

100

BLACK MEN OF AMERICA, INC.

What They See Is What They'll Be®

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Dear Friend,

On October 6, 2016 our organization was dealt a solemn reminder of the fragility and preciousness of life. The president of the 100 Black Men of Tulsa, Mr. Marvin Blades, passed away. Though the loss of such a dedicated leader is difficult to overcome, Mr. Blades had prepared our organization to continue his work. The legacy he has created will live on through each member of the 100 Black Men and Women organization, the lives he touched, and his commemorative event.

The 100 Black Men of Tulsa cordially invite you to be part of a Commemorative Golf Classic in the name of Mr. Marvin Blades. This is a new and powerfully inspiring event that will have a lasting impact on the future and success of our youth in the Tulsa community. However, to achieve this goal we need your support! The 100 Black Men are seeking partners who will help to foster the positive development of youth in Tulsa, which is an investment in the future of our community. We hope our partners (individuals and companies), will support our efforts to help children realize their value, and understand that their hopes and dreams are achievable.

Marvin Blades spent his life as a servant to the community and he believed that with the proper guidance, every youth in any community could be a productive citizen. Mentorship is one of the ways that he chose to serve the underserved youths in our community. Marvin gravitated towards the “problematic” youth and taught them that taking advantage of their opportunities can lead to progress and prosperity. One of his success stories involve a young man who was banned from the education system. This individual persevered through continuous support, encouragement, and making the best of his opportunities. He learned to never give up! He successfully completed the requirements to graduate from a prominent university with a degree. This young educated family man went from a troubled child to a proud productive citizen. Mr. Blades has touched the lives of many children, adults, leaders, and families. Each have their own unique testimony of the impact that he had on their lives. Marvin Blades served the community that he loved by talking the talk and walking the walk.

This letter serves as an instrument to continue his commitment to youth mentorship. Our mantra “*What They See Is What They Will Be*”, stems from our belief and experience that many of the youth in our mentoring program have a limited life view. The purpose of the Marvin Blades Memorial Golf Classic is to raise funds for broadening the perspective of our youth, while creating opportunities that exposes them to experiences which will open their minds to new possibilities.

We welcome your sponsorship, participation, and partnership in our efforts to make this golf tournament a lasting staple. We strive to inspire the hopes and dreams of the underserved youth in the Tulsa community.

“If my mind can conceive it, and I firmly believe it. Then I can achieve it!”

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,