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DREAM. DARE. DO.

A Night to celebrate the child within



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About the Gala

The MAC Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to connecting, empowering, and elevating underrepresented entrepreneurs while promoting cultural awareness, economic opportunity, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Through programs such as Suit Up, Rising CEOs, Umoja Forum™, scholarships, and entrepreneurship support, the Foundation helps youth, entrepreneurs, and community leaders gain the tools, confidence, and opportunities they need to grow.

Our annual Gratitude Gala is our premier fundraising event that supports these programs and initiatives. This year's theme, "The Child Within: Dream, Dare, Do," celebrates the dreams, courage, and action that turn potential into purpose. Our 2026 co-chairs are Gonael Gnininvi and Dr. Enyo Abalekpor Gnininvi, Mariette Achigbu Esq. and Terri Sanders. Proceeds from the Gala will help the MAC Foundation continue creating pathways for emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to dream boldly, dare greatly, and do meaningful work in the community.



Our Impact

Dr. Orlanda Whitfield
Pitch Black 2025 Champion

Thank you for investing in small businesses like ours and creating opportunities for entrepreneurs to grow.

Pitch Black connected us with amazing entrepreneurs, professionals, and supporters who believe in our success.

Tony Digny
MAC Scholar 2025

“Your support has allowed me to focus on my studies, grow in cybersecurity, and pursue a brighter future without financial stress.”

Thank you for believing in students like me.

Supports These Initiatives

MAC-Xcelerator: A 12-week accelerator for underrepresented entrepreneurs

Pitch Black: A business conference and pitch competition with cash prizes

Suit Up: Workforce readiness
Rising CEOs: A 10 weeks business building program for youth

EGA Pitch: A creative pitch competition for early stage entrepreneurs

Umoja Forum: Building unity between African and African American communities

MAC Emergency Fund: Small business **hardship relief**

MAC Scholars: Scholarships for college-bound students

MAC Global Trade: International business expansion initiative

Partnering with the MAC Foundation for the Gratitude Gala 2026 offers a unique opportunity to align your brand with a meaningful cause while gaining significant visibility among a discerning audience. We offer a range of tiered partnership levels, each designed to provide valuable recognition and engagement opportunities. We have carefully crafted these packages to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship, allowing you to demonstrate your commitment to community empowerment and inspire positive change.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Partnership Level	Investment	Benefits
Platinum Sponsor	\$25,000	• Premium branding on event materials • Employee engagement opportunities (awards, volunteering, etc.) • Media mentions in press releases and social media • Name on six (6) MAC Foundation Scholarship Awards • Full-page ad in digital program (5.5" W x 8.5" H) • VIP reserved table for 10 • Branded table tent with company name/logo • Logo on event website
Gold Sponsor	\$15,000	• Employee engagement opportunities • Logo on event materials and digital marketing • Media mentions in press and social • 1/2 page ad in digital program (5.5" W x 4.25" H) • VIP Table for 10 • Branded table tent • Logo on event website
Silver Sponsor	\$10,000	• Logo on event materials and digital marketing • Employee engagement (volunteering, etc.) • 1/2 page ad in digital program (5.5" W x 4.25" H) • Premium seating for 10 • Branded table tent • Logo on event website

Sponsorship Opportunities

Bronze Sponsor	\$5,000	• Logo on event materials and digital marketing • Employee engagement (volunteers) • 1/4 page ad in digital program (2.75" W x 4.25" H) • Premium seating for 10 • Branded table tent • Logo on event website
Copper Sponsor	\$2,500	• Logo on event materials and digital marketing • Employee engagement (volunteers) • Premium seating for 6 • Branded table tent • Logo on event website
Table Sponsor	\$1,500	• Table for 10 • Branded table tent
Scholarship Sponsor	\$1,200	• \$1,000 awarded directly to a deserving scholar • \$200 supports scholarship admin • Recognition from podium • Name on digital screen • Name on official scholarship certificate

Beverage Sponsor: \$2,500 • Branding on beverage station signage • Recognition during event as official Beverage Sponsor • Company logo displayed on drink station	Auctions Sponsor: \$1,000 • Recognition as official Auction Sponsor • Company logo on all auction signage
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Become A Partner

Your partnership is vital to our success and directly impacts our ability to empower the children and communities we serve. By investing in the Gratitude Gala, you are investing in a brighter future. We invite you to join our community of dedicated partners who believe in the power of dreams, the courage to dare, and the determination to do. Join the Tribe!

Donate Auction Items:

- Luxury Travel & Getaways
- Dining & Culinary Experiences
- Health, Wellness & Spa
- Arts, Culture & Entertainment
- Family & Kids Activities
- Fashion & Lifestyle
- Professional Development
- Sports & Recreation
- Wine & Beverages

To discuss customized sponsorship packages or to secure your partnership, please contact:

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Or visit our website to learn more and pledge your support: www.fundmac.org