

Cultural Diversity Foundation Newsletter

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(1) From Left: Dr. Joni Flowers, Beverly Palmer of the LVRJ, and Chris Saldana of KLAS Channel 8

(2) From Left: George Seess, Lois Greene, and Monica Beasley

(3) From Left: Tony Gladney, Sharon Gwyn-Mills, and husband Dave

(4) Community Supporters From Left: Tony Gladney; Harrah's Entertainment, Beverly Palmer; LVRJ, Deborah Tippins; Cox Communications, Dr. Joni Flowers; President, CDF, Christie Binko; BankWest of Nevada, Doretha Easler, Nevada Power, Chris Saldana; emcee and news reporter/anchor KLAS Channel 8.

(5) Scholarship recipients From Left: Gerardo Chavez, Erika Murrieta, Margaret Jones, Leah Carlin, Laurie Steele, and Carmen Sanchez

CDF Mission

Our mission is to create opportunities to learn by promoting, encouraging,

Scholarship Fundraiser a Huge Success!



The **11th Annual Educational Taste of Excellence: Wine Tasting, Spirits and Jazz Scholarship Fundraiser** held Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the Palace Hotel & Casino ballroom was a tremendous success! Over 85 businesses participated in the event, which is sponsored annually by the **Cultural Diversity Foundation (CDF)** and **Southern Wine & Spirits of Nevada**. An estimated \$110,000 in revenue and in-kind services was raised.



The understated-elegant evening was filled with ambience, and the presence of cultural diversity filled the room. Over 750 guests were greeted with a glass of champagne as they entered the ballroom to toast "Excellence in Education."



The event featured wines and spirits from a variety of vineyards that were sponsored by Southern Wine & Spirits of Nevada. Jazz was performed by Woody Woods Quartet.



Live and silent auctions were held during the evening and items such as travel getaways to St. Thomas and Hawaii, golf packages, show tickets, and dining for two at some of Las Vegas' upscale restaurants were just some of the many items that were auctioned.



Mr. Chris Saldana, news reporter and anchor for KLAS Channel 8 was the emcee for the event.

The 2005 scholarship recipients, who received a total of \$15,000, were formally recognized for their academic achievements. In addition, community supporters such as **BankWest of Nevada, Cox Communications, IGT, Harrah's Entertainment, KUNV 91.5, Larry Tyler, Get Up & Go!, The Las Vegas Review Journal, Nevada Federal Credit Union, and Nevada Power** were recognized for their outstanding community support.

Partial proceeds from the event fund three scholarships sponsored by the Cultural Diversity Foundation, including scholarships for students to attend the Community College of Southern Nevada.



Money Matters Workshop

CDF and Citibank will be sponsoring the **Money Matters: Finance in Education** workshop for young adults. The free

workshop will be held on Saturday, May 13; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Fountain Hope AME Church; 2955 E. Russell Road. Ms. La Sonia Maxey of Citibank will be the presenter and will teach the class some of the basic

and enhancing the educational, professional, and personal growth of individuals through the development of programs that support upward mobility for disadvantaged Clark County residents.

CDF Vision

The CDF's vision is to provide learning opportunities that afford individuals from underserved populations, regardless of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, opportunities to achieve their highest educational and professional goals.

CDF Goals

The goals of the CDF's educational and enrichment programs are to promote multiethnic/multicultural awareness and acceptance within the community; to focus on coordination of outreach support efforts to diverse communities, to respond to and support the professional and educational needs of the underserved.

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Marilyn McInerney

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Betty Smith

principles of money management. Lunch will also be provided for the attendees. For more information, contact the CDF at 646-2615.



Technology Made Simple

The Cultural Diversity Foundation and the Omega Psi Phi Charities will be sponsoring a series of technology workshops that will include learning how to use Microsoft Office PowerPoint and Excel, and graphic software programs such

as **Adobe InDesign**. Please check our website at www.cdfnv.org for date and time.

Winning Scholarships for College



As the Fall semester approaches, parents and students need to begin their financial planning for college. CDF will be sponsoring a scholarship workshop that will teach participants how to use the World Wide Web and print resources to locate scholarships.

Participants will also learn how to write a personal essay and complete a scholarship application.

Please check our website at www.cdfnv.org for scholarship workshop dates and location.

CDF Scholarships

The CDF sponsors several scholarships for college-bound students, including the Cultural Diversity Foundation Scholarship Award which is presented to two students each year and the Cox Communications Diversity Scholarship Award. Each award provides a stipend of \$1500.00 for students to attend an educational institution of their choice. For information on eligibility criteria and other scholarships partially sponsored by CDF, please visit the CDF website at www.cdfnv.org/scholarships.html

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Cultural Diversity Foundation is dedicated to serving low to moderate income individuals. Therefore any financial institution or philanthropic organization can be assured that their investment dollars/donations and service hours/volunteerism will be reinvested in our community. If you would like to be a corporate sponsor for one of our programs, or if you are interested in making a donation to the Cultural Diversity Foundation, please contact us for more information.

Call (702) 646-2615 or send an email to jflowers@cdfnv.org

Thank you!

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