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Truth Awards

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# WHAT ARE THE TRUTH AWARDS?

The Truth Awards represents an unprecedented endeavor to highlight the contributions of the Black LGBTQ community and its allies. The award embodies our belief that members of the Black LGBTQ community who embrace and live their truths should be recognized and honored. Along with our allies, they represent the very best in our community and serve as examples to us all. The Truth Awards also showcases talented LGBTQ youth and provide financial support to those pursuing college and vocational educations.























# WHO WE ARE.

Better Brothers Los Angeles was created to provide opportunities for members of the Black LGBTQ Community to network, socialize and be BETTER – at Life, Love and Community. Developing a sense of community has been a challenge for some within our community given the cultural and religious opposition to our orientation. As those challenges have receded in mainstream society, they still present significant difficulties and sometimes constrain a healthy sense of well-being. Better Brothers Los Angeles provides programming (educational presentations, networking events, recreational outings, roundtable discussions) aimed at improving that sense of well-being.

The DIVA Foundation, founded in 1990 by Tony nominated actress and HIV/AIDS advocate Sheryl Lee Ralph, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created as a living memorial to the many friends she lost to HIV/AIDS as an original cast member of the Broadway musical DREAMGIRLS, and because of her concern for the threat HIV/AIDS posed to women and children. Over the years, the DIVA Foundation has worked to break the silence and erase the stigma still connected to HIV/AIDS and encourage people to get tested in order to know their HIV status.

We both remain firm in our belief that a healthy black community – one where individuals are allowed to live their truth free of shame and stigma, and are recognized as equal and rightful members of the community – is a critical piece in the fight to end HIV/AIDS.















# WHY WE DO THIS.

The development of a "common life" that includes the Black LGBTQ community and the larger Black community is challenged by religious/cultural norms that limit open and honest discussions about sexuality and masculinity. This void is sometimes filled with stereotypes and preconceived notions that then come to define individuals and their life.

We believe that by highlighting examples of courage and leadership, we help refocus the lens through which we are seen and perceived.

# WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING.

As a result of the Truth Awards, awareness of the Black LGBTQ Community and our contributions to life, career and mainstream culture has increased. The Truth Awards have garnered national and local attention and press coverage and elevated the discussion of the Black LGBTQ Community at a pivotal time in our nation's history.

Complimented by social and networking events, educational presentations, recreational outings and event sponsoring partnerships, the Truth Awards culminates the year-long programming activities of Better Brothers Los Angeles.



Gay man severely burned in hot water attack: 'It was the worst night of my life'

by: Kimberly Richardson Updated: Apr 11, 2016 - 10:24 AM





"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life."

—Jane Addams

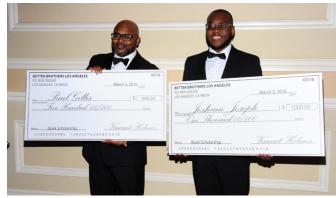


# **PROCEEDS**

Funds raised as a result of your support will assist Better Brothers Los Angeles with several initiatives. These initiatives are all aimed at the total individual and shore up our core belief that by affirming and recognizing the total person – educationally, financially, physically, and socially – we increases their ability to move confidently in society and better cope with challenges.

### These initiatives include:

- Greater exposure to educational opportunities for Black LGBTQ Youth. Book Scholarships will be awarded at the Truth Award Gala.
- Partnering with financial institutions to support the financial health of Black LGBTQ individuals.
- Supporting and communicating total health & wellness information to LGBTQ individuals.
- Providing facilitated discussions and information around healthy relationship development.











# PAST HONOREES



### 2016



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Bishop Yvette Flunder . Aaron Walton



**HISTORY MAKER AWARD** Judge Darrin P. Gayles



**BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD** Gerard McCallum



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### 2015



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ADVOCATE AWARD Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan MD Vallerie Wagner





**COURAGE AWARD** B.Slade Darren "Buttah Man" Brin





MENTOR AWARD Dr. Tenika Jackson Stephen Thomas and Glen Lawrence



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**CULTURE & ARTS AWARD** Quincy & Deondray Gossfield



PHILANTHROPY AWARD Wendell James

# MEDIA COVERAGE

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GERARD McCallum





### **PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP** \$20,000 (only one available)

- Acknowledgment as the Platinum Sponsor with company logo and/or name displayed prominently on screens during
   Truth Awards Gala and Dinner
- Company logo and/or name displayed during any live streaming of the event
- Acknowledgment as Platinum Sponsor on event signage throughout the venue
- Acknowledgment during the awards program opening and closing remarks
- A table for ten (10) at the gala dinner in a prime location
- Admission to Hosted VIP Cocktail Reception
- Ten (10) gift bags for table guests
- A Full-page color advertisement in the Truth Awards Souvenir Program
- Company Logo featured on step and repeat/press wall for Red Carpet Photos
- Company Logo on Dinner Tickets
- Company Logo on Name Cards
- Opportunity (where appropriate) to showcase the company's products at the Gala Dinner
- Company Logo/Name on all publicity and media relations collateral prior to and post event
- Company Logo/Name included on Truth Awards Website with hyperlink to sponsor's website



### GOLD SPONSORSHIP \$10,000

- Acknowledgment as the Gold Sponsor with company logo and/or name displayed prominently on screens during Truth Awards Gala and Dinner
- Company logo and/or name displayed during any live streaming of the event
- Acknowledgment as Gold Sponsor on event signage throughout the venue
- Acknowledgment during the awards program opening and closing remarks.
- Eight (8) tickets to attend the gala dinner in a prime location
- Admission to Hosted VIP Cocktail Reception
- Eight (8) gift bags for attendees
- Complimentary Valet Parking for eight (8) attendees
- A Full-page color advertisement in the Truth Awards Souvenir Program
- Company Logo featured on step and repeat/press wall for Red Carpet Photos
- Company Logo/Name on all publicity and media relations collateral prior to and post event
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### SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$5,000

- Acknowledgment as the Silver Sponsor with company logo and/or name displayed prominently on screens during
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- Acknowledgment as Silver Sponsor on event signage throughout the venue
- Acknowledgment during the awards program opening and closing remarks
- Six (6) tickets to attend the gala dinner in a prime location
- Admission to Hosted VIP Cocktail Reception
- Six (6) gift bags for attendees
- Complimentary Valet Parking for six (6) attendees
- A Full-page color advertisement in the Truth Awards Souvenir Program
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### **BRONZE SPONSORSHIP** \$2,500

- Acknowledgment as the Bronze Sponsor with company logo and/or name displayed prominently on screens during
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- Acknowledgment as Bronze Sponsor on event signage throughout the venue
- Acknowledgment during the awards program opening and closing remarks
- Four (4) tickets to attend the gala dinner in a prime location
- Admission to Hosted VIP Cocktail Reception
- Four (4) gift bags for attendees
- Complimentary Valet Parking for four (4) attendees
- A Full-page color advertisement in the Truth Awards Souvenir Program

### **INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP** \$1,500

- Acknowledgment as Individual Sponsor during the awards program
- Two (2) tickets to attend the gala dinner in a prime location
- Admission to Hosted VIP Cocktail Reception
- Two (2) gift bags for attendees
- Complimentary Valet Parking
- A Full-page color advertisement in the Truth Awards Souvenir Program



### ADVERTISING:

Our gala souvenir book provides attendees with enduring memories of an inspiring evening and you with an opportunity to make multiple impressions. We hope you will want to be included. The program book is an easy way your business, agency or non-profit organization can be part of the Awards Gala, as well as congratulate honorees. We have kept the pricing reasonable because we want you all to be a part of the evening.

### **PRICING**

There are advertising opportunities to fit your interests. All advertisements will be in color. Here is the pricing:

• Full Page (8.5 x 11)

\$ 1000

• Half Page (8.5 x 5.5)

\$ 500

• Support Name Listing (First and Last Name) \$ 100

### **GENERAL SPECS**

- Submit Camera Ready Artwork to betterbrothersla@gmail.com
- File resolution must be 300 dpi
- CMYK for color ads/Gray Scale for B/W ads.
- File format should be Quark, JPEG, PDF, Photoshop, or Illustrator
- Colors are to be converted to CMYK

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### **FULL PAGE - BLEED**

• Trim: 8.5" x 11"

• Bleed: 8.75" x 11.25", Live Area: 8" x 10.5"

Maximum Density is 240%; line screen 133

### **FULL PAGE – NON BLEED**

- Build page to 8" x 10.5"
- Maximum Density is 240%; line screen 133



# GET INVOLVED.

### YES, I would like to attend:

☐ Sponsor the Truth Awards	<b>□</b> \$20,000	<b>□</b> \$10,000	□ \$5,000	<b>□</b> \$2,500	<b>\$1,500</b>
☐ Purchase an ad in the Truth Awards Program	□ \$1,000	□ \$500			
☐ Be listed as a supporter in the Truth Awards Program	<b>\$100</b>				
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Company or "Supporter" Name as you would like it listed::					_
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Better Brothers LA (Tax I.D. #47-4391440)

Attn: Truth Awards P.O. Box 292260

Los Angeles, CA 90029



### OUR ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

### THE TRUTH AWARDS

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017 Location: Taglyan Cultural Complex

VIP Reception: 6:15pm - 7:15pm Gala Dinner: 7:30pm - 10:00pm

Dress: Black Tie

Tickets: \$250 Premier Seating, VIP Reception,

Gala Dinner; \$200 VIP Reception and Gala Dinner; \$150 Gala Dinner

(all prices are per person)

The evening will include a three-course meal, drinks, live music and dancing. Full details about the event can be found on Better Brothers Los Angeles website www.betterbrothersla.com



# TRUTH AVVARDS FACT SHEET



### What is the Truth Awards?

A black-tie gala and awards ceremony that honors members of the Black LGBTQ community and its allies whose accomplishments or actions have positively impacted the perception and image of the Black LGBTQ community.

### When was the first Truth Awards held?

The inaugural Truth Awards Ceremony was held Saturday, March 28, 2015 in the ballroom of the Historic Ebell of Los Angeles. A sold out crowd of over 220 attendees celebrated the inaugural honorees. The 2nd Annual Truth Awards was held March 5, 2016 at the Taglyan Cultural Complex to another sold out audience of 250 attendees.

### Who sponsored the event?

The Truth Awards sponsorship has grown to include the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Gilead, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, New York Life, KTLA, Columbia University Institute for Research in African American Studies, Sephora, Miss Jessie's, and the generous support of businessman, honoree, and activist Gerard McCallum.

#### How was the event received?

The twice sold-out event has attracted a wide variety of individuals. Black Hollywood (Tisha Campbell, Margaret Avery, Kym Whitley, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Rolanda Watts, Aaron Spears, Cocoa Brown, and Aundra Fuller) and allies in the LGBTQ community were eager to support their friends and colleagues including dignitaries such as Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors member Mark Ridley-Thomas.

### What were the media impressions and social media reach?

The 2nd Annual Truth Awards garnered total coverage of 9.4 million online impressions and \$235,000 in added media value. National and local media provided coverage of the awards ceremony:

- Getty Images
- Swerv MagazineFron
- Our Weekly
- TheRoot
- EURWeb
- Frontiers Media
- Wave Newspaper
- Black Hollywood Live
- A&U Magazine
- Los Angeles Sentinel
- KTLA

### How were proceeds used?

- Book Scholarships for Black LGBTQ youth in a college or vocational program were established and awarded to six individuals.
- Development of programming for financial literacy and retirement planning targeting LGBTQ community as well as series on Love and Relationship.

### Who were the past honorees?

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Stanley Bennett Clay Jewel Thais-Williams Bishop Yvette Flunder Aaron Walton

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