AACSA
40th Anniversary
GALA

OCTOBER 6, 2018

Cherise Danielle Orange

BOARD CHAIR OF AACSA

Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the African American Community Service Agency, I would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for the community's support of the AACSA 40th Anniversary Gala. We are grateful for the generosity of our Gala guests, volunteers and local businesses for making this event a success. The Agency cannot continue - or grow - its outreach to the community through service programs and educational experiences without your support. Over the last year, your philanthropy has achieved so much. Your time and gifts have allowed the Agency to offer specialty programming for families, reestablish the AACSA Leadership Academy, and STEAM on Saturdays program for youth ages 6 - 15. Your generosity has also prompted tremendous steps forward preserving the Agency's legacy at the corner of Julian and sixth streets with much needed building renovations.

We are honored to celebrate the achievements of our Lifetime Achievement and Excellence in Philanthropy Award recipients, Mrs. Regina Williams-Gates and Mr. George R. Roberts. As grant recipient from the Roberts Foundation, AACSA has completely transformed its accounting and management processes to serve the community more efficiently and effectively. Thank you and congratulations to all of our Excellence Awardees.

The AACSA is extremely grateful to all its corporate sponsors for their generosity. We extend our gratitude to this year's leading sponsors Alaska Airlines, HP, and Google. Our event could not have happened without the generous participation of our volunteers; the friends and businesses who so kindly donated items for our auctions; and for every donor, gala attendee and raffle ticket purchaser whose efforts helped to make the evening such a great success! Finally, a deeply heartfelt thank you to our 2018 40th Anniversary Gala Host Committee for their dedication, creativity, and resourcefulness in making our 40th Celebration one to remember!

We will continue to build on the year's successes with the support of our friends and community with a renewed commitment to the African American Community Service Agency over the months ahead. There's so much more we can accomplish if we do it together, and the need within our community for the Agency is imperative. Thank you again for your commitment to our organization. I look forward to stewarding the Agency's mission with each of you during the months and years ahead.

Strength in Unity,

Cherise Danielle Orange

Chair, Board of Directors

African American Community Service Agency

Milan R. Balinton

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AACSA

October 6, 2018

Dear Guest, Family, Friends, and Leaders,

Thank you to everyone that has ever given of self to the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) for a purpose greater than self these past 40 years. Thank you for helping us deliver programs and services based on our mission, and when not on mission, helping or joining us to get on mission to serve the people. This is a direct reflection of our motto for 40 years Strength in Unity.

Again, thank you to the past, present, and future generations. Thank you to the staff and volunteers over the years. Thank you to the Fairmont San Jose, committees, sponsors, donors, and prayer warriors in action.



We remain, servants of the people.

Strength in Unity,

Milan R. Balinton

Executive Director

GALA CO-CHAIR LETTER

Greetings 40th Anniversary Attendees,

On behalf of the African American Community Service Agency, the Chairs of our Inaugural 40th Anniversary Gala extends their sincere gratitude to all the volunteers that have served to make this momentous occasion a success. We are humbled by your generous gifts of time, expertise, creativity, organization and humor. It does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Since 1978, It has been the gift of volunteerism that has helped to sustain the AACSA for the past 40 years. We thank you for your patience, your perseverance and your respect. Most of all, we thank you for the care and love you have for the AACSA. Your commitment to our success is an inspiration to all.

Strength in Unity,

Erika Albury, Board Member and

E. Bobby Gasper, Emeritus Board Chair (July 2009 - June 2015)

AACSA 40th Anniversary Co-Chairs

Program

OPENING: WE ARE ONE BAND

INVOCATION

Pastor Tony Williams, Maranatha Christian Center

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONY

MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Mr. Marcus Washington - NBC Bay Area

NEGRO NATIONAL HYMN

Jasmine O'pel Butler

PRESENTATIONS

Wells Fargo Foundation

TRIBUTE

PERFORMANCE: Victoria McDowell

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INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

GUEST SPEAKER: Susan L. Taylor

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EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY

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EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mrs. Melody Hames

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Mrs. Regina Williams – Gates

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

Dr. Glenda Newell - Harris

EXCELLENCE IN CORPORATE

Ms. Molly Q. Ford

EXCELLENCE IN BEING A ROLE MODEL

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS/PRESENTATION

Milan R. Balinton, Executive Director

Gala Committees

OPERATIONS DAY OF GALA

Erika Albury
Bobby Gasper
Milan Balinton

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Erika Albury

SOUVENIR BOOKLET

Shirley Parrish
Sean Young
Skyler Caesar
Sabrina Lamontagne

ENTERTAINMENT

Milan Balinton

History of AACSA

On November 26, 1977, in the upstairs conference room of the Antioch Baptist Church, 268 East Julian Street, San Jose, CA 95112 at 9:00 a.m., twelve individuals gathered to establish the Afro-American Community Service Agency later named Frank Sypert Afro- American Community Service Agency. We, the African-American Community, thank you for planting the seed and we the African American Community will nurture the seed so that it will continue to grow. In 1978, the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) was grated official status.

Founders

Mr. Chuck Alexander
Mr. Willie Bell
Mr. Henry Gage, Sr.*
Mr. Louis C. Gibson
Mr. Bob Hale
Ms. Inez C. Jackson*
Mr. Charles E. Lyons
Ms. Jackie Penn
Rev. M. Samuel Pinkston, Ph.D
Mr. Ed Sims
Mr. Wester Sweet, Attorney
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About AACSA

The African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) is one of the only African American cultural centers in the Silicon Valley. Our Vision: it to provide quality educational, cultural, social and recreational programs, services and activities in order to perpetuate and strengthen African American identity, culture, values, traditions, knowledge and family life-is at the heart of all programs. AACSA's membership is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability. The Agency's diverse activities and services offer a natural gateway to African American life. AACSA's membership is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, age or disability. The Agency's diverse activities and services offer a natural gateway to African American life.

Mission

It is the mission of the African American Community Service Agency to preserve the dignity and culture of a diverse African American Community and to provide services that promote full participation of all of Santa Clara County and the general society.



Susan L. Taylor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Susan L. Taylor, the best-selling author of four books, and editor of eight others, is a fourth-generation entrepreneur, who grew up in Harlem working in her father's clothing store. At just 24, she founded her own cosmetics company, which led to the beauty editor's position at Essence, the publication she would go on to shape into a world-renown brand with more than 8 million readers. It was that enterprising spirit wedded to a deep love for her community that led to the founding of the National CARES Mentoring Movement in 2005 as Essence CARES. With local CARES affiliates in 58 cities, to date National CARES has recruited, trained and deployed more than 135,000 mentors to schools and youth-support organizations like Big Brothers, Big Sisters, as well as its own academic and social transformational initiatives—including The HBCU Rising: A Campus-Public Schools Literacy and STEM Mentoring Initiative. A community-mobilization movement, National CARES is the only organization dedicated to providing mentoring, healing and wellness services on a national scale for Black children.

Marcus Washington

40TH GALA EMCEE

Marcus Washington anchors "Today In The Bay" and "NBC Bay Area News at 11" alongside Laura Garcia.

Marcus has been acknowledged by outlets like the Baltimore Sun and the Washington Post for his reporting. He is also flattered (and amused!) to be named one of "Nashville's 25 Most Beautiful People" (per Lifestyles Magazine in 2011) and number fourteen among "The 50 Hottest Anchors in the World" (according to Buzzfeed.com in 2017).

Marcus is also member of The National Association of Black Journalists, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and the Church of Christ.

He is excited to explore the Bay Area and all the great treasures—especially the food, music, and community—it has to offer. So, don't hesitate to say hello if you see Marcus out—and follow him on social media for news updates and chronicles of his adventures.



Jasmine O'pel Butler

PERFORMING "LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING"



Jasmine O'pel Butler - 40th Anniversary Gala Soloist "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

At the tender age of two years old, Jasmine's parents realized her musical gift, and her love for singing. It was then that the joy of music took root, making her the youngest member of Emmanuel Baptist Church Children's Choir.

By age fifteen, she became a Youth Choir director at Emmanuel, and was groomed to be a Worship Leader.

Jasmine is forever grateful to her loving parents, Imani and Leslie, for always speaking life into her, encouraging, and supporting her in every endeavor. She takes great pride in being the eldest sibling to "her kids"; Jade, Jael, and Ilijah and strives to be the best example possible, because she knows they are always watching.

Now, at age twenty-six, Jasmine has come full circle and for a year has served as the Worship Director at Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she is the youngest to hold a leadership position of this magnitude in the church's fifty-three year history.

Jasmine is a proud member of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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Victoria Thuy Vi McDowell

PERFORMER



Victoria Thuy Vi McDowell,14 yrs old, sings in 5 Languages, plays the piano also the violin in LGHS Orchestra and has a Black Belt in TKD. She's known as the "Voice of San Jose, Jr." In 2015 she won best vocals on VSTAR Kids, in 2016 she performed in Naples, Italy at the Piazza del Plebiscito plaza, in 2017 and 2018 Victoria won the Gold Star for the Northern California NAACP ACT-SO competition. Also she's the 2018 South Bay Teen Idols first place winner.

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Officially Tyler

GUEST ARTIST

Tyler Maxwell Gordon was born in San Jose, Ca. on June 24th 2006. Shortly after the 5th grade school year started a new art category was introduced into the STEM fair competition. That was the day thatTyler honed in on his inner artist in hopes of qualifying for the semi finals. Well not only did he qualify, he won the entire thing with a portrait of his school principal. Since then Tyler has appeared on the hit internet television show Right This Minute twice, Little Big Shots with host Steve Harvey, The Pickler and Ben daytime talk show and was flown out to New York to paint LIVE at Janet Jackson's video release party.

He's also done paintings for Missy Elliott, Kevin Durant, Kevin Hart, Stephen Curry, Brandy, Marshawn Lynch, Derrick Carr, Richard Sherman and numerous other celebrities. He also spends his summer days volunteering in his community giving free art lessons to kids ages ranging from 3-17. Tyler is hoping to go to NYU to study art in the future.

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Dear African American Community Service Agency,

It is my honor to recognize the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) for 40 successful years of dedicated service to the San José community. As one of the most prominent non-profit organizations based in San José helping our African American community members, I am grateful for your unwavering commitment to educate and advocate on behalf of the many individuals who depend on your organization.

We need our friends and community to continue supporting AACSA to ensure that your programs and services can thrive, and that our residents can continue to benefit from them.

On behalf of the 27th Assembly District, congratulations on your 40th Anniversary Gala.



Sincerely,

Ash

27th Assembly District

California State Legislature

Dear AACSA Members,

This year is meaningful in that it marks the 40th anniversary of the African American Community Service Agency. On behalf of the City of San Jose, I send my earnest congratulations to you in commemoration of the organization's founding.

As one of the only African American cultural centers in Silicon Valley, your organization and its programs are a testament to the commitment of preserving and propelling African American identity in the Bay Area.

I applaud your hard work and dedication to strengthening the quality of education to the African America community. Congratulations, again, for reaching this important milestone and have a wonderful celebration.

Best Wishes,

Dev Davis



San Jose City Councilmember, District 6

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September 6, 2018

Dear Friends,

I would like to wish the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) sincere congratulations on celebrating their 40th Anniversary Gala.

I commend AACSA for remaining steadfast in their mission to provide quality educational, cultural, social and recreational programs, services, and activities for the African American community since 1978. For four decades, AACSA has provided public service to improve the quality of life for our residents in Santa Clara County, and I am pleased to commend them for another year of helping our African American community.

Best wishes on many more successful years of strengthening identity, culture, values, traditions, knowledge, and family life in the African American community and the community at-large in Santa Clara County and California.

Sincerely,

Dave Cortese
Board of Supervisors

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Jeffrey Rosen
District Attorney

September 21, 2018

Milan Balinton
Executive Director
African American Community Service Agency (AACSA)
304 N. 6th Street
San José, CA 95112

Re: District Attorney's Support of and Congratulations for 40 Years of Service to Santa Clara County by AACSA

Dear Mr. Balinton,

Thank you for the opportunity to congratulate you on 40 years serving the African American community's unique needs in Santa Clara County and for bringing a sense of pride to its members and to the community at large.

Since I became District Attorney in January 2011, my office has been pro-active in developing new policies that enhance fairness. My office has engaged the community in crime prevention efforts through our Community Prosecution Unit designed to prevent juvenile crime and work with families to keep kids in school and out of prison. We value that partnership and Leadership that AACSA has provided in these efforts and many others.

Since its founding in 1978, AACSA has been a partner in fighting for justice reform, cultural responsiveness, and pride in our community and I look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come as we seek to bring about a fair and equitable society.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey F. Rosen
District Attorney
Santa Clara County

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October 6, 2018

Dear Friends,

I would like to take a moment to recognize the Board of Directors, staff members and volunteers with the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) for organizing its 40th Anniversary Gala in recognition of 40 years of the AACSA and Honoring Black Excellence. This is a wonderful annual event that helps support and celebrates the only African American cultural center in Silicon Valley.

As the State Assemblymember representing the 25th Assembly District and the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media, I know the importance of promoting high quality cultural, social, educational and recreational programs in our community. I applaud the commitment and services that AACSA provides to promoteculture, values, traditions, knowledge and family valuesin Silicon Valley. AACSA's dedication serves as a strong reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together.

It is my honor to represent such a wonderful part of California in the State Assembly, and I am proud of my partnership with the African American Community Service Agency. I highly encourage everyone to consider participating in one of their upcoming events and projects, and I look forward to working with them in the future. Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

KANSEN CHU
Assemblymember, 25th District

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September 20, 2018

African American Community Service Agency (AACSA)
304 N. 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara and the City Council, it is my honor to send congratulations to the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) as they celebrate 40 years of dedicated service in helping people live healthier, happier lives throughout Santa Clara County. We are excited about the continued success of your organization, and wish for many more to come.

The African American Community Service Agency has long been reputable in the Silicon Valley. For the last four decades, the African American Community Service Agency has made such a positive impact by providing quality educational, cultural, social and recreational programs, services, and activities for the community.

Congratulations once again to the African American Community Service Agency on its 40th anniversary and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead!

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor
City of Santa Clara

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MIKE WASSERMAN
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

October 6, 2018

To: African American Community Service Agency

It is a great pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations to the African American Community Service Agency as you celebrate your 40th Anniversary.

Your commitment to working collectively with youth, elders and surrounding communities is truly inspiring.

As you mark your 40th Anniversary, I know you will look back on your achievements and contributions with joy and pride.

Thank you and congratulations again on this special occasion. On behalf of Santa Clara County residents, I am proud to extend my best wishes for many more years of service.

Sincerely,

Mike Wasserman

Mike Wasserman, Supervisor

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 1



RECYCLED PAPER

Chuck Reed
3486 Sweigert Road
San Jose, CA 95132

African American Community Services Agency
304 N. 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the African American Community Service Agency (SJAACSA) on its 40th Anniversary!

I became aware of the important work being done in our community long before I was Mayor through my friendship with Elbert Reed. Then I had the pleasure to work with several other SJAACSA leaders during my time in office.

Overcoming the racial, ethnic and economic divisions in our community will take many more years, but the work of SJAACSA provides hope and inspiration necessary for all of us.

The success of Silicon Valley flows from the diversity of our community and our ability and willingness to focus on what we have in common rather than our differences. SJAACSA has helped make that possible and can be proud of its 40 year history.

Best wishes for another 40 years.

Sincerely,

Chuck Reed

Chuck Reed
Former Mayor of San Jose

CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Sam T. Liccardo
MAYOR

September 21, 2018

Milan Balinton
Executive Director
African American Community Service Agency
304 N. 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Mr. Milan Balinton,

As the African American Community Service Agency celebrates forty years of serving our community, I wish to congratulate you and your membership on reaching this historic milestone. Since its inception in 1978, the AACSA has served as one of the largest African American cultural centers in the Silicon Valley, providing invaluable resources and services for nearly 200,000 people in our community every year.

The African American Community Service Agency continues to grow and expand to serve San José residents, offering membership to all regardless of race, religion, age or disability. Just this year the organization began the process of becoming a First 5 Center and a Homeless Services and Meals Center for the City, furthering the positive impact the AACSA will have on our City.

It has been a pleasure to partner with you on rehabilitating the AACSA's cultural center in order to provide services for feeding homeless individuals in the Downtown area, in addition to several other projects that have addressed the community's most pressing needs. Through this important work, the AACSA has fostered and reinforced African American identity, culture, and values in the City of San José and beyond.

Thank you for serving our community over the past four decades. I wish the AACSA continued success in its future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Sam Liccardo
Mayor of San Jose

OHLONE COLLEGE 50 years 1967-2017

Greetings!!

It is a pleasure to personally congratulate the African American Community Service Agency on its 40th anniversary in "Strength in Unity". This is a testament to the positive impact you have had on the local community and represents a renewed focus on your leadership and your service to the Bay Area.

Thank you to the steadfast commitment of serving our community and leaving San Jose community a lot brighter for the next generation to come. The African American Community Service Agency has played a prominent role in promoting education excellence, social, recreational programs, and culture awareness helping to make a real difference in the lives of our citizens. Each and every day you embrace and embody the kindness, generosity, and compassion of the good neighbor spirit, and for that, I am grateful.

On behalf of Ohlone Community College, I would like to thank you for serving our fellow community and being an outstanding example by creating positive and lasting changes, I applaud your achievements and wish you another successful 40th years.

Sincerely,

Honorable Teresa D. Cox
Ohlone Community College Trustee

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September 26, 2018

African American Community Service Agency
304 N. 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear African American Community Service Agency and Staff,

Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, October 6th, at the Fairmont in San Jose.

The gala will showcase and celebrate the many services which AACSA provides to perpetuate and strengthen African American identity. Through quality educational, cultural, social, and recreational programs, AACSA fulfills its mission of preserving the dignity and culture of a diverse African American Community, as well as providing services that encourage the full participation of all of Santa Clara County and society at-large.

I am profoundly encouraged by the accomplishments AACSA. I look forward to hearing about your work in the Bay Area for another 40 years, and I hope to have the opportunity to partner with you going forward. I would also like to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to this year's remarkable AACSA honorees.

I hope the gala is a tremendous success!

Sincerely,

Marc Berman
State Assembly, 24th District

Congrats!

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Jewish Federation OF SILICON VALLEY | Community Relations Council

Dear AACSA,

We are so pleased to be celebrating your 40th Anniversary, and also taking a moment to reflect on the wonderful collaboration you have had with the Jewish Community Relations Council.

You have grown and strengthened your organization by strengthening it's ties to diverse groups in the community, and thus you have strengthened all of us. We are grateful!

We look back with fond recollection on the Black-Jewish Mission to Philadelphia—a starting point. Through our film screenings of "Mississippi Burning" and "Rabbi Joachim Prinz: I Shall Not Be Silent", we brought Jews and African Americans together for deeper understanding of their common cause. When we had a packed house singing together for our Voting Rights Passover Seder, there was a powerful sense of connection between our communities.

AACSA hosted many meetings of the African American Jewish Partnership Project, which brought young professionals together to forge the next generation of partners. Your recognition of the impact of our collaboration with the Drum Major Award at the 2017 MLK Luncheon is a source of on-going inspiration.

In Jewish tradition, when we finish reading the Torah at the end of the year, we say "Be strong, be strong and may we be strengthened. We wish Milan strength, we wish the Agency strength, and together we will all be strengthened.

Warmly,

Diane Fisher, Director

Jewish Community Relations Council

Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley

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September 30, 2018

African American Community Services Agency (AACSA, est. 1978)

Dear AACSA Family,

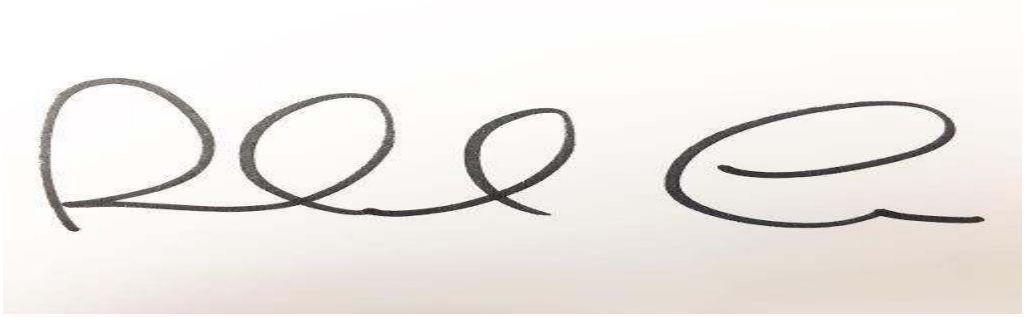
It is my great honor and pleasure to recognize AACSA for 40 years of service to our African American and greater community. Our Valley is rich with African American history and AACSA has been a pillar and platform for change-makers in quality education, culture, social and recreational programs, services, and activities. It is the AACSA Way to have open doors for everyone. It is this value that touches every heart in the community.

As the Mayor of Milpitas, I have seen this first hand with the organization, its leaders, and members. My visit to the headquarters earlier this year was rich and full of a family-oriented environment. Shout out to my man Milan R. Balinton for his incredible leadership. He's a change-maker that we are all grateful for.

Even on the walls of AACSA's building, I am reminded of the community's strong connection to our region. There is a framed artwork of Milpitas' former Mayor Ben Gross – the first Black Mayor in our county and state! It is a reminder that no matter what jurisdiction, we are all one community. Our relationships transcend any divide.

Congratulations and high praise to AACSA on the 40th Anniversary and Gala celebration! May we rejoice and appreciate all those in our community that led to this day. May be toast to many more decades of community development for one and for all. Wishing AACSA all the best for decades to come.

Sincerely,



Rich Tran

Mayor

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October 2, 2018

African American Community Services Agency
304 North 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Congratulations to the African American Community Services Agency on the occasion of "*40 Years of the AACSA & Honoring Black Excellence!*" at the annual Gala on October 6, 2018.

The African American Community Services Agency is to be commended for its contributions to better the lives of young African Americans and preserve their cultural heritage by providing quality educational, social and recreational programs, services and activities.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the commitment of the African American Community Services Agency to this community to provide a comfortable atmosphere rich in African American family traditions.

Best wishes,

Cindy Chavez
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304 N. 6th Street
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley it is my pleasure and honor to congratulate the African American Community Service Agency (SJAACSA) on its 40th Anniversary!

As both of our organizations continue our hard work to improve the quality of life for our two communities and the Silicon Valley region we know that organizations that are lead and managed by minority leaders are best suited to meet the needs of our community.

Our Foundation's recently published 2018 Silicon Valley Latino Report Card clearly reports that the division between the "have's and have nots" in our region is increasing to a possible "point of no return". We must rededicate ourselves to finding solutions for the needs of our community, so our future generations will be able to remain and prosper in Silicon Valley.

Lastly, over my 24 years of public elected service, especially my time as Mayor of San Jose, I had the pleasure to work with many of SJAACSA's great community leaders such as: Walter Wilson, Henry Gage Sr., Joanna Farris, and Elbert Reed.

Best wishes for continued success.

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October 6, 2018

African American Community Service Agency
304 N. 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on your organization's 40 years of promoting African American participation in Santa Clara County and society as a whole. It is an honor to recognize the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) for its dedication to strengthening African American identity, culture, values, traditions, knowledge and family life.

I am grateful for the AACSA's service to our great state, and the support your organization provides for our community. AACSA programs such as Beyond School Hours and the Young Adults Education Workshop have provided valuable support to young people as they take steps that will help them lead fulfilling adult lives. Furthermore, the AACSA's project, the Silicon Valley African American Cultural Center, has provided a central location in the Silicon Valley that showcases the cultural contributions African Americans have made to the region. The awards and honors you have received these past years are a tribute to the AACSA's enduring legacy and are a testament to its leadership, partnerships, and commitment to advancing the wellbeing of diverse communities.

Congratulations, again. Enjoy a memorable celebration

Sincerely,



Kamala D. Harris
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African American Community Service Agency
304 N. 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

I am pleased to extend my warmest regards to the African American Community Services Agency as you celebrate your 40-year anniversary. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!

Over the past 40 years, the African American Community Services Agency has provided quality educational, cultural, social and recreational programs, services and activities to perpetuate and strengthen African American identity, culture, values, traditions, knowledge and family life in San Jose and beyond.

Your organization's tireless efforts on behalf of the African American community are recognized and deeply appreciated by all of those who have benefitted from your many endeavors.

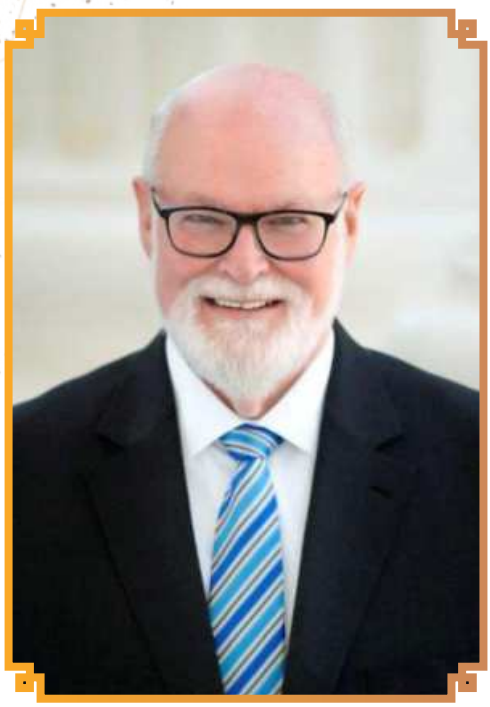
It has been a pleasure of mine seeing this organization grow over the years, specifically under the recent leadership of Milan Balinton. He is deeply committed to the community at the African American Community Services Agency and we all benefit from his enthusiasm, leadership, dedication. Whether he is dancing with the seniors or raising money to rebuild the center, it is clear he is committed to excellence.

As a long-time advocate for the local nonprofit community, I join all your members, friends, and supporters in commending you for your dedicated service and your willingness to give back so much to the community.

I wish the AACSA s wonderful evening of celebration of 40 years of achievement.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gardner
Chief Executive Officer



Jim Beall

EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY

Jim Beall brings a lifetime of experience and understanding in transportation, housing, and government efficiency to the State Senate.

In three decades of public service – first as a San Jose City Councilman, then as a Santa Clara County Supervisor, and legislator in the Assembly -- Beall has left his mark across Silicon Valley and beyond.

In 2017, Beall, the chairman of the Transportation and Housing Committee, was a pivotal figure in unraveling two of California's toughest problems -- repairing a crumbling transportation infrastructure and building more affordable housing to enable more Californians to live in the communities where they work. His solutions will also create and sustain jobs to keep the state's economy rolling.

Regina Williams-Gates

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mrs. Regina Williams-Gates has had an extensive career in public service -- spanning over 40 years in executive positions at both the local and state levels of government. Not one who will ever fully stop working, since retiring she has found a new passion helping organizations by serving in interim capacities. Currently serving as interim city manager in Doraville, a small city in Georgia. Also, she has served as interim executive director of a professional association in Washington D.C. and has been interim Vice President of Administration and Finance for a State University in Virginia.

Williams-Gates is also a registered Mediator and Arbitrator in the State of Georgia, as she admits to one of her passion's being helping people resolve disputes using an alternative to litigation. Also, she uses this expertise to train others in conflict resolution and non-violence



Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland Ph.D.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland currently serves as Interim Chancellor of San Jose – Evergreen Community College District. He served as President of San Jose City College from spring of 2013 until being named Interim Chancellor in July 2018. Dr. Clift Breland holds a Bachelor of Science degree in consumer economics and a Master of Science degree in family studies from the University of Maryland, College Park. He also has a Master of Science degree in education and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in counseling psychology, both from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Clift Breland has held administrative positions at the University of Maryland at College Park and the University of Southern California where he successfully led community development, outreach, and student success initiatives. Throughout his educational career, he has served as an Assistant Dean, Director of Judicial Affairs, serving both the undergraduate and medical school campuses, at the University of California, Irvine, Associate Dean of Student Development at Santa Ana College and Dean of Student Affairs and Associate Vice President/Provost at Long Beach City College.

Glenda F. Newell-Harris, M.D.

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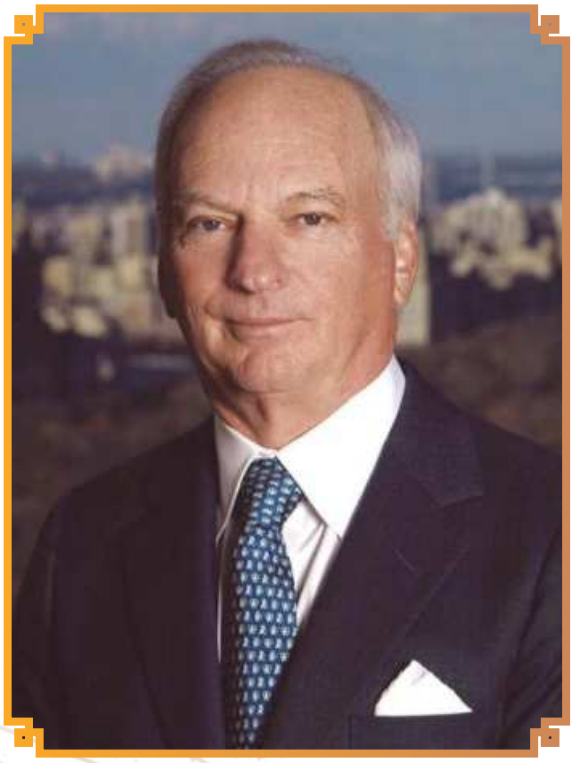
Glenda F. Newell-Harris, M.D. is a board-certified physician in internal medicine and a media spokesperson whose opinions on new advances in medicine and controversial medical issues have made her a valued medical expert. Dr. Newell-Harris has exemplified her exceptional talent to engage audiences in discourses about tough and complicated medical and health topics. Her audiences have included faith-based and professional organizations, as well as local, regional and national medical organizations. Having served as a local health commissioner, and president and secretary of local and regional medical societies, she is a much sought-after speaker for youth groups and non-profit organizations that mentor pre-med and medical students.

Melody Hames

EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH & WELLNESS



Melody Hames has spent the majority of her life's work in service of the well-being of children and families. She has been a partner to parents by providing a safe, caring, supportive learning environment for the preschool child, their families and staff. As a realtor, she promoted wellness by assisting families in achieving their goals of attaining stability, security, and peace of mind. Mrs. Hames has volunteered many hours in various capacities through church membership, always with the heart attitude of uplifting and encouraging those around her. Recent work in the community with Akoma Arts, a west African drum and dance performance group founded by her husband, Keith, has provided a new outlet to promote wellness. "Only by knowing who we are and what we are not, can we become what we are created to be. If I know who I am no one can define that for me. If I know what I am not, then the sky is the limit for me to define what I am."



George Roberts

EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY

George R. Roberts (Menlo Park) co-founded KKR in 1976 and is Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer. He is actively involved in managing the Firm and serves on regional Private Equity Investment and Portfolio Management Committees. Mr. Roberts has served as a director or trustee of several cultural and educational institutions, including Claremont McKenna College. He is also founder and Chairman of the board of directors of REDF, a San Francisco nonprofit organization. He earned a B.A. from Claremont McKenna College in 1966 and a J.D. from the University of California (Hastings) Law School in 1969. Mr. Roberts has more than four decades of experience financing, analyzing, and investing in public and private companies, as well as serving on the boards of a number of KKR portfolio companies.



San Jose Chapter of The Links

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The San Jose Chapter of the Links Incorporated was chartered June 8, 1981. The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of 15, 000 extraordinary women of color who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

The San Jose chapter has a rich legacy of award winning programming and best practices that are highlighted through Services to Youth, the Arts, National and International Trends and Health and Human Services. The programs are implemented through strategies such as public information and education, economic development, and public policy campaigns.

In being Linked in Friendship and Connected in Service for 38 years, our chapter has been transforming communities and fulfilling our purpose through working hard and providing programs, funds and volunteer services to community-based organizations serving needy youth and families in the South Bay Area. In 2002, our chapter proudly established the Alice E. Foster Memorial Scholarship and most recently the Links to Success Scholarship for college-bound students exiting the Santa Clara County Foster Care Program.

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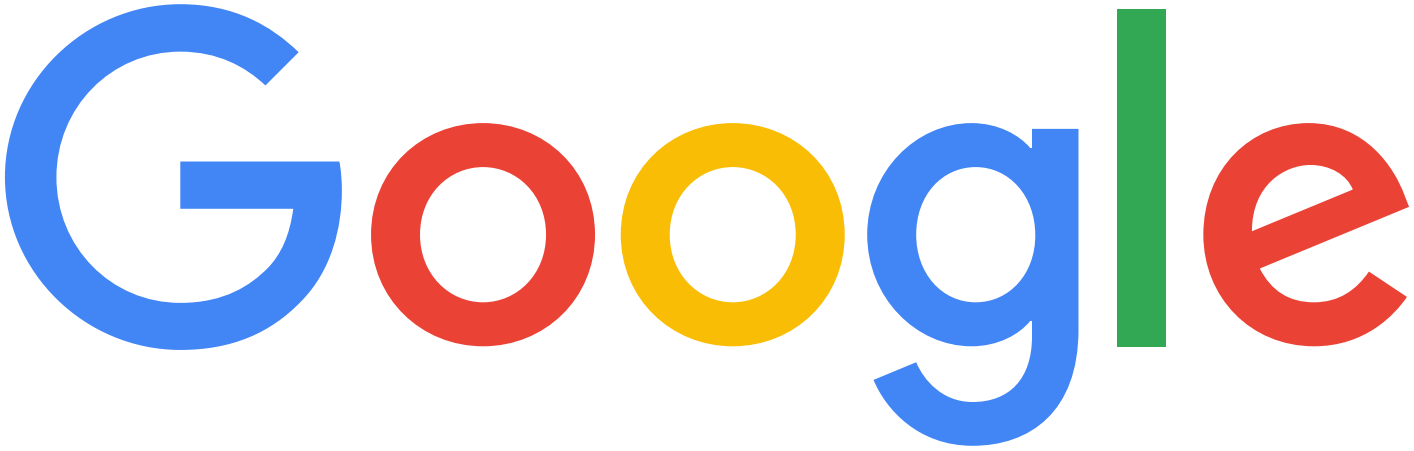
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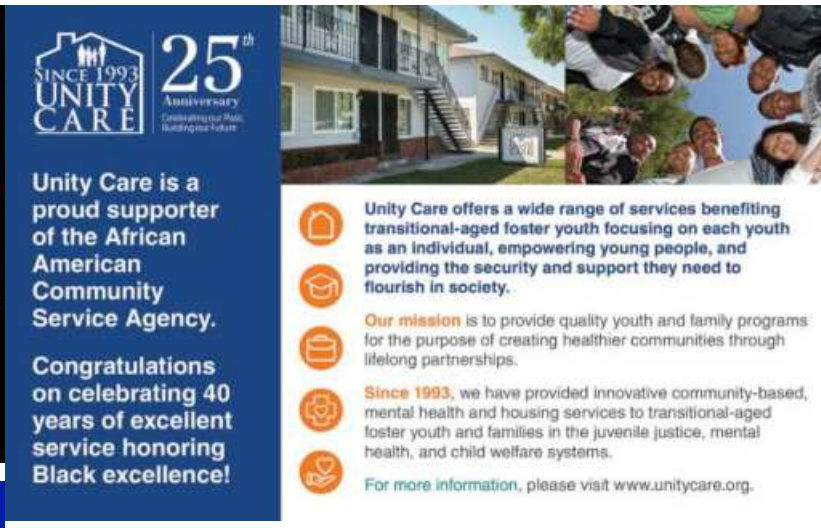


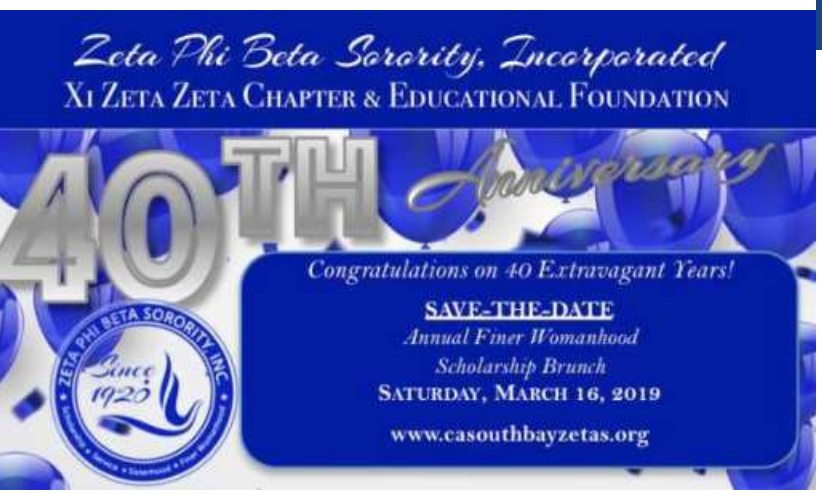
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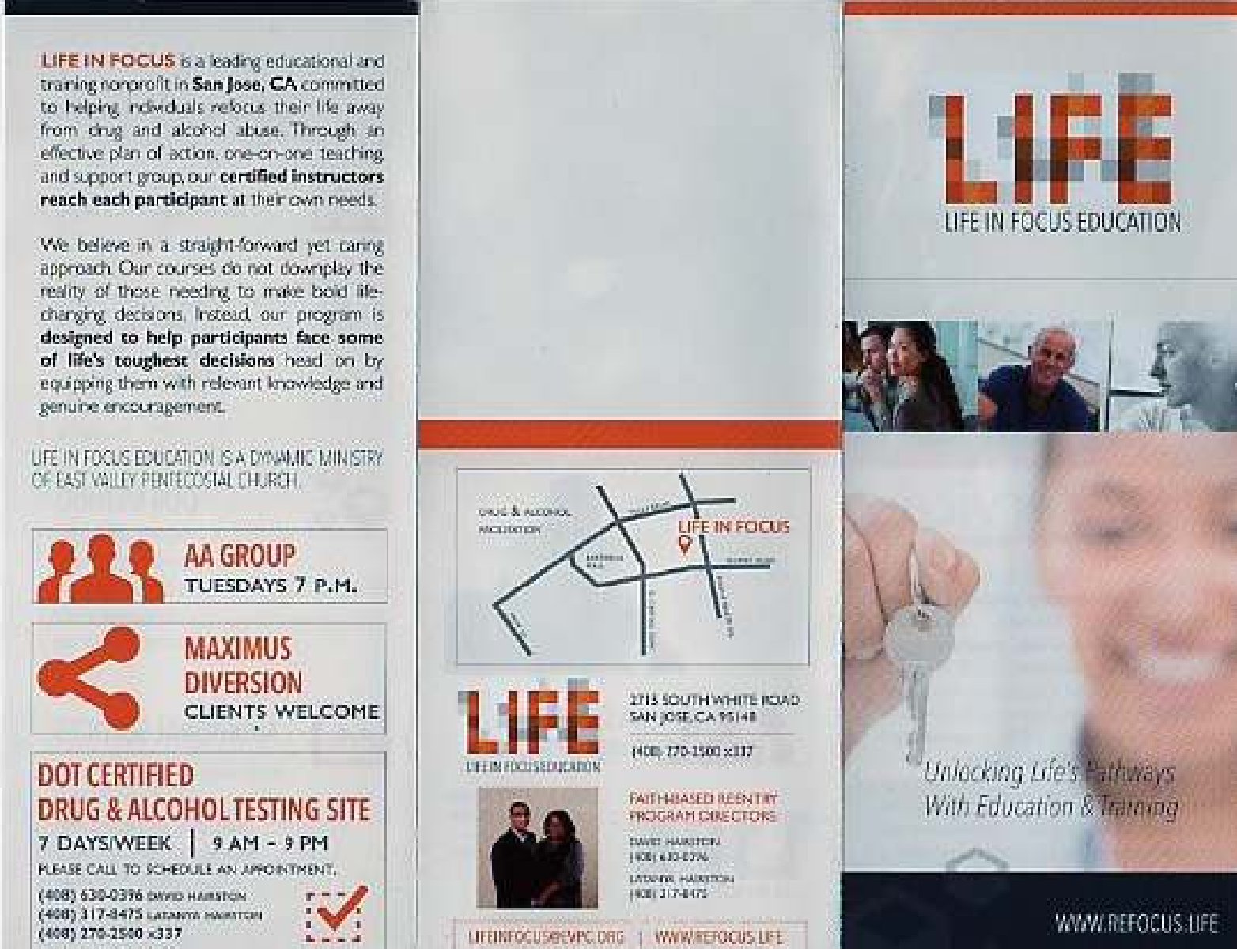
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