

## Thank You – 40th Anniversary Jazzy Holiday Gala

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## Thank You - Celebrating 40 Years

Thank you for making our 40th Anniversary Jazzy Holiday Gala such a huge success and for celebrating this important milestone with us.

The Gala marked a very special evening for us because we were able to share the significant impact the Gantt Center has made on the

community since 1974 when the founding mothers, Dr. Mary Harper and Dr. Bertha Maxwell Roddey, created their vision for the Afro-American Cultural and Service Center. We were also very excited to celebrate Gantt Center Spirit of the Year Award recipients Johnson C. Smith University, Deborah Willis, Ph.D. and Hugh McColl who have made tremendous contributions to the arts and to our community.

Over 700 people attended Saturday evening. We were delighted that many of you participated and purchased artwork in the 40th Anniversary Art auction and enjoyed special performances and presentations and an evening of time travel through four remarkable decades.





We are also grateful to those of you who made additional donations to help support the Center for the next 40 years and helped us raise over \$300,000.

If you haven't done so and would like to contribute, please visit [www.ganttcenter.org/donate/](http://www.ganttcenter.org/donate/). Your support of the Gantt Center is an investment in the arts, culture, history and our community. We hope that you will continue to enjoy and be inspired by the Center's education and outreach, programming and our powerful exhibitions.

We celebrate and thank all of you who have shared our 40th anniversary year with us. Whether you joined as a member during our 1974 Membership Challenge, joined our exhibition openings, participated in our programming and workshops or volunteered, we value your support.

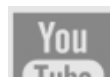
Here's to 2015 and the next 40 years for the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts+Culture!

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