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Message from Lisa Harper



Safe Toys & Celebration Month

Children may be exposed to lead, a well-known health hazard. Toys that have been made in other countries and then imported into the United States, or antique toys and collectibles passed down through generations, put children at risk for such exposure. To reduce these risks, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issues recalls of toys that could potentially expose children to lead.

Visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov to see product recalls related to lead and other hazards.

PROJECT EMPOWER

Education Means Power



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Mount Zion Community Development, Inc.

ECHO (Enhancing Collaborative Health Options & Opportunities)

Dr. John H. Grant, Recipient of Mount Zion Community Development, Inc.'s First ECHO Award

Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

This event was held at Mission Health/A-B Tech Conference Center and was a special occasion filled with many blessings: the presence of our board members, representatives from our sponsors, members from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville, Inc. and other area churches, the faith community, community partners, program participants, parents, and volunteers.



Dr. John H. Grant, Founding Chairman, President, CEO of Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. Dr. Grant is affectionately known as "The Visionary" by members of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville, Inc.

The highlight of the evening was Dr. John H. Grant receiving MZCD's first ECHO Award. This award was presented by Mr. Eugene Galloway (Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, Mt. Zion Church), Mrs. Willie Mae Brown (Superintendent of Sunday School, member of Mt. Zion Church), Rev. Scott Rogers (Executive Director of ABCCM).

Dr. Grant was commended for his vision and insight as Founding Chairman, President, and CEO of Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. This decision was voted upon unanimously by the Board of Directors of Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. Dr. Grant, we thank you for your continued wisdom, insight and vision.

Dr. Grant: Visionary

V **Vision** to recognize and fulfill needs within the community, empowering individuals and families to be able to access services, reducing health disparities, and meeting personal and professional goals;

I **Inspiring** others to address service gaps in the community, locally, state-wide, nationally, and internationally;

S **Serving** tirelessly with intentionality and resolve to champion the cause of the underserved;

I **Integrating** service needs to move from theory to practice;

O **Organizing** focus groups within the faith community and area partnerships, and encouraging the community to come together so our voices could be heard;

N **Navigating** and strategizing change effectively with cutting-edge insight;

A **Addressing** barriers—the ability to see beyond “what was” to “what could be;”

R **Recognizing** and pursuing a plan of action to meet needs by channeling discussion among the faith community and area partnerships;

Y **Yes, he did it!**

With the support of a faithful congregation, the faith community, area partnerships, and being “Anchored in the Church.”



Dr. Sharon West,
Guest Speaker



Belinda K. Grant with Dr. Cynthia
Yancey, Project NAF CAB



Guest musicians, Rockelle Scott & Taylor Whiteside



Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. 20th Anniversary Event

MOUNT ZION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Sponsorships

Platinum Plus

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist
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Platinum: \$1,000 and above

First Citizens Bank
Ingles Markets
TruPoint Bank

Dr. John H. & Belinda K. Grant

Silver: \$250-\$499.99

Circle B Restaurant

Bronze: \$100-\$249

Mr. 3's Crabpot



Belinda K. Grant, Executive Director of Mount Zion
Community Development, Inc. Photo: Urban News

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Message from Sapphire De'Bellott

World AIDS Day December 1

December 1 is World AIDS Day, an opportunity to unite in our efforts to stop new HIV infections, support those affected by HIV, and remember those who have lost their lives to HIV-related diseases.



Sapphire
De'Bellott