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2010 Goodwill Ambassador



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2010 Lifetime Achievement Award



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2010 THY BROTHERS' KEEPER
Award

2010 African Goodwill Awards Honorees & Inductees unveiled (Details Inside)

Save The Date - April 24, 2010 - Veteran Memorial Complex, Culver City. For more info, please call 310.676.7300

Mr. Uchenna Nworgu, Director African Focus, Inc., (AFI) announced the 2010 African Goodwill Awards honorees and Inductees on Friday January 15, 2010 during an AFI Executive Meeting. (Details next page). African Goodwill Awards has become a MUST ATTEND event in Los Angeles. The annual event attracts a wide spectrum of guests from Hollywood to Nollywood. African government officials, U.S. political leaders and most appreciated members of the humanitarian community. African Goodwill Awards and African Family Induction Ceremony, has for seven years now maintained a consistent entertaining and inspirational event. Through live footage and documentaries, the event showcases the challenges and accomplishments of these men and women whose commitment in great measure has uplifted and given hope to many underprivileged in Africa, Caribbean and the inner cities of America. It also celebrates individual career achievements and community service.

The 2010 African Goodwill Awards will begin with an African Birthright Celebration known as African Family Induction Ceremony which sets the stage for a great and memorable celebration featuring both contemporary and African artists like **Afrik Moto Soukous Band from the Congo Republic, Andre Ray lead vocal of L.T.D, Germisha, R & B artist, Akala Aka Youth Dancers led by Princess Calista Ezeokoye, Precision Dance Company** and many more. Now is the ideal time to mark your calendars for the **April 24, 2010** show.

Ms. Carol Barton, Executive Chair of AFI speaking on the significant of the award show said that the main purpose is to bring communities and businesses together to deliver a message of hope that touches hearts, lift spirits, and inspire the community to participate in the efforts of helping the poor. If you plan to attend the 2010 African Goodwill Awards, please try to be on time to witness the historical Induction Ceremony. We look forward to seeing you at 5:00 pm prompt. You will not be disappointed by the experience.

AFRICAN GOODWILL AWARDS SELECTION PROCESS

The candidates for the African Goodwill Awards are selected from a pool of nominated candidates for any given award year. The selection is based on a combination of factors and covers a wide range of areas of accomplishments and contributions to humanity. The award categories are as follows;

The Ambassador of Goodwill Awards: This award is bestowed on individuals, organizations or corporations with a remarkable commitment to the plight and progress of the poor with great emphasis on African Continent and the inner cities of America. The candidates are screen based on their humanitarian effort and commitment. For nomination details, please contact AFI at goodwillawards@gmail.com or call (310) 676-7300.

Thy Brothers' Keeper Award: This award is bestowed on an individual's contribution, representation and work or sacrifices for the betterment of the general public.

African Jewel Award: This award is bestowed on an individual with an exemplary career accomplishment and a demonstrated inspiration for others to follow. A source of joy and pride to the community and the African Continent

Lifetime Achievement: This award is selected base on lifelong devotion to community service, career accomplishment and an inspirational role model for others.

Blair Underwood (Ambassador of Goodwill & Inductee, Igbo, Nigeria)



Blair Underwood has distinguished himself as an award-winning actor/director/producer who continues to showcase his multitude of talents in the world of film, television, theatre and literature. In 2009, Underwood received an abundance of accolades including a Grammy© award for Best Spoken Word for former Vice Presi-

dent Al Gore's album "An Inconvenient Truth" (read by Blair Underwood, Beau Bridges & Cynthia Nixon). He also received his second Golden Globe nomination for Supporting Actor in a Series, Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for Television for his powerful role on HBO's groundbreaking drama "In Treatment." Additionally, he was nominated for four NAACP Image Awards of which he was awarded his sixth overall.

Underwood is involved in numerous charitable organizations. His dedicated support of The Muscular Dystrophy Association won him the 1993 Humanitarian Award, presented by the Los Angeles Chapter of MDA. In 2003 Underwood, along with Ashley Judd, served as the spokesperson for YouthAIDS. He is also co-founder of Artists for a New South Africa (ANSA). Founded in 1989, by members of the arts and entertainment community, ANSA is a nonprofit organization working in the U.S. and South Africa to combat HIV/AIDS, assist children orphaned by the disease, advance human and civil rights, educate and empower youth, and build bonds between our nations through arts, culture, and our shared pursuit of social justice. On September 10, 2009, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the United States' largest nonprofit HIV/AIDS healthcare provider, announced the grand opening of their first AIDS treatment center in Washington DC – and the facility was named after Underwood in recognition of his longtime advocacy. The AHF Blair Underwood Clinic includes a state-of-the-art, full-service HIV/AIDS treatment clinic as well as an on-site AHF Pharmacy. In addition to serving as an "Artist In Residence" at Harvard University in 2009, Underwood also holds an honorary Doctorate from Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts. *You can read more about Mr. Blair Underwood's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)*

Ja'net Dubois

(Lifetime Achievement Award)



The talented JaNet DuBois has delighted audiences on stage, screen and television for three decades. She is a two-time Primetime Emmy Award winner for the voice over character of Ms Avery in Eddie Murphy's PJ's animated series for 2001 & 1999. She also received The Cable Ace award for Best

Supporting Actress, for her work in "Other Women Children". In 1969 she received the CBS Peabody Award for the unforgettable urban television classic JT. As a season series actress Ms DuBois has a bright list of television and movie credits. People worldwide, loved her and knew her best for her portrayal of the classy and high-spirited "Willona" in the CBS hit series, "Good Times" and no one can escape her memorable musical creation Movin'On Up, the theme song for The Jefferson's, written and performed by Ms. DuBois.

Ms. DuBois is recognized internationally for her accomplishments as a performer. Some of her most impressive work extends beyond the entertainment industry to poetry, music, charity work, public speaking and art Pieces of her gifted art collection have graced the homes of Cicely Tyson, Jada Pickett-Smith, Debbie Allen, Arsenio Hall, Ted Lange, Burt Reynolds, Magic Johnson, Bishop TD Jakes and Noel Jones, too name a few. Ms. DuBois gives has given her time, knowledge and experience to over 90 charities and organizations nationwide. She has been heralded and specially recognized including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, Mayor Certificate of Appreciation and Certificates of Recognition by the Mayors of Los Angeles, the Atlanta City Council, the Veterans Administration, Ambassador Andrew Young, Martin Luther King III, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, The State of Texas, The American Cancer Society and host of other. *(You can read more about Ms. Ja'net Dubois biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)*



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Jim Brown
(Thy Brothers' Keeper Honoree)
(Inductee Igbo, Nigeria)

Jim Brown is to running backs what Superman is to cartoon heroes. Standing 6-foot-2 and packing 230 hard pounds on his square-shouldered frame, he was an explosive fullback, combining outstanding speed with awesome power.

Brown played only nine seasons for the Cleveland Browns -- and led the NFL in rushing eight times. He averaged 104 yards a game, a record 5.2 yards a pop. He ran for at least 100 yards in 58 of his 118 regular-season games (he never missed a game). He ran for 237 yards in a game twice, scored five touchdowns in another game and four times scored four touchdowns. He rushed for more than 1,000 yards in seven seasons, scorching opponents for 1,527 yards in one 12-game season and 1,863 in a 14-game season.

Unlike most athletes, Brown retired when he was on top. At age 30, he decided he'd rather star in movies than on a football field. When he left the game before the 1966 season, no player had ever ran for as many yards (12,312) or scored more touchdowns (126) or rushing touchdowns (106). "And he played at a time when defenses were set against the run first and the pass second," said Hall of Fame running back Gale Sayers.

Among his many recognitions and accomplishments, Mr. Brown was more than the best player of his time, he is truly "Thy Brothers' Keeper" In the 1960s, Brown helped form the Negro Industrial Economic Union to assist black-owned businesses. In 1988, he created the Amer-I-Can program, an effort to turn gang members from destructive to productive members of society. Today, Amer-I-Can is successfully operating in 12 U.S. cities and promoting a skills curriculum that is designed to teach inmates how to empower themselves to turn their lives around with positive self-esteem and self-determination. Brown and his program were closely involved with the development of a cease-fire between two of Los Angeles' most violent rival gangs, the Bloods and Crips. Brown continues to work in the community to create better lives for his fellow citizens. *You can read more about Mr. Jim Brown's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)*



Steven M. Cobin
(Ambassador of Goodwill)

Mr. Cobin, Executive Director Oppenheimer & Co and co-founder of Embrace Uganda, a 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization with great emphasis on Uganda www.embraceuganda.org

Mr. Cobin has built strong personal, charitable, business and government relationships throughout the country of Uganda, completing 12 trips since 2000. He personally funded and oversaw building of the first 10 homes for HIV/AIDS orphans in four villages in six-month period, housing up to 10-12 children each, while providing local jobs. Subsequently orchestrated the building of 15 additional homes funded through Rotary. Mr. Cobin funded and oversaw the building of occupational school and dormitory that provides jobs and produces school uniforms. He also supplied the tools, building supplies and materials as well as administrative supplies and equipment. He also facilitated the delivery of several consignments of medical equipment and 1,000+ wheelchairs to Uganda. Through the Cobin Family Foundation and personal fund, he donated over \$100,000 within the last four years for education and medical care of more than 3,000 Ugandan children. With personal funds and donated funds he spearheaded the establishment of a \$250,000 medical clinic as well as obtaining medical supplies, equipment, medications and inoculations in Kaihura and other districts. (You can read more about Steven Cobin's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)

Lauren Segal-Avenna
(Ambassador of Goodwill)



Mrs. Lauren Segal-Avenna spent her high school years fantasizing about helping impoverished children around the world. Today, as co-founder and director of NextAid, she is steadfast on her goal. While in college at University of California, Santa Barbara, Segal-Avenna was influenced by Live Aid, the first global concert to draw attention to Africans in need. She graduated with a

degree in political sociology, took part in several anti-apartheid protests and felt drawn to Nelson Mandela's message of freedom and equality. Her dream was realized only four years later, when she led NextAid in completing its pilot project of building a community center with 12 earth-friendly buildings for a South-African based organization. Segal-Avenna continues to establish the link between environmental, social, and sustainable development, while creating an outlet for a niche demographic of global youth to make a positive and tangible difference on the ground in Africa. NextAid is currently supporting three African-based organizations to provide housing, education and economic opportunities for vulnerable youth, such as an after-school micro-business in Nairobi's Kawangware neighborhood. (You can read more about Ms. Lauren Segal-Avenna's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book.)

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Kimberly Anyadike
(African Jewel Award)

She departed with a dream and returned home a record-breaker. Inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen, 15-year-old Kimberly Anyadike flew a single-engine Cessna

cross-country from her hometown of Compton, CA to Newport News, VA. Miss Anyadike is considered to be the youngest African American female pilot to complete the journey which took 13 days. She arrived home in Los Angeles on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Miss Anyadike learned to fly at age 12 through the Compton-based Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum, which offers aviation lessons in an after-school program for disadvantaged youths. She used their plane to flew on her cross-country trip. The brave teenager came up with the idea for the trip on her own, the museum's founder, Robert Petgrave, told the Times. "I told her it was going to be a daunting task, but she just said, 'Put it on. I got big shoulders,'" Petgrave said. But Kimberly said "I wanted to inspire other kids to really believe in themselves," (You can read more about Ms. Kimberly Anyadike's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)



Apostle Alfredo Noble
(Ambassador of Goodwill)

Apostle Noble, is the Senior Pastor and Founder of Christians For Christ International Church is no doubt a phenomenal man of God. Pastor Noble portrays the heart of a shepherd, dedicated to the life of servant-

hood and God's vision for the Church. Pastor Noble was born in Colon Republic of Panama, the first born of four siblings. In mid-June of 1956 he moved here to the United States.

Pastor Noble is viewed as a devoted family man, passionate husband and astonishing father. In the same way, he is viewed as an anointed multi-gifted, prophet, professor, counselor, teacher, entrepreneur, publisher, author, and song writer. The opportunity presented itself for Pastor Noble to travel to Nigeria, Africa. Subsequently, it was upon this land that God deepened his burden for the thousands of needy souls that were hungry for Gods Word. The experience and outcome of his visit led Pastor Noble to establish CFCCC Number Two located in Africa. Pastor Noble, being a seeker of higher education, soon established the Christians For Christ International Church Nursery School in Nigeria, Africa, where with rapid pace there are currently over two hundred plus children attending. Additionally, Pastor Noble offers his teaching skills on a regular basis to the local congregations in Los Angeles, California, as Founder and Dean of the CFC International Ministerial Training

Institute, also located in Los Angeles, California. Pastor Noble is also a profound Professor of the Greek Language at the Long Beach Bible Institute, Long Beach and The Ministerial Training Institute of Inglewood, California. (You can read more about Apostle Alfredo. Noble's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)



Yaw O. Adutwum, Ph.D.
(Achievement Award)

Dr. Adutwum is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of New Designs Charter Schools. The two New Designs Charter Schools have a combined enrollment of about 1000 students in grades 6-12 in Los Angeles. The schools provide

university course work to about a quarter of its student in partnership with the Los Angeles City College.

Prior to founding the first New Designs Charter School, Dr. Adutwum was a Mathematics and Information Technology teacher at Manual Arts High School for ten years. At Manual Arts High School, he founded the International Studies Academy, which served as a small learning community where many students thrived socially and academically. In addition he served as a Lead Math Teacher in the USC/Manual Arts Neighborhood Academic Initiative (NAI). His experience in the NAI program confirmed his belief that high standards in a well-structured learning environment could lead to higher levels of student achievement. Most of the students he taught in the NAI program proceeded to higher education in institutions like UCLA, USC, Yale, UC Berkeley, Stanford, and Cornell University among others.

At the national level he served for two years as a member of a task force established by National Research Center to develop a national model for career and technical education at the high school and college levels. The project which was coordinated by the New Designs for Learning is currently based at the University of Oregon and was headed by George Copa, a professor of education and a career and technical education expert. Dr. Adutwum is the publisher of the African Trumpet; a premiere community newspaper serving African immigrants in the United States. (You can read more about Dr. Yaw Adutwum's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)





Prof. Okafor Udeze
(Ambassador of Goodwill)

Professor C. Okafor Udeze has dedicated more than five decades of his career and personal life to the promotion of African causes on the continent and in the Diaspora. He is a historian and a scholar. Udeze is passionate about youth development and investing in the commu-

nity. He actively dedicates his time and resources to making advancement in these areas. Udeze played an integral role in building and uniting the Nigerian-Igbo community in Southern California. He helped found the Igbo Cultural Association of Southern California (ICASC), the umbrella organization of more than fifty associations in Southern California dedicated to the promotion and advancement of Igbo culture and civilization. To ensure that future generations of Africans in the Diaspora and particularly in the Southern California community are able to connect and identify with their culture and heritage Udeze, in 1996 co-founded the Igbo Cultural Summer Institute as an extension of ICASC. This is a residential summer camp housed on the campus of CSUDH. As the executive director, he utilized the institute to engender a sense of pride, focusing on language and culture immersion, history and folklore, and ultimately allowing the youth an opportunity to connect with one another. As a university co-sponsored activity, the camp is open to all children ages six through eighteen. By all accounts, this institute is achieving its mission. Many of those who have matriculated have gone on to be productive leaders in society- from the medical field to engineering to professional sports. They have remained true to their roots, not only contributing to the Nigerian community but to the global community as a



whole. (You can read more about Prof. Okafor Udeze's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)

Mr. Ralph Gilmer
(Ambassador of Goodwill)
(Inductee, Yoruba Nigeria)

"A man's work is a portrait of himself."

Mr. Gilmer's humanitarian commitment and his unyielding contribution to "Greater causes" cuts across people from various works of life. His affinity to Africa is not simply as a result of his ancestry

ties to the land but his desire to help those in need. Before his emotional trip to Africa, Mr. Gilmer had devoted his life to the well being of countless Africans he has encountered from his native Chicago all the way to Los Angeles. For many years he dedicated their family home in Chicago to housing students from every corner of Africa while aspiring for higher education in the United States of America without asking for a penny of rent. Among those are countless African Catholic Priest. Very significant of Mr. Gilmer's commitment to the well being of others and his relentless effort as a humanitarian was his adoption of a 19 year old African he first met in 1988 on his first trip to Nigeria. Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer have watched their adopted son achieve greatness including his commitment to become a flag bearer for his adopted family's "Humanitarian Causes." In 1997, while Craig Gilmer was driving through the downtown area of Los Angeles, he was at a stop light when he saw a woman and her daughter wondering the street. From a tradition of a giving family, Craig Gilmer stopped to talk to the Algerian born woman and her six years old daughter. After hearing their story Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer took in the woman and her daughter and provided for them for five years with all expenses paid including the little girl's school fees and medical needs. (You can read more about Mr. Ralph Gilmer's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)

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2010 AFRICAN FAMILY INDUCTEES

One of the many highlights of the 2010 event is the African Birthright Celebration known as Family Induction Ceremony. The ceremony is a rite of birthright restoration exclusively for Africans in Diaspora. The induction process is not based on DNA mapping results rather it is open to people of African descent who wishes to become a member of any family of their chosen. Induction can also take place when an African family express interest to play a host to an inductee. While the African Goodwill Awards are based on good deeds and humanitarian accomplishments, the induction on the other hand is based on one's African heritage.

Mr. Paul Babatunde, Sr. V.P. AFI Program Development defined Induction as a conduit through which the artificial barriers that exist between Africans and their relatives in the Diaspora may be erased. The Induction Ceremony lays a foundation for the formation of a new African family that is inclusive of our cousins outside the geographical boundaries of current African continent, one that is based on mutual respect and love. These families and their larger communities are among the most dynamic and rich cultures of the African Continent. Induction is not based on class or position rather ones ancestral ties to Africa.

And Mr. Uchenna Nworgu, AFI Director stated "The history may seem to be old but the family ties should not be forgotten and every effort should be made to celebrate this bond and attempts are to be made to right the wrong of the past by embracing, as well as, inviting sons and daughters of African descent to reestablish ties to their ancestral land." The induction ceremony has been a successful inter-cultural and economic alliance, which allows the inductee and their host to enjoy a newfound relationship. For the past six years many individual families and organizations from various African countries namely Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Uganda have participated in the ceremony.



**Councilman Daniel Tabor,
City of Inglewood CA
(Inductee Igbo, Nigeria)**

Daniel "Danny" K. Tabor was re-elected to the Inglewood City Council in June 2007 to represent the 1st Council District. Councilman Tabor has a long

distinguished career in public and private services to his community. Among his long list of career accomplishment, From 1993 to 1996 Councilman Tabor served as the Southern California Liaison for the Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Commerce, under Secretary Ronald H. Brown. Councilman Tabor brings to the community vast experience in the areas of public policy development and community planning. (You can read more about Councilman Daniel Tabor's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)



**Anthony A. Samad, Ph.D.
(Inductee Igbo, Nigeria)**

Dr. Samad is a Professor of Political Science and African American Studies at East Los Angeles College, Samad has a Master's of Arts in Public Administration (Public Finance specialization) from the University of Southern California, a second Master's of Arts Degree, in Political Economy, from the

Claremont Graduate University's School of Politics and Economics, and has a Ph.D. in Political Science from Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Samad is also the President of Samad and Associates, a strategic planning/ urban affairs firm specializing in the assessment and management of public policy, economic development, urban, social and race issues. His firm's twenty year efforts has generated over \$300 million in economic development opportunities in urban and rural communities nationwide. (You can read more about Dr. Anthony Samad's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)



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Mrs. Monique Brown
(Inductee, Igbo - Nigeria)

Monique Brown grew up in Buffalo, New York, the youngest of 6 children. An honors student, she was hired by WBLK radio at the age of 16 to work with programming, special events, and write commercials.

She attended Denison University in Ohio, a prestigious university with an African American population of 10%. Here she served in the Black Student Union and helped organize appearances by a variety of prominent figures in the black community. She was also invited by the University to join the Committee to Recruit African American Faculty.

At the age of 13, discovered by Seventeen Magazine, Brown had begun a career as a runway and fashion model and later ventured into commercial and television. It was during her appearance on a television show that she met NFL great Jim Brown, and discovered The Amer-I-Can Program. Having always been active in her community, and University, she welcomed the opportunity to learn more about this dynamic program which was coming to the community. During her participation in the course Monique discovered the power of a program that would change her life forever. In 1998, she was promoted to Director of Operations of the national Amer-I-Can Program. In this capacity, she serves as a liaison between headquarters in Los Angeles, and the regional offices throughout the nation on all business, and maintains the integrity, vision and growth of the organization. She is also a driving force behind the foundation's fundraising efforts.

Monique Brown is a frequent guest on radio and television program, garnering support for the work. She is making strides increasing the awareness of Amer-I-Can internationally, has hosted and spoken before Presidents of great African countries. She is currently working with The African Diaspora Foundation to utilize the curriculum in a Peace Institute in South Africa and has been invited to bring the program to both Nigeria and Ghana. As the wife of an NFL Legend, Monique Brown also coordinates and manages the many facets of her husbands demanding career. The Browns live in California, where they are the proud parents of two children. *(You can read more about Mrs. Monique Brown's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)*



ADE JAMES, HOST
2010 African Family Induction. Mr. James is a radio personality. He is three times host of the African Family Induction.



Prof. Gwen-Marie Thomas
(Inductee, Kom, Cameroon)

Prof. Gwen-Marie Thomas recently rediscovered her Cameroon birth root through the DNA mapping last summer. She was reduced to tears and have since been in touch with her Cameroon brothers and sisters.

Prof. Thomas is in her 20th year as Professor of Business and Management at West Los Angeles Community College in Culver City, CA. While teaching full-time, she has also served as Vice-Chair of the Business Department, Council Member of WLAC UMOJA Student Program, Co-Advisor of the Phi Beta Lambda Business Club and Interim Director for WLAC Foundation. At age 26, already nine years out of high school, Professor Thomas headed to college to earn the degree that would allow her to advance in management at IBM. The first in her family to receive a college degree, she faced many challenges as an older day student. However, she persevered and earned her AA at West Los Angeles Community College. It was the start of a journey into an entirely new career. After earning a BA and MSA in administration from the California State University, Dominguez Hills, she accepted a position as a professor of Business in 1989, in order to "give back" to the institution that had started her on her new career path. In an effort to lead by example, Professor Thomas believes her role is to develop the "whole person" – academically, socially, culturally, globally, politically, financially and spiritually. *(You can read more about Prof. Gwen-Marie Thomas's biography on the 2010 African Goodwill Awards & Induction Souvenir book)*



Ynez Gilmer
(Inductee, Yoruba - Nigeria)

Mrs. Gilmer, Executive Vice President of Does Your Child Has Diabetes (DYCHD), co-founded with her Husband Mr. Ralph Gilmer. She is an adult education teacher and Parent Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District. She also taught gerontology for several years. Her graduate studies

included four years of psychology, and sociology focusing on gerontology with emphasis in Behavioral Science. Mrs. Gilmer is passionately involved in community work with her husband Ralph in SCOC and the Vassie D. Wright and library. However, her major interest in diabetes education is due to the large population of children that are obese and are suffering with diabetics. She and her husband have four sons, three of them are diabetics and her mother was a diabetic. Her mother lost her eye sight because of glaucoma due to her being a diabetic. Ms. Gilmer is not just interested about diabetes; she is greatly concerned about the disease. "There are too many parents, teachers, and children in this world with no awareness about diabetes. We must try our very best to help them to become knowledgeable about diabetes and obesity and most of all how to manage it to live a meaningful lives" says Mrs. Gilmer. *(You can read more about Mrs. Ynez Gilmer's biography on the 2010 Awards & Induction Souvenir book)*

ENTERTAINMENT - 2010 AFRICAN GOODWILL AWARDS



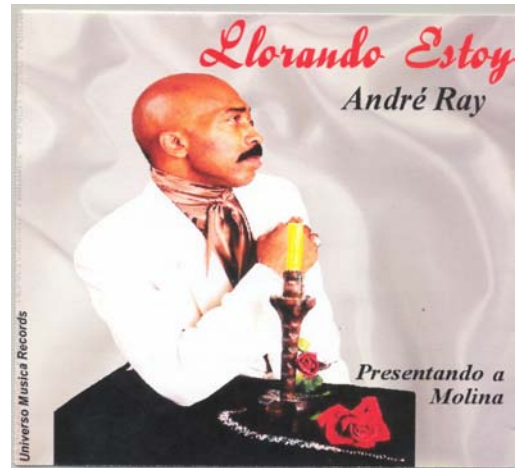
Afrik Moto, Soukous Band Fresh from Congo Republic

Afrik Moto a sensational talented music group from Congo has been selected to perform at the 2010 African Goodwill Awards. The group is managed in the U.S. by AFAM King Production. Dr. Solomon Egbuho, the Managing Director of AFAM King Production invited AFI team to the group's recording session in Los Angeles. Their dance moves is a refreshing entertainment and for those who long for learning the African hip twisting dance moves, you don't want to miss this event. Remember to bring your dancing shoes for the after party.



Hakeem Kae-Kazim Co-Host

Hakeem is a new sensational actor with an international appeal from Africa and Europe. Now in U.S. he is notably known for his role in the Oscar-nominated, critically acclaimed "Hotel Rwanda" and his recurring role as Dubaku on 24's Season 7 on FOX Station.



The multi-talented **Andre Ray**, the lead singer of the internationally renowned **R & B Band L.T.D.** will be headlined during the Award Ceremony on April 24, 2010. You truly don't want to miss the show. **(Rewind)** Ray replaced Jeffery Osborne as lead Vocalist when he left the band to pursue his solo career.



Monie Mon-Host 2010 African Goodwill Awards

Monie Mon, is a radio personality, actress, writer and stand up comedian, she was the host of 2009 African Goodwill Awards and the host of African Focus radio show to be unveiled later this summer. We are excited to have you back and thank you for all your support of African Focus Inc.



The sensational glamorous **AKALA AKA YOUTH CULTURAL DANCERS** has been added to the entertainment line up of 2010 African Goodwill and Family Induction Ceremony. The troupe boasts of an ensemble of 50 members, ranging from 6 year olds to teenagers. They will blend their

dance moves with a mini theatrical performance title "Mother Africa" by **Princess Calista Ezeokoye** written and directed by Uchenna Nworgu, in celebration of the 2010 African Family Induction.



Precision Dance Company is a class act and they are poised to entertain and dazzle their audience. This multi-talented company from Torrance California is one of the groups that will be performing at the award and you don't want to miss it.

Precision Dance Company