cycle, AACF was able to award the most in discretionary grants since it is inception, thanks to the Matching Program and committed individuals dedicating their dollars to the AACF's unrestricted fund. Grant awardees were Dayton History's Paul Laurence Dunbar Admissions Program, Day-Mont Behavioral Health Care's Children and Youth Education Literacy Improvement Project, Delta Alpha Foundation's Educational Opportunities for At-Risk and Underserved Students, Macedonia Community Development Program's Personal Computers for the Villagers Program, NCCJ's Anytown Leadership Institute, Parity Inc.'s Leadership Development Program and the YWCA of Dayton's Reading Tutor Program.

During the event, Mike Parks, President

like a personal checking account, making record-keeping for charitable donations much easier. Accounts can be started with a little as \$50 and include many benefits which include, tax-deductible, online account information, direct transfers and no minimums and no fees.

For more information on opening a new Charitable Checking Account potential donors are encouraged to contact Whitney Briggs at 937.225.9948 or via email at wbriggs@daytonfoundation.org

Created in 1992 by two visionary community leaders, the African American Community Fund (AACF) of The Dayton Foundation has serves a groundbreaking model for the promotion of African American philanthropy throughout the nation. With more than 160 funds, AACF continues to inspire and unite Greater Dayton African Americans to create a permanent financial resource for their community as well as a philanthropic legacy.