

# Northwest Sponsors 3rd Annual Valentine Gala

Northwest Child Development Council invites the parents, teachers, and childcare workers of its centers in Forsyth, Stokes, Davie and Yadkin counties, along with local civic and business professionals to their 3rd Annual Valentine Gala to be held on Feb. 14 at the M.C. Benton Convention Center. Believing that it is vitally important for the adults who are caregivers to young children to take time to nurture and strengthen their own personal, social and professional relationships, Northwest began two years ago, for its 25th Anniversary, to sponsor an annual benefit gala where fun, food and fellowship make for an exciting evening.

This year's festivities will begin at 8 p.m. with soft music, delicious hors d'oeuvres and fellowship during a social hour. The ceremonial portion of the evening will start at 9 p.m., and will include brief remarks by Northwest staff, board chair, and Woodruff and Hills family members. The program will be co-hosted by Janet Ray, an early childhood consultant, and Reverend Seth Lartey, pastor of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. A commissioned work by a local artist (the first of three pieces on theme "Children First")

will be unveiled during the program. Limited edition prints of the commissioned work will be on sale following the ceremony. At 9:30 p.m., the Phase Band will begin performing such hits as: "Killing Me Softly," "Exhale (Shoop)," "My Girl," and "I Feel Good!"

Finally, beginning at 10 p.m., the first of three cash prizes will be awarded. Turn in your gala ticket stub to enter a drawing to win \$150, \$250 or \$500! You must be present to win. Other prizes to be awarded during the evening include: a vacuum cleaner valued at \$150, a two-night stay at the Adams Mark Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem, caviar, and champagne.

Gala proceeds benefit a scholarship fund providing educational grants and emergency child care assistance to Northwest teachers and the families they serve. Through the Woodruff-Hills Scholarship Fund (so named to commemorate the lives and legacies of two local women - Mazie S. Woodruff and Barbara Behrens Hills - whose advocacy on behalf of Forsyth County citizens empowered those who are underserved and gave them hope), Northwest invites the local community to partner with them and "build a community

that cares and puts children first" by supporting the gala through ticket purchases and your attendance.

Since early 1971, through coordinated efforts with state agencies such as the Office of Child Development, the Office of Day Care Licensing and the Department of Social Services, Northwest has sponsored center programs in Forsyth, Davie, Stokes and Yadkin counties. Currently Northwest has 12 locations which serve children from infancy to school age. All centers in Forsyth County have an AA rating, meaning they have lower staff/child ratios as mandated by the state's child care licensing standards. (Child development professionals have determined that staff/child ratios, along with the educational level of the day care directors and teachers, most directly impact the quality of child care services.)

For gala ticket information, call Debra Jarrett at 727-1215, extension 23. Contributions to the Woodruff-Hill Scholarship Fund (make checks payable to NWDCD/Woodruff-Hills) may be mailed to: Northwest Child Development Council, Inc., 530 North Spring St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2729.

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ficient and rely on one another. One of the several prominent Black businesswomen of her time is Mrs. Nannie Kilby. Mrs. Kilby erected "The Kilby Hotel" in 1910. The Kilby Hotel is a handsome brick structure located at 627 E. Washington St. in High Point, NC. This landmark hotel is presently owned and operated by the third generation of the Kilby family.


Approximately 14 years later, in 1924, C.T. Woodland gathered all the individual black business owners together and said: "Let's get together and start a real bus service here in Winston-Salem." With sincere effort and perseverance, on May 24, 1926, Bus Inc., was born. This marked the largest black owned and operated transportation system in the world. The organizational structure consisted of: C. R. Peebles as president, C.T. Woodland and R. R. Morgan as vice presidents and J. H. Hairston, treasurer and E. T. Miller, secretary. For 36 years The Safe Bus Company served the black community faithfully. But in 1972, Winston-Salem's transit authority bought Safe Bus and benefited handsomely from our hard work - again!

During the legacy of The Safe Bus Co., numerous smaller black owned businesses began to thrive. Harris Cab and Camel Cab was in full swing. Thomas L. Hooper opened one of the first black grocery stores

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