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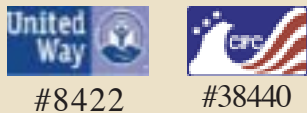
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6th Annual CSAAC Honors Gala Raises \$150,000

On Friday, November 11th, CSAAC’s 6th Annual Honors Gala was held and raised nearly \$150,000 for CSAAC Foundation. Master of Ceremonies, Washington/Baltimore radio personality Kirk McEwen welcomed the 360 attendees to the Bethesda Marriott for a night of food, fun and music. This event could not have been held without the generosity of CSAAC’s many sponsors including: The Insurance Exchange, PEPCO, Linemark, Comcast Business Class, Sandy Spring Bank, Ernst & Young, American Airlines and EagleBank.

Although Governor Martin O’Malley was unable to attend, he did send his regards in a letter acknowledging that “For 32 years, CSAAC has been an integral partner in supporting families and individuals with autism in Maryland.” We appreciate the Governor’s kind words. As for the awardees... Dr. Marcia Smith, CSAAC’s Assistant Executive Director of Programs, was recognized with a “Lifetime Achievement Award” for her many contributions to the field of autism. Other honorees included CSAAC direct support staff member Bernice Coleman who received the Hilda Langley Award of Excellence. Gary Rosenthal Art Studio who was recognized as “Employer of the Year,” and world-wide consulting firm Deloitte received CSAAC’s “Corporate Partner of the Year” Award. Mr. Paul Gallagher, Principal for Strategy and Operations at Deloitte Consulting, was on hand to accept the award. The Casino Night-themed event began with hors d’oeuvres, an array of gaming tables, and an open bar. During dinner, awards were presented and were closely followed by a live auction which included trips to Key West, San Diego and London as well as magnificent earrings from Adeler Jewelers, courtesy of Ms. Wendy Adeler-Hall. The Connections Band featuring CSAAC’s own Ian Pargol, Don Rodrick and Eric Valenstein closed out the evening with live dance music and a crowded dance floor. We thank all of our sponsors and guests for their tremendous support. To view the Gala photo slide show, log on to www.csaac.org or go to the “CSAAC Foundation” Facebook page.

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Maryland State Delegate Kirill Reznik and his wife Jen Kramer Reznik.



Jane Salzano accepts a citation from Alex Wong of Senator Chris Van Hollen's office with Ray Thomas and Ian Paregol.



L-R: Maryland State Senator and CSAAC Foundation Vice President Karen Montgomery with CSAAC's Founder Jane Salzano and Montgomery County Executive Isaiah Leggett.



Jody Buyalos, Principal of The Insurance Exchange, our lead sponsor, tries his luck at the blackjack table.



Ian Paregol, Executive Director of CSAAC with Rokas Beresniovas, CSAAC Foundation Board Member and Vice President at HSBC Bank USA.



Master of Ceremonies Kirk McEwen and Ian Paregol.



L-R: Former CSAAC President Ray Thomas with his wife and Maryland State Delegate Brian Feldman.



L-R: CSAAC Vocational Supports Director Dide Cimen, Suzanne Gartner of the Gary Rosenthal Collection, "Employer of the Year" award winner, with Tim, a CSAAC individual employed at the Gary Rosenthal studio, and Ian Paregol.



Wendy Adeler-Hall of Adeler Jewelers and Scott Johnston, incoming CSAAC Board President, are frenzied with excitement during the “table auction.” Each table held their own mini-auction for artwork made by children and adults supported at CSAAC.



Alfred McEwen, former CSAAC President, with his children Kirk McEwen and Karen Dugan.



Ayda Sanver presents Paul Gallagher of Deloitte Consulting with the “Corporate Partner of the Year” award. For the past 5 years, dozens of Deloitte employees have helped maintain CSAAC’s Community School of Maryland each June on “Deloitte Impact Day.”



L-R: Glen Lazovick, Ayse Berberoglu of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, event volunteer, Host Committee Member Jhenileen Libongco of Jhennie’s Jewels, with Ayda Sanver, Executive Director of CSAAC Foundation



Ian Paregol and Jane Salzano present CSAAC’s Assistant Executive Director of Programs, Dr. Marcia Smith, with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her work in the field of autism treatment. Dr. Smith’s research and work has shaped CSAAC’s model treatment strategy and has become an example for many other programs.



Maria Maestros of Moda Optic, gift bag and table sponsor, bidding during the silent auction.

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News & Notes

Staff Spotlight: Bernice Coleman

Hilda Langley Award of Service Excellence Recipient



Bernice Coleman receives the Hilda Langley Award of Service Excellence from Sam Asiamah, CSAAC's Director of Residential Supports and Ian Paregol, Executive Director.

Three years ago, CSAAC lost a very caring staff member, and a very dear friend, in Hilda Langley. In an effort to preserve Hilda Langley's memory at CSAAC, we created an award which would be given to the CSAAC employee who best demonstrated the qualities that Hilda demonstrated in her daily work: compassion, energy, resourcefulness, individual-centeredness, community-engaging and most of all, a big heart for the individuals whom we support at CSAAC. This year's Hilda Langley Award of Service Excellence winner at the CSAAC Honors Gala was Bernice Coleman. Bernice has worked for CSAAC for 8 years, and has become a valuable member of the CSAAC team. She always makes herself available even on short notice for emergent coverage needs and is always reliable and punctual. Wherever she works, she makes positive changes in the lives of those she supports. She has contributed so much to help the individuals supported by CSAAC become engaged members of the community. We congratulate Bernice again and thank her for her excellent work.

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CSAAC Individuals As Entrepreneurs –The 'In-Focus' Online Store

In an effort to provide more opportunities for the adults supported at CSAAC, we have developed an online store where individuals can create unique items for sale, assist with packaging and mailing of items to donors, and build skills in operating a business venture. The store features beautiful photos taken by adults supported at CSAAC who are in the "InFocus" photography class. Photos are available in frames or as note card sets, and they feature gorgeous floral compositions, stunning still life shots, and tranquil landscape scenes. These items make great holiday gifts, so visit the InFocus store on the CSAAC Web site today at www.csaac.org and we will ship to you in time for the holidays.



Donate Online Today

Did you know that 92% of CSAAC's budget is spent directly on programs, while less than 8% goes to administrative expenses to support those programs? The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new autism prevalence statistics in December, 2009- **autism now affects 1 out of every 110 children.** Autism services such as those provided by CSAAC will be more critical in the future - what will happen to these children when their parents can no longer care for them? We will always be here for them, with your support. Please visit www.csaac.org and make a contribution today.

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1 Year

Acha, Eric N.
Adja, Kokouvi A.
Akwo, Jude M.
Arnett, Michelle R.
Bannerman, Limberg A.
Brown, Nicole M.
Corey, James H.
Esehngome, Florence
Forbes, Emily A.
Gbaka, Lougbouhon
Ibe, Reginald O.
Kiroga, Anthony R.
Kue, Alain
Kwakwa, Catherine A.
Miner, Katharine
Mofor, Fei M.
Mojerie, Imani S.
Ngande, Nadine E.
Ohene-Djan, Evans
Okafor, Chidebe I.
Rossomondo, John
Shaw, Brian D.
Strange, David N.
Tommy, Mariam
Vouffo, Bertin
Webb, Chadwick L.
Williams, Mariama
Wu, Elaine
Yao, Jean Baptiste

2 Years

Ammisah, Gladys
Amoaning, Patrick
Ayompe, Ayompe
Boakye, Ismail
Chiatoh, Christopher Y.
Dohnji, Njifen B.
Evoa Mindja, Philomene A.
Kalubyaka, Tina
Kargbo, Abdul D.
Kemajou, Dieudonne
Logan, Kodjo
Mbonu, Ephraim N.
Mformoh, Frida
Page, Grace M.
Rodrick, Donald G.
Valenstein, Eric
Yevoov, Nicholas A.

3 Years

Acquaye, Benjamin
Anani, Yawo
Borreda, Jessica
Bwalu, Bwalu J.
Cherif, Fatimah A.
Ewe, Harry A.
Gainous, Philicia M.
Gebremariam, Tewolde H.
Goli, Egbevado
Govon, Kossi
Kareem, Mudathir O.
Nyuyse, Ferdinand
Odotei, Lawrence
Pratt, Wade
Ubom, Elvis J.
Wabama, Jesson A.

4 Years

Acheampong, Victoria
Alli Afoke, Olukolade R.
Ansah, Emmanuel
Asiamah, Angelina A.
Benjamin, Ernest
Bojang, Lamin A.
Collins, Fallon
Ebot, Armstrong E.
Max-Browne, Teddy E.
Mwangi, George
Owusu, Mac
Parlette, Kristen L.
Tettekpoe, Agbenozan
Uddin, Mir I.
Ventura, Glenda Y.

5 Years

Anani, Mathilde
Armooh, Kwaku
Etah, Hillary P.
Ewange, Felix M.
Gilbert, Chinwe
Jalloh, Abraham A.
Jalloh, Mallam
Kamei, Matthew F.
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6 Years

Adjeoda-Sepenou, Kossi
Amoako, Emmanuel
Arhin, Ebenezer
Boateng, Alexander
Molina, Martha
Nah, Jacqueline T.
Robinson, Cynthia

7 Years

Best, Brandi L.
Burch, Janet L.
Kusi, Francis A.

8 Years

Boadi, Samuel K.
Kouevi, Adakou E.
Munu, Usman
Nana-Tchuiameni, Louis-Flaubert
Osei, Tricia Y.
Robbin-Taylor, Festus
Thiam, Malick Mam
Thienta, Boubacar S.

9 Years

Drayton, Christopher D.
Hammond, Jalika J.
Hutchins, Hawa G.
Kargbo, Amie
Sarfowaa, Elizabeth
Yon, Solomon S.

10 Years

Che, Clement
Conteh, Sorie
Creque, Christine
Geebge, Theresa
Kargbo, Samuel
Koroma, Alie
Ndure, Sitapha
Pardini, Craig
Sangari, Majeneh

11 Years

Bah, Oumou
Gassama, Zainab

12 Years

Obeng, Agnes
Wilson, Mariama

15 Years

Nwosu, Rachel

16 Years

Hammond-Sawyer, Etmonia

17 Years

Diggs, Anthony
Johnson, Anne-Marie
Olaogun, Anthony

20 Years

Morris, David

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