



Cultural Diversity Foundation Newsletter

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CDF Mission

Our mission is to create opportunities to learn by promoting, encouraging, 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 Joins the North Las Vegas Chamber

The CDF is a new member of the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. Joining the Chamber has enabled the CDF to take advantage of the many membership benefits that are offered, such as workshops, exposure to new businesses, opportunities to serve on various committees and networking, and the opportunity to connect with businesses that offer products and services that meet the needs of the Cultural Diversity Foundation.

The President of CDF, Joni Flowers, states that serving on the Ambassador's committee for the North Las Vegas Chamber has afforded her the opportunity to attend ribbon cutting ceremonies to celebrate the opening of new businesses in North Las Vegas.



CDF Participates in Business Expos

CDF participated in its first business expo, Prime Time in Wine Country sponsored by the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino on May 12, 2006. Over 200 businesses showcased their products and services.

CDF also participated in the Joint Chambers Alliance Day held on May 25, 2006 sponsored by Harrah's Entertainment and hosted by Asian, Latin & Urban Chambers of Commerce.

Participating in the business expos gave CDF an incredible opportunity to provide information about its nonprofit organization, to showcase the educational and enrichment programs such as the finance in education, scholarship, and technology workshops that CDF offers to the community, and to network with businesses that may have an interest in sponsoring a program to support the nonprofit organization.



Financial Empowerment Workshops a Huge Success

To help meet the needs of the community, CDF partnered with Citibank to present three financial empowerment workshops that were free to the community. The workshops were held at Hope AME Church, Jeffery

Horizon High School, and the North Las Vegas Chamber. Over 100 participants were in attendance. La Sonia Samuel Maxey, Community Relations Manager for Citibank was the guest speaker for the workshops and did an outstanding job teaching the participants about the ABC's of credit.

The attendees found the workshop to be extremely informational and requested that more workshops be offered in money management.

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.

The Cultural Diversity Foundation will be sponsoring many programs; including scholarship and computer training workshops and fundraising events such as the annual Educational Taste of Excellence: Wine Tasting, Spirits & Jazz Scholarship Fundraiser to support our vision and goals.

CDF Board of Directors

Dr. Joni Flowers, President

Lois Greene

Tony Gladney

Sharon Gwyn-Mills

Marilyn McInerney

George Seess

Betty Smith

CDF AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

CDF awarded \$19,500 to 11 students to attend college. The scholarship recipients will be given the opportunity to attend the college of their choice and the Community College of Southern Nevada. The scholarship recipients will be formally recognized at the 12th Annual Educational Taste of Excellence: Wine Tasting, Spirits, and Jazz Scholarship Benefit that will be held in March 2007. Photo display can be found on www.cdfnv.org

The 2006 scholarship award recipients are:

Krishelle Gaines - Lois Greene Scholarship Award
Ivette Sanchez - Cultural Diversity Foundation Award
Kyle Love - Cox Communication Scholarship Award
Jean Carlo Rosero - Cox Communication Scholarship Award
Simone Smith - Dorothy Dickerson Scholarship Award
Latashia Salas - John Glenn Scholarship Award
Denise Martinez - President's Scholarship Award
Lauren Kunkel - Rhonda Jefferson Single Parent Scholarship Award
Kelly Christian - Rhonda Jefferson Single Parent Scholarship Award
Maria Hart - Cesar Chavez Scholarship Award
Vacheral Carter - Mary Ruth Marshall Scholarship Award

SBI (Summer Business Institute)

Dr. Joni Flowers, President of the CDF was selected to be one of the 8 panelists to participate in the SBI program on Monday, August 16, 2006. Dr. Flowers presented a wealth of information on how college bound students could obtain scholarships to fund their tuition. 150 high school students attended the session, which is sponsored by the Clark County Business Development Division.



Lois Green, board of director for the CDF presented a check for \$1500 to Krishelle Gaines who received the Lois Greene Scholarship Award, which is sponsored by CDF at the closing ceremony for the SBI program held on Friday, August 20 at the Texas Station Hotel & Casino.

Krishelle's grandmother accepted the stipend on behalf of her granddaughter, who is currently attending college at Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina.

(photo) From left: Lois Greene, grandmother, guest, Debbie Connelly

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.

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Thank you!

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