

## Save the Date • May 4, 2017 • Westin Charlotte

You are enthusiastically invited to join us for our inaugural event, **The WINGS Charlotte SOAR Awards** luncheon. The SOAR Awards are designed to showcase and celebrate advocates in our community who have championed equality in education, out-of-school time, and advocated on behalf of those less privileged. Seldom do we have the opportunity to honor individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to be agents for change!

We are pleased and honored to introduce the honorees of this year's WINGS Charlotte SOAR Awards:



**The Honorable Jennifer Roberts** *Mayor of Charlotte*

“She has been a tireless advocate for improving public schools and was instrumental in creating a public/private partnership to build a new shelter for survivors of domestic violence.”

**Debra Plousha Moore** *Systems Chief of Staff, Carolinas HealthCare Systems*

“She serves on the 2016 Executive Committee of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, as well as the boards of Fifth Third Bank, Duke Mansion, TreesCharlotte and North Carolinas Military Business and Education.”

**Jay Everett** *Senior Vice President Community Affairs, Wells Fargo*

“He is a member of the Board of Trustees at Davidson College. He is a founding board member of Project LIFT, representing Wells Fargo on this innovative public education initiative focused on improving high school graduation rates and student achievement.”

**Richard “Stick” Williams** *Retired, Duke Energy Foundation*

“He is co-chair of Project LIFT and serves on the boards of National Association of Corporate Directors - Carolinas Chapter, Carolinas HealthCare System, Central Piedmont Community College, Read Charlotte, the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology and Science, Hope Haven, Inc., and The Good Fellows Club.”

We are also thrilled to announce that renowned scholar **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**, an American literary critic, teacher, historian, filmmaker and public intellectual who currently serves as the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University will serve as our keynote speaker.

The attached sponsorship information outlines the many ways you can support us and get involved. With your support we can help kids in Charlotte SOAR to new heights in their academic careers and beyond. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and working together in 2017.

Let's do this, together.

Annie Burton  
Charlotte Executive Director

*About WINGS:* With 20 years of experience supporting children and their families who often live in the shadows of thriving communities, without the same opportunities of their higher income peers to rise to level of economic access and educational parity, WINGS helps students beat the odds stacked against them. Through our social and emotional learning (SEL) curriculum and afterschool program, we help students improve their self-regulation and executive function skills in order to succeed in school and beyond.