



Celebrating 38 Years of Service and Commitment 2016 Annual Presidents' Dinner & Dr. Gerald K. Smith Humanitarian Award Presentations



Dr. Gerald K. Smith Humanitarian Award recipients; Stephen Henderson; Alexander Nelson Luvall, Esq.; Linda Forté; Penny Bailor, Juliette Okotie-Eboh; Yvonne White and David Hecker

Arriving at MGM Grand Detroit to celebrate and support Black Family Development, Inc.'s 2016 Annual Presidents' Dinner and Dr. Gerald K. Smith Humanitarian Award and Scholarship presentations were over 500 guests representing a diverse group of community and corporate entities. "Our mission is To strengthen and enhance the lives of children, youth, and families through partnerships that support safe, nurturing, vibrant homes, schools and communities", stated Alice G. Thompson, CEO, Black Family Development, Inc. (BFDI).

The 2016 Dr. Gerald K. Smith Humanitarian honorees are Penny Bailor, (Retired) Executive Director, City Year Detroit; Linda Forté, (Retired) Senior Vice President & Chief Diversity Officer, Business Affairs - Comerica Bank; David Hecker, President, American Federation of Teachers - Michigan; Stephen Henderson, Editorial Page Editor, Detroit Free Press; Alex-ander Nelson Luvall, Esq., Healthcare Consultant; Juliette Okotie-Eboh, PhD, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, MGM Grand Detroit; and Yvonne M. White, President, Michigan State Conference NAACP. Dr. Gerald K. Smith Scholarship recipients were. Ashly Jones, Osborn Evergreen Academy of Design and Alternative Energy; Heidi Quintero, Western International High School; DaVawn Thomas, Osborn Evergreen Academy of Design and Alternative Energy; and Akyra Ware, Ecorse Community High School.

"We gratefully acknowledge the support that we have continuously received from our sponsors. This support assists us with our positive youth development activities," states Alice G. Thompson, CEO, Black Family Development, Inc. Sponsors for this event included: DTE Energy; Ford Motor Company; MGM Grand Detroit; Detroit Behavioral Institute; Fifth Third Bank; Talmer Bank and Trust; Alice G. Thompson; Comerica Bank; Hudson Property Group, LLC; Jane Fernanders; Quicken Loans/Rock Ventures; UAW-Ford National Pro-grams Center; Walbridge; AFT Michigan; Bing Youth Institute, Inc.; Detroit Branch NAACP; First Independence Bank; Global Automotive Alliance; Greater Grace Temple; Gregory Ter-rell and Company; Hope Academy; New Detroit, Inc.; Alvin D. & Margo A. Smith; St. John Providence; The Skillman Foundation; Thomas & Tanya Traylor; United Healthcare Com- munity Plan; Wayne County Sheriff's Office; Wayne State University School of Social Work; Detroit Area Agency on Aging; and Detroit Future City.



Alice G. Thompson, CEO, BFDI with Dr. Gerald K. Smith Scholarship recipients (l to r) DaVawn Thomas; Ashly Jones; Heidi Quintero; and Akyra Ware joined with Dr. Ann Smith.



Alice G. Thompson, with Black Family Development, Inc. Board President, Dee Dee McKinney Odom, with Juliette Okotie-Eboh, Dr. Gerald K. Smith Humanitarian Award Recipient, and Kenyatta Stephens.



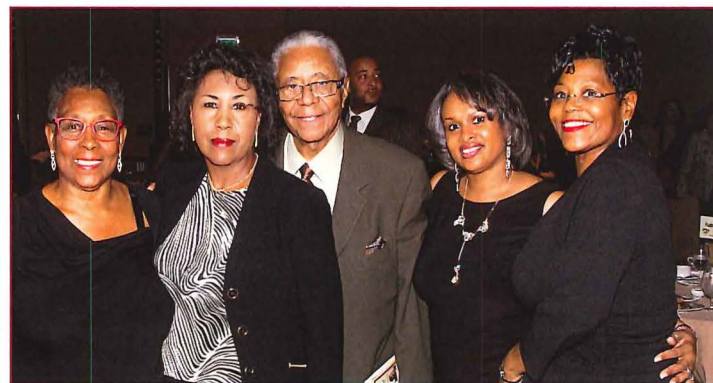
Donnell R. White, Yvonne White, Alice G. Thompson, and Brian H. White, Sr.



June Sutton; Peyton Cunegan; Alice G. Thompson; and BFDI staff member April Sutton



Seated l to r: Rosie Reebel, BFDI Board Member; Dee Dee McKinney Odom; Alice G. Thompson, CEO BFDI; The Honorable Debbie Dingell; Karen Dumas, Event Mistress of Ceremony. Standing l to r: David Hecker, Honoree; Taylor L. Nelson, Board Member; Yvonne White, Honoree; Lysa Davis, Board Member; Penny Bailor, Honoree and Stephen Henderson, Honoree.



Thelma Finley; Wilda and Robert Biggs with BFDI staff Tanya Traylor and Cynthia Williams.



Walter Stephens; Walter Stephens, Jr. and Kenyatta Stephens, COO, BFDI



Taylor Nelson, BFDI Board Member; Alice G. Thompson, and Josephine Casely-Hayford