



Schedule of Events Program Details

2009 Annual Program

*Change in Generational Leadership:
Past, Present and the Future of Philanthropy*

May 2nd and 3rd, 2009
Atlanta, Georgia

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Saturday, May 2nd

5:30PM to 9:00PM

The *James A. Joseph Lecture Series and Awards Ceremony* and Welcome Reception
Marriott Marquis - Room A703 and A704

This year marks ABFE's eighteenth annual *James A. Joseph Lecture Series* and the sixth year we recognize an *Emerging Leader in Philanthropy* and an *Institutional Leader in Philanthropy*.

Ms. **Amina J. Dickerson**, Senior Director of Corporate Community Involvement for Kraft Foods, is ABFE's 2009 *James A. Joseph Lecturer*, Mr. **Rahsaan Harris**, Programme Executive with Atlantic Philanthropies, is the *Emerging Leader in Philanthropy* award recipient, and **The Southern Partners Fund** is the *Institutional Leader in Philanthropy* award recipient. Music selection to be performed by the *Atlanta Symphony Orchestra*.

Welcome Reception

(Room A706 and A707)

Please join us immediately following the lecture and awards ceremony for a reception and the opportunity to see your friends and colleagues.

Sunday, May 3rd

9:00AM to 10:00AM

ABFE's Annual Membership Meeting
Marriott Marquis - Imperial Ballroom A

Our annual meeting provides ABFE members with an update on the organization's current activities and overall health. During our 2009 meeting, members will have an impact on the direction of ABFE by voting in new Board Members. We will also show a video taped message to ABFE members from **Benjamin Todd Jealous**, ABFE Board Member and President of the NAACP, who shares his perspective as both a leader of a major civil rights and social advocacy organization as well as a former president of a foundation, on what philanthropy can do to respond to the urgent needs in Black communities and communities of color.

We encourage all current members to participate in this meeting.

10:00AM to 11:30AM

ABFE Town Hall Meeting: The State of ABFE and the vision for its role in philanthropy.
Marriott Marquis - Imperial Ballroom A

ABFE President, Susan Taylor Batten

This is a first-ever for ABFE. In a Town Hall format, the audience which includes members, supporters, funders and guests will have an opportunity to ask ABFE's new president, Susan Taylor Batten, questions about the critical issues facing Black communities, what philanthropy can *and* must do to offset these issues, and what ABFE *is* doing. Ms. Batten brings to ABFE a body of work that includes more than 20 years of experience in philanthropy and public service, and a proven commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity in philanthropy.

(Note: Before this event, please think about the question you would like to ask Ms. Batten).

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12:00PM to 2:00PM

ABFE's 2009 Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John H. Jackson, President and CEO, The Schott Foundation for Public Education.
Marriott Marquis - Imperial Ballroom B

According to the Schott Foundation's report, *Given Half A Chance: The Schott 50 State Report on Public Education and Black Males*, "Over-classification as mentally retarded, under-classification as gifted/talented, under-representation in advanced placement classes, and disproportionate out-of-school suspensions and expulsions combine to limit educational opportunities and reduce achievement levels for Black students, particularly Black male students."

Join us for lunch and a discussion led by **Dr. Jackson**, who served on President Obama's 13-member Education Policy Transition Group, and learn more about the critical issues facing the education of Black children and young adults; highlights of the President's education reform agenda, and the goals and design of a major philanthropic initiative to address these issues.

(Note: The audience will have an opportunity to ask Dr. Jackson questions)

4:00PM to 6:00PM

ABFE Special Session on The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and President Obama's 2010 Budget, and implications for Black Communities and the role for philanthropy.

*The Leadership Center - Morehouse College

Featured Speakers: Dr. **john a. powell**, author of report on *Impact of the Economic Stimulus Plan on Communities of Color* and Executive Director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and Ms. **Stephanie J. Jones**, Executive Director of the National Urban League's Policy Institute.

We are witnessing an unprecedented infusion of funds to stimulate the economy and to improve the well being of America. What does this mean for our community? How do we best use our philanthropic dollars to ensure that Black children, youth and families benefit from these investments? Please join Dr. powell, Ms. Jones and ABFE's guests for a time-sensitive discussion about steps we can take to use our philanthropic dollars in the most strategic ways possible.

7:00PM to 8:45PM

An Update on ABFE Philanthropic Efforts to Improve the Lives of Black Men and Boys and Special Screening: *Bring Your 'A' Game*, a film by Actor-Director Mario Van Peebles, funded by the Twenty-First Century Foundation

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ABFE is one of many leaders in the field participating in a broad movement to direct more philanthropic dollars to Black men and boys as well as other males of color. In the forefront of these efforts is the Twenty-First Century Foundation (21CF)'s multi-site Black Men and Boys Initiative. This session will provide an update on activities in the field and share 21CF's new documentary, *Bring Your "A" Game*, a film targeted to urban youth who are most vulnerable to poverty and lack male role models to encourage them to play a game that doesn't naturally include them. To generate a national conversation on the plight of Black men and boys, 21CF partnered with actor-director **Mario Van Peebles** to create a documentary film that, in Van Peebles' words,

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"sheds light on the resilience and influence of Black males." As a result of this session, participants will have an increased understanding of the philanthropic efforts underway to address issues facing Black males and identified strategies and opportunities for using this new documentary in their communities and place-based grant-making efforts. Session attendees will learn how to obtain a complimentary copy of the film for their work on these issues around the country.

**End of ABFE's 2009 Annual Meeting and Program.
Registration is required for all events.**

To join ABFE or renew your membership please visit www.abfe.org or contact Ms. **Christine Nicholson**, Coordinator of Membership Services during the annual meeting and program.

*Shuttle buses from the Marriott Marquis to Morehouse College will be available. Return service will also be available.

Thank you for joining us, and please stay connected with
ABFE and your colleagues throughout the year!

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ABFE's mission is to promote effective and responsive philanthropy in Black communities. As the first official affinity group of the Council on Foundations, ABFE is the champion of diverse leadership in philanthropy. Progress is defined by a substantial increase in the number of Blacks as leaders and emerging leaders within the philanthropic field. Today, ABFE counts among its members some of the most influential staff, trustees, and donors of grantmaking organizations who are intimately involved in shaping the focus, decision-making, and response of foundations toward Black communities. Please visit our website at www.abfe.org.

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