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GPUAC PRIORITIES:

- **GPUAC** improves life chances for youth and young adults, with a special emphasis on African American boys and men, through programs, services, and advocacy.
- **GPUAC** builds wealth in urban communities through workforce and business development, and improving access to fairly priced goods and services.
- **GPUAC** strengthens the non-profit sector through excellence in service delivery, with a focus on grassroots-lead organizations.

GPUAC welcomes those who recently joined the Power of Coalition

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GPUAC Honors Community Leaders and Sets Fundraising Record

By Mary-Anne Smith

More than 600 of Philadelphia's movers and shakers, business and community leaders, and GPUAC board members assembled at our **Annual Breakfast** on November 21, to honor local heroes and GPUAC's work *Getting it Done on the Ground*.

Ralph Smith, Executive Vice President of The Annie E. Casey Foundation received the first **State Representative Dwight Evans Living Legacy Award**; **Reverend Henry T. Wells**,

Founder and President of **One Day At A Time** was honored with the **Ernest E. Jones Community Leadership Award**; and **Ah-meelah Young**,

President and CEO, the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority received the **Edward G. Rendell "Doer" Award**.



Celebrating the recipients of community leaders are (Left to right) **Ernest Jones**, GPUAC Board Member and CEO of the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation; **Mel Wells**, President of GPUAC Partner **One Day At A Time (ODDAT)**; **Reverend Henry T. Wells**, Founder ODDAT and recipient of the **Ernest E. Jones Community Leadership Award**; and **Sharmain Matlock-Turner**, President and CEO, GPUAC.

The Breakfast was a great success. Despite challenging economic times, we raised **\$270,000**, the highest amount in our event's 10-year history and attracted more \$10,000 and above donors than ever before.

We could not have done it without our supporters! Every penny raised goes to furthering our mission of improving life chances for youth, building wealth in communities, and strengthening the nonprofit sector.

View more photos from the Breakfast at www.flickr.com/photos/gpuac and see our video *Getting it Done on the Ground* at www.youtube.com/gpuac.



Sharmain's Message

As we prepare for this joyous holiday season, it is a time to reflect on the things we most cherish in life. If you are like

me, you'll find that what creates meaning and enriches life isn't material goods, but family and friends.

GPUAC is blessed to have the support and friendship of *so* many. Last month, more than 600 friends and family—including many of our own staff and program partners -- attended our 10th Annual Breakfast,

Power of Coalition: Getting it Done on the Ground. GPUAC raised \$270,000—a record amount for this decade old event.

Just before Thanksgiving, many of you helped us by volunteering your time packing boxes, donating groceries, and distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to 1,000 needy families throughout our region. This month, Eagles players Brian Dawkins and Brian Westbrook are personally hosting a holiday party and have purchased gifts for 125 worthy children identified by many of you from your programs.

What great examples of how we cannot get it done without the **Power of Coalition!**

As this year draws to a close, I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to the GPUAC family, our program partners and staff, our Board members and all of our donors who have worked so hard to improve the lives of people in our communities in 2008.

I hope that you will all join me in celebrating the holiday season at GPUAC's Open House on Tuesday, December 23, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at GPUAC.

My best wishes to you.

GPUAC President

December Dates

- 2 – ASAP Philly Dance: Don't Miss The Bus Tour
- 2 - 3 – GPUAC Program Services Brown Bag Lunch Series on Surviving Lean Financial Times: Becoming Poised to Demonstrate Outcomes
- 5 – GPUAC United Way Campaign Kickoff
Nu Sigma Youth Services Sigma Day at City Hall
- 9 – GPUAC Eagles Holiday Celebration
PDP Business Readiness Seminar
- 11 – GPUAC Sexual Harassment Training
- 16 – GPUAC Sexual Harassment Training
- 23 – GPUAC Open House Holiday Celebration
- 25 – Christmas (GPUAC Closed December 25 and 26)

We wish a Happy Birthday to all those celebrating a birthday this month!

Want to know if you can participate?
Want to submit program listings and photos?
Contact Jennifer Banks at jbanks@gpuac.org or 215-851-1887.

GPUAC-at-a-Glance



Guess Who???

Which GPUAC employee was previously a part of the *KYW-News* team before working at GPUAC?



A:
Mary-Anne Smith
Director of Communications, GPUAC

B:
Eleanor Jean Hendley
Executive Director of Teenshop, Inc.



C:
Sam Harrell
Director of Special Projects, GPUAC



On November 14, Philadelphia Development Partnership (PDP) hosted its 6th Annual Taste of Success where Jerry Hertz, a PDP entrepreneur and owner of Integrity Construction, presents his crème brûlée inside sugar-coated roses to event attendees.

Lori Wilson of NBC 10 (right), the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Taste of Success fundraiser and bake-off competition, poses with PDP manager Earl Boyd (left).

On November 15, Explorers Sans Frontières (ESF) hosted its Social Fundraiser at Nineteen Restaurant. Proceeds from the event are being used to support the program's humanitarian trips.

Supporting the Power of Coalition, Sharmain Matlock-Turner (left) attended the fundraiser. She is sitting with Robin Ingram of ODAAY.