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## 100 Black Men in Black Ties 18th Awards Gala

## "Building Culture and Community with Today's Youth"

Greetings Community Partner:

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Gala Consultant Vicki Dansby Imagine That . . . The 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. (100 BMOGC) is pleased to announce our 100 Black Men in Black Ties 18<sup>th</sup> Awards Gala "Building Culture and Community with Today's Youth." The event will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, 127 Public Square at 6:00 pm.

The climate of our country is changing dramatically. Life with COVID-19, daily occurrences of random acts of violence, mediocre education and malnourished families living in poverty have become what's known as "normal" as opposed to "atypical."

As Greater Cleveland continues to face the challenges of educating our youth, combating sickness, violence and poverty, it is critical that we encourage, empower and build culture and community with our youth by providing programming that will give them the confidence and support to lead positive lives and become our leaders of tomorrow.

The 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. has chosen to turn the page. instead of closing the book, on the young men in our community, by offering them an opportunity to be mentored by men they can look up to; men they can aspire to become.

With your support of our structured programs, we will enhance our ability to provide alternatives to the insidious issues that plague our neighborhoods in which many of our children live.

This year's Gala will highlight our programming, as well as, honor deserving community leaders that exemplify excellence in our Four For The Future Program areas. The 2021 Honorees are:

Mr. Robert C. Ivory; Students of Promise - MENTORING

Mr. Donald J. Jolly, III; Superintendent of Warrensville Heights City School District - EDUCATION Teresa Dews, M.D.; President of Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital - HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mr. Timothy L. Tramble, Sr.; President and CEO of Saint Luke's Foundation - ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Ms. Margot James Copeland; Retired Chair and CEO of KeyBank Foundation - TRAILBLAZER

Mr. Archie Green; Founder of Peel Dem Layers Back - RISING STAR

We ask that you work with us to prepare today's youth for tomorrow's challenges and accept our invitation to join us as a Program Partner which will support our 2022 program year.

We have enclosed our partnership opportunities for your review.

One of our members will contact you in the coming weeks to hear your thoughts and address any questions you may have.

If you should have any questions in the meantime, please contact us by phone at 216.361.9146 or via email: <a href="mailto:info@100blackmencle.org">info@100blackmencle.org</a>.

It is community partners like you that help us make a difference.

Sincerely,

Lee V. Fields, Jr. Chairman

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Enclosure: Partnership Opportunities