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**P. O. Box 1262**

**Chesapeake, Virginia 23327**

**September 15, 2025**

**Dear: Friends, Corporate Executives, and Community Organization Leaders**

**RE: *Eighth Annual Black-Tie Scholarship Gala***

The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. (NCMPEF), a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit charity, is excited about sponsoring its Eighth Annual Black-Tie Scholarship Gala to raise funds to award scholarships to deserving high school graduates from Chesapeake Public Schools, and to support mentoring initiatives for middle and high school students. This year’s Gala will feature presentation of one Life Time Achievement Award, two Community Service Awards, and one special award.

In addition to raising funds for scholarships, mentoring, and school supplies, the purpose of the Gala is to acknowledge the achievements and contributions of three of Hampton Roads’ outstanding citizens to the surrounding Hampton Roads communities, our state, nation and the world. This year’s awardees are as follow:

# Life Time Achievement Award

# Eileen Anita Olds, (Ret.) Judge

# Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

# City of Chesapeake

# Community Service Award

Mr. Durante A. Footman, Commander

United States Navy (Ret.)

Chairman of Men Fellowship Ministry and

Mentor Leader for Future Leaders and Superstars at

First Baptist Church South Hill

Dr. Angela D. Reddix

Author, Entrepreneur, Visionary Leader,

Founder and CEO, ARDX, and Owner,

The Mustardseed Place, Mentor, and Servant Leader

The Black-Tie Scholarship Gala will be held Saturday November 15, 2025 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott Chesapeake, 725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320, from 7:00 P.M. 11:00 P.M. As Chesapeake’s premier BTSG, the program banquet will feature a delicious meal, presentation of awards, a raffles, and dancing. The banquet will be followed by a live raffle and an evening of dancing with music provided by the acclaimed Doc Christian, radio host, producer, and voice imaging professional for Sunshine DC Production. Electric Eye Photography will be onsite to takes pictures to add to your memory collections. Please join us for an elegant evening that honors our leaders and community servants, dining, music, dancing and networking with friends and associates.

The Black Tie Scholarship Gala Live raffle will take place during the banquet and you do not have to be present to win. Items that will be raffled-off include:

1st Place: 85” Smart TV

2nd $500 Cash

3rd $250.00 Visa Gift Card

Please note that raffle tickets are $5.00 each and must be purchased from any member prior to the event. You do not have to be present to win. Also, individual BTSG tickets are $75.00 each.

The Board of Directors and members of the NCMPEF seek your support in our efforts to assist more students with scholarships and mentoring as they pursue opportunities through institutions of higher education, and technical schools. As an all-volunteer Foundation and good stewards of your financial contributions, we are happy to let you know that our administrative cost is only 3.244%. This means that $96.7% of each dollar you contribute supports scholarship awards and mentoring of our students.

The Black-Tie Gala offers you and your corporation a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these students and at the same time market your company’s product and services in the Foundation’s souvenir program for this event and on the Foundation’s website to potential customers.

**Specifically,** I am requesting that you become a Signature, Platinum, Gold, or Silver Sponsor; buy an ad; buy a raffle ticket; or purchase a table for this event. Details of each sponsorship; ad purchase; raffle ticket; and ticket price are included in the attached ***Sponsorship/Contract Form***. Sponsorships, donations, and ticket purchases are tax deductible to the full extent of IRS laws and regulations governing nonprofit charities. Sponsorship, ads and ticket purchases can be made on the Foundation’s website on the “Donate Button” using major credit cards: **thencmpeduf.org, or by completing the Sponsorship Contract Form.** We are counting on your support and presence as we support these young men in their pursuit of careers via attending colleges and universities.

In the next few weeks, expect a follow up call from a member of the Foundation’s Black-Tie Scholarship Gala Planning Committee regarding sponsorships, ad purchases, event and raffle ticket purchases. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Dr. George F. Reed – 757-650-0174 or Mr. David K. Hamilton – 757-477-3933.

Sincerely,

Al Alexander

Al Alexander, Chairman

Board of Directors

Enclosures:

Sponsorship Contract Form.