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Over 700 Guests Join in Celebration and Fundraising at Gantt Center's Jazzy Annual Holiday Gala

Themed "*BIG THANKS, BIG HEIGHTS, BIG NIGHT*", it was another historic gala year for the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts+Culture. This year's Jazzy Holiday Gala, held Saturday, December 5, was its most successful to date, raising over **\$500,000**.

The gala was hosted by TV and radio personality Kimberly Parati and attended by over 700 guests. The gala celebrated Spirit of the Center Award recipients, Dr. Yele Aluko and Dr. Shirley Houston-Aluko, Duke Energy and Mr. Lonnie G. Bunch, III, and featured entertainment by Big Blast & the Party Masters, performances by the Dance Theatre of Harlem, and an after party with music and dancing.



Jazzy Holiday Gala Co-Chairs, Host Committee Members and Gantt Center Board Members



Gantt Center President & CEO David Taylor, Jazzy Holiday Gala Co-Chairs Wil Brooks, Linda Lockman-Brooks, Angela and Jesse Cureton



Dance Theatre of Harlem's Chrystyn Fentroy



Gantt Center President & CEO David Taylor, artist Jonathan Green, Gantt Center Spirit of the Center Award Recipients (Philanthropy and Arts Advocacy) Dr. Shirley Houston-Aluko and Dr. Yele Aluko



Dance Theatre of Harlem's Chrystyn Fentroy and Anthony Javier Savoy



Gantt Center Founding Mother Dr. Bertha Maxwell-Roddey and Mr. Theodore Roddey



Teresa and Stick Williams



Gantt Center President & CEO David Taylor, Gantt Center Former Board Member Geraldine Sumter, JD, Ferguson, Chambers & Sumter, P.A. and Gantt Center Spirit of the Center Award Recipient (Arts and Culture), Mr. Lonnie G. Bunch, III, Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture



Gantt Center Next Generation Gantt Founders Committee Members Kai Day, Shannon Grant, Aisha Strothers, Nikki Keith, Gantt Center Director of Development



Gala guests enjoy the after-party with music provided by Big Blast & The Party Masters



Keith Clark, Senior Vice President Market Manager, Western Carolinas - Treasury Management, The PNC Financial Services Group and Richard "Stick" Williams, President, Duke Energy Foundation. Mr. Williams accepted the Gantt Center Spirit of the Center Award for Duke Energy (Corporate Citizenship and Partnership



Host Kimberly Parati and Tim Parati

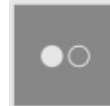
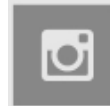


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