

PURPOSE OF OUR ANNUAL BANQUET:



To raise funds for all of our performing art groups that specializes in educational and developmental programs. Your donations and support will give us the capacity to help more youth at risk in our developmental programs to learn and experience the benefits of the arts, especially in Camden, New Jersey, Philadelphia Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. Many have said that our banquet was the most dynamic performing arts showcase extravaganza that they have ever seen in America.

This is the **only event** within the year that **all** of our **WORLD RENOWNED performing arts groups**, **showcase** for promoters, school administrators, political, religious, community leaders, celebrities and dignitaries **for future bookings and events**. This is also the event in which we invite and encourage our supporters, family, friends and members to attend as it is **Unity Community Center's** **most important hosted event of the year to also witness how the young people are growing and developing**.

You will witness the **manifestations of the solutions and a model** of what scholars and leaders talk and write about concerning the social ills or problems of youth at-risk, by some of the most accomplished **educational** and **entertainment groups** in AMERICA. We believe that we have been blessed with the guaranteed formula to save and develop children

We will be honoring young people and children, who have represented the **BEAUTY** and the **HOPE** of young people in the State of New Jersey especially the City of Camden and the Delaware Valley, including Philadelphia, PA., through the performing arts.

- * Unity Community Center exemplify the importance of a safer and better community.
- * We specialize in programs and presentations addressing issues that destroy our community with hatred, crime, violence, killings and other social ills.
- * We serve as a model to encourage others to start organizations local, national and international to do the same.
- * Remember, there are not that many organizations left serving youth and communities at-risk, that display, educate, teach and encourage cultural pride, dignity, appreciation, love of self, family, community and nation.

This year and years to come, bring a family member(s) or friend(s) to witness one of the most exciting banquets of miraculous young people and entertainment in America
“WE MUST SAVE THE CHILDREN NOW”

AWARD CEREMONY AT THE BANQUET

1. We give honor, respect, recognition and/or awards to the **active members** of the Unity Community Center.
2. We give honor, respect, recognition and/or awards to our supporters, Educators, Community Leaders, Religious Leaders, Martial Artists (Karate Teachers), Politicians, Celebrities, Dignitaries and the Business Community who support the efforts of the children / youth and who kindly contributes to our organization.
3. And of course, to give honor, respect, recognition and/or awards to the parents, grandparents, guardians, family members, and those individuals who support and go beyond the call of duty to help their loved ones in the Unity Community Center.
4. The banquet allows the young people of the Center to perform for their parents, family, friends and community . **These young people are honored to showcase their accomplishments and talents for you.**
5. We always remember and honor those who were family, friends and supporters to the Unity Community Center, that have passed away or made transition. **In Loving Memory**

Renowned- [Universal Pasha Karate School](#), **Sensational** - [Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble](#)
World Champion- [UPK Pasha Generals](#), **Beautiful & Marvelous-** [UCC Praise Dance Ministry](#)
Fabulous- [UCC Royal Brass Band](#) / [UCC Music Ensemble](#), [Nasir Dickerson's Renaissance Messengers](#), &
[LITTLE JAZZ GIANTS](#)

Promoting Academic Excellence- Dean Tree

Unity Community Center's

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- (1) **Universal Pasha Karate (UPK) School-** 4 time Hall of Fame School since 1994. Produced over 30 World, National, Regional and Local Karate Champions since 1984. UPK produced over 11 Kick-Boxing Champions since 1988.
- (2) **Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble-** Blessed and sanctioned to be one of the BEST and the most exciting African Dance and Drum ensembles in the USA. In addition the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble were chosen and endorsed by world renowned historians, scholars and artists in America and Africa to **represent the USA** at the **World Festival of Black Arts and Culture (FESMAN)** in **Dakar, Senegal, Africa** in December 2010, where over **80 nations presented their best**. At this **historical event** Universal performed in **Saint-Louis, Goree Island, and Dakar**, Senegal, **AFRICA**.
- (3) **UPK Pasha Generals-** specializes in close order discipline military-style drilling. UPK won of many World, National and Local Drill competitions all over America since 1984. Hailed and sanction by scholars, military personnel and stopping the violence program leaders as the best close order drill team of its kind in America.
- (4) **UCC Praise Dance Ministry-** 2003 McDonald's Gospelfest Praise Dance Winners. In 2009 UCC Praise Dance were blessed to be a finalist out of over **80,000 participants** at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey. The event had starring the legendary Patti LaBelle and Donnie McClurkin on June 13, 2009.
- (5) **UCC Royal Brass Band-** Three time Winners at the World Famous APOLLO Theater in New York in 1994. UCC Royal Brass Band performed with the best Brass Band groups in America out of New Orleans.
- (6) **UCC Music Ensemble-** featuring our best, Jamal Dickerson, Hassan Sabree and Nasir Dickerson; Jamal Dickerson was awarded the best school teacher in America by the National Mikken Foundation out of California. All three teachers were also awarded the best teachers in Camden School District for their styles of teachings and accomplishments. Congratulations to Jamal Dickerson, Hassan Sabree and Nasir Dickerson for being part of a team winning an **Emmy Award** Saturday, September 24, 2011. The magnificent mind of Jamal creating the musical thread (vertical alignment), which all educational systems should adopt or use was the subject of the **EMMY AWARD**.
- (7) **Life Research Group-** is an interdisciplinary team of creative generalists working on a broad range of activities in the arts, sciences and religions. This group specializes in finding and developing programs that enhances educational or academic excellence. The Life Research Group is the **Unity Community Center's** historical and statistical research program. This program since 1984 is the reason why so many young people in our organization excelled especially in academics and the disciplines. It was designed to prepared young people in programs for their life journey.