

NEWS RELEASE

Fundraiser for youth programs

Community Action Partnership holds Third Annual Blue Moon Affair

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The Third Annual Blue Moon Affair, hosted by the Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area, was an evening of inspiration, entertainment, friendship and fundraising for the agency's Montgomery County youth programs. The "blue tie" affair was held at the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in downtown Dayton.

The Blue Moon Affair benefits the agency's Youth Empowerment Center (YEC), a program that provides valuable, life-enriching activities for youth ages seven to 18. The center serves as home base for the agency's youth programming. With a focus on social and emotional development, life skills, early college experience, academic support, community service and leadership, youth are encouraged to take charge of their and their destiny.

"For six years our Youth Empowerment Center has grown to provide valuable programs and services to young people throughout Montgomery County," said Tim Donnellan, President & CEO of the Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area. "We thank everyone who joined us to celebrate our youth and our community. We appreciate your support of the agency."

Sean Walton, Director of Youth Initiatives for the Community Action Partnership, thanked those in attendance for supporting youth in the community. He encouraged them to take an interest in young people, and when possible, to help their overburdened parents.

"We're forced to make a choice whether or not to act, to help, or to stand still," Walton said. "I thank you for coming here tonight, but I thank you even more for what you do outside."

Actor, Writer, Singer, Composer, Poet and Dayton native Daniel Beaty returned home to perform his new solo work, *Through the*

Night. Combining a unique blend of music, poetry, comedy and drama, *Through the Night* is the story of six interconnected black males ages 10 to 60, all portrayed by Beaty. They all experience an unexpected phenomenon on the same evening that changes their lives and challenges them to tackle issues of education, addiction, finance and health.

Premium Blend Music provided additional entertainment. The Blue Moon Affair included a cocktail hour, dinner, and a video presentation from the Youth Empowerment Center. As a “blue tie” event, guests were encouraged to wear a blue dress, suit, tie, and/or accessories.

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EDITORS: Here are cutlines for the attached photos:

Donald and Scharlene Stovall. Donald and Scharlene Stovall of Dayton attended the Blue Moon Affair presented by the Community Action Partnership. The event benefitted the agency’s Youth Empowerment Center.

Premium Blend Music: Premium Blend Music provided entertainment at the Community Action Partnership Blue Moon Affair at the Schuster Center. Actor Daniel Beaty, a Dayton native, also performed his one-man play, *Through the Night*.

Blue Moon Affair Dinner: Approximately 250 people attended the Third Annual Blue Moon Affair presented by the Community Action Partnership. Held at the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Center for Performing Arts, the event was a fundraiser for the agency’s Youth Empowerment Center.