



The Ivy and Roses Newsletter

Message from the President:

Welcome to the official publication for the Ivy and Roses Community Fund, Inc. We look forward to serving the needs of the community and sharing the success stories with the membership and our donors. For 2009, we continue our theme of "Strengthening Families" to build upon and provide a wide range of support that offers assistance at the highest level possible to those in need. I offer thanks to all of our members and supporters.

Nicole M. Adams, President

Through the Years...Live From The Harlem Renaissance

At the dawn of the 20th century, many African Americans joined together for the "Great Migration" and headed to the northern cities to escape the poverty and racism of the south. These people wanted to build a new life for themselves that was better and more promising to help them achieve success and realize their dreams. What blossomed from the Harlem Renaissance was great intellect, music, poetry, literature and political power.

This year's Ivy and Roses Community Fund, Inc., (IRCF) major fundraising event will feature the highlights of this great era. The event will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Association of Black Cardiologists Conference Center in south Atlanta. Admission includes dinner, live entertainment, silent auction, dancing, and an opportunity to support the foundation's ongoing programs. Admission is \$75.00 per person. Ticketing and sponsorship information is available at www.pialphaomega.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Come join us as we step back in time! Dress up in Harlem's finest and let's celebrate and experience the music, literary and artistic giants of the Harlem Renaissance. You will be graciously treated to an evening of live entertainment, dancing and the opportunity to bid on great items at the silent auction. All proceeds will support the foundation's programs.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2009
7:00PM - 11:30PM


**ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CARDIOLOGISTS
CONFERENCE CENTER**

**5355 HUNTER ROAD
ATLANTA, GA 30349**

**\$75 PER PERSON
(INCLUDES DINNER AND TWO DRINKS)**

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO
WWW.PIALPHAOMEGA.ORG
OR SEE ANY MEMBER OF PI ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER.**

THE IVY & ROSES COMMUNITY FUND, INC. IS A 501 (C) 3 NON-PROFIT CORPORATION COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING FAMILIES IN THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY.



Ivy and Roses Community Fund announces Atlanta Tech scholarship recipients

The Pi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc., presented Atlanta Technical College with \$3,000 in scholarships through its Ivy and Roses Community Fund, Inc. There were six students who received \$500 individual scholarships. The recipients are Carol Blue (Marketing Management), Kenneth Mathis, Sr., (Marketing Management), Keith McNeil, (HVAC), Safiyyah Shabazz (Accounting), Skyla Holmes (Early Childhood Care and Education), and Yolanda West (Paralegal Studies).

"The foundation's generosity and interest in Atlanta Technical College is appreciated," stated Rodney Ellis, Executive Director of the Atlanta Technical College Foundation.

Rosa Parks Day Breakfast brings message of equality to full circle

The Ivy and Roses Community Fund, Inc. sponsored its first Rosa Parks Day Breakfast at the College Park Woman's Club. Drawing a capacity crowd of 100 attendees, the event was very educational, dramatic and successful.

The Woodard Academy Thespians (pictured below) offered an outstanding performance that portrayed the reenactment of the historic bus scene in 1955 that led to the Civil Rights Movement. The breakfast also included live enter-



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"THE only thing that bothered me was that we waited so long to make this protest."

- Inducted: 1995 -



tainment by a pianist and vocalist using spiritual songs as a base. During the performance, the audience was completely riveted to the emotional remembrance of the courage and determination of one woman that helped change the world. A roaring standing ovation was given following the performance.

Scholarships to be awarded to deserving Ivy and Roses Scholars

With education as a key component of its mission, the IRCF, in partnership with the Pi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has selected three graduating high school seniors entering college in 2009-2010 as recipients of a \$1000 cash award. The selection of the recipients for the Ivy & Roses Community Fund, Inc., Scholarship, the *Ivy & Roses Scholar*, was based on an essay contest and other criteria outlined in the application. This scholarship information was distributed to potential candidates, metro area schools, and the greater Atlanta area community at large.

The 2009 Ivy and Roses Scholars are Destinee Cherry of Woodland High School in Stockbridge, Adrianna Mitchell of North Gwinnett High School, and Natalie Papillion of Riverwood International. Destinee plans to attend Valdosta State University, Adrianna is looking forward to enrolling at Spelman College, and Natalie has been accepted to Yale University. The financial award will be distributed upon proof of acceptance and enrollment at a four-year college or university. The IRCF would like to offer special recognition to **Forsetta McCord**, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc., and Pi Alpha Omega Chapter for volunteering her time and talent to serve on the review committee for the essay contest.

Local youth attend Camp Cosby

For the past three years, the IRCF has sponsored kids to attend a week long session at Camp Cosby in Alpine, Alabama. In operation since 1922, Camp Cosby has been a YMCA camp that provides the youth an opportunity to build self-esteem, grow, and challenge themselves in a friendly, safe and diverse environment. The kids learn an array of life long lessons. This year's class of campers included two children from the Pi Alpha Omega Chapter's Adopted Families program. This is one of many ways the IRCF strengthens families.

Established in 2003, the Ivy & Roses Community Fund (IRCF) sponsors numerous charitable, organizational, and civic activities which include providing educational assistance, scholarships, and donations to other organizations whose focus is on strengthening and improving the quality of life in the community in the areas of education, health, economic and cultural empowerment, leadership development and the arts. The Ivy & Roses Community Fund is a 501 (c) (3) charity.

The 2009 Board of Directors: Nicole M. Adams, Gloria Carithers, Alicia Cullens, Stephanie Harris, Carla Whitlock -Holloway, Joi Huff, Josephine Reed Taylor, Kendra Taylor, Paula Conyers Walker, and Corliss H. White. Ex-Officio: Melanie Bales, Patricianne Hurd, Patrise Perkins-Hooker and Patricia Kauffman. Mailing Address: Ivy and Roses Community Fund, P. O. Box 310677, Atlanta, GA 31131.