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Beech Companies Celebrates 25 Years of Community Service

Beech Companies celebrated 25 years of dedicated service to the Cecil B. Moore community with a dinner gala on Thursday, April 23 at the First District Plaza in Philadelphia, PA.

The gala was hosted by Roland S. Martin, host and managing editor of TV One, News One Now. The event themed *The North Central Philadelphia Renaissance*, brought out over 400 communities, businesses and political leaders like Mayor Michael Nutter, City Council President Darrell Clark and former Philadelphia Mayor, W. Wilson Goode, Sr. The evenings honorees, Richard Bazelon, Chair of the Board of Directors; David Hass, The William Penn Foundation; and Founding Chair of Beech, Dr. Bernard C. Watson, received the Renaissance Awards by Beech Companies President, Ken Scott.

The evenings keynote speaker, Dr. Bernard C. Watson, addressed the crowd and shared a historical perspective on the impact and progress Philadelphia has seen because of individuals with a vision and passion to help the underserved. Dr. Watson expressed his thanks and congratulated Beech Companies President, Ken Scott, for his vision and continued leadership to the organization.



Host, Roland S. Martin, kept the crowd laughing with his impromptu jokes and witty commentary about how he was missing "Scandal" but was able to multi-task between hosting the event, watching Scandal and tweeting live to his fans. He joked about who in their right mind would have an event on a Thursday evening when one of his favorite shows was airing. After dinner, Roland shook hands and took selfies with many of the gala attendees.

The Beech Companies Board of Directors and staff would like to extend many thanks to all the individuals, organizations and companies that supported the 25th Anniversary Gala. Many thanks to Barbara Daniel Cox, Shalimar Thomas, Rashid Duggan, Robert Bogle, Bazelon & Less, The William Penn Foundation, Comcast, Domus, PECO Energy and the entire event and host committees for their contributions to the success of the event.



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Beech Hosts the 9th Annual "Jazz on the Ave" Music Fest



Beech Community Services will host the 9th annual "Jazz on the Ave" Music Fest featuring Philly Soul Stock on **Saturday, August 15, 2015** from 12-8pm. In the event of rain, the festival will be held on the following day, August 16. This free family-friendly event will stretch along 4 blocks on Cecil B. Moore Avenue from Broad to 17th Streets.

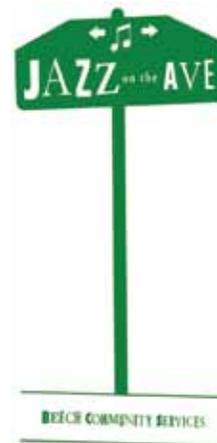
Each year, the concert festival continues to grow with thousands attending each year from the tri-state area including local celebrities like Bernard Hopkins, boxing champion and North Philadelphia native. The festival is a must-attend for long-time community residents and people that have moved away from the community. "The annual event is like a 'family reunion' of some sort," states long-time resident Mary Galloway. "Many of my friends and I get together once a year at the festival to enjoy the good music, indulge in the delicious food and, of course, to enjoy each others company." The day's festivities will include craft food vendors, social service agencies, free health and wellness screenings, HIV & Hepatitis C testing and blood

& glucose screenings provided by Health Care professionals from Stephen Klein and Drexel University Health Care network. Additionally, there will be a Kids Zone with childrens activities including a moon bounce, face painting, rock climbing, pottery making with the Clay Studio and other fun and exciting things to keep the little ones busy.

The highlight of the festival is the live music on two stages. Philly's own Jeff Bradshaw and Friends will headline the main stage at Broad Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue with special guests Eric Roberson, Syleena Johnson and Elle Varner. Also performing on the main stage are Suzanne Burgess, Lee Mo featuring Vertical Current, Worldtown Sound System and Abstract Truth. The Modern Legends Drill Team will open the festival at noon with a live performance followed by the All Star Boyz dance troop. Some of Philly's most respected radio personalities, Patty Jackson, Dyana Williams, Loraine Ballard Morrill and Jeff Duperon will host the event.

An added addition to this year's festival is Philly Soul Stock. In its 7th year, Philly Soul Stock has served many Philadelphia communities by highlighting up and coming artists from across the Delaware Valley. Philly Soul Stock provides a professional soundstage for Philadelphia's young arts community, educating youth on instrumentation, vocal techniques and to promote youth musicianship. Come and experience the artistry of Suzann Christine, Beano, Dave Watson, Chartel, Jeremy Isaac, Tommi, Kvyamira, The Idea, Boots Green, MPR and others.

For up-to-date festival information, follow us on Twitter [@JazzontheAve](#), like us on Facebook at [Jazz on the Ave](#), and on Instagram [@jazzontheave.philly](#). We have many cool contests going on so don't forget to follow us so that you will be eligible to win. Make sure that you tag us in your posts and use [#JazzontheAve](#) & [#SnapwithJOA](#). You may also visit our website at [www.beechinterplex.com](#).



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In the Community

National Night Out

Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church will host a National Night Out. This event is a partnership with community residents to help promote involvement in crime prevention by reclaiming our neighborhoods. Enjoy activities, food and a concert by Ministry of Zomar.

When: Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Where: 4500 N. Blavis Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140
Church Parking Lot

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Cost: FREE

Info: (215) 455-6502

Beginners Computer Classes

Learn basic skills from creating, writing and saving a document to learning how to access the web. This course is designed for the new learner and those who want an excellent refresher course.

When: Every Wednesday, September 9th - November 11th
(10 weeks)

Where: North Broad Street Senior Center
1438 North Broad Street

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Cost: \$55.00

Info: Contact Ms. McMillian at (215) 978-1324

Check-It-Up Tournament Picnic & Legends Ball

All are welcomed to attend the 1st annual Check-It-Up Picnic on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 10am until 5pm at the Basketball Courts, 2140 N. 33rd Street (33rd & Diamond). The event will feature tournament games, special guests and will honor Philadelphia legends Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Wilt Chamberlain, Rasheed Wallace, Wally Jones, Lurline Jones, Zane C. Major & Pud (Vladimir Gibson), followed by the Legends Ball on Sunday, August 9, 2015 from 5pm to 10pm at the Lounge, 7165 Germantown Avenue. The Legends Ball will award the Community Service Awards to the City Council President, Darrell Clark; State Representative, Curtis Thomas; Hollywood Shoes; Sheriff, Jewell Williams; Ms. Mary Black & the White Store.

For more event information and tickets to the Legends Ball, call (800) 209-9095, contact Ken "QP" Hamilton at (267) 716-3601 or Kenyatta at (215) 235-2087. Visit www.checkituptournament.com.

Ladies Pool Team

Join the North Broad Street Senior Center Ladies Pool Team!

When: Tuesdays

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Location: 1438 North Broad Street

Contact: Michelle McMillian at (215) 978-1300

Community Health & Wellness Center

The Stephen Klein Wellness Center (SKWC) is a 28,000 square-foot integrated health and wellness facility that is committed to addressing the health and wellness needs of people who are currently homeless, formerly homeless or living in the North Philadelphia community.

The Center is a partnership between Project HOME, Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Inc., Jefferson Medical College Department of Family and Community Medicine, the Middleton Partnership and Stephen Klein. It expands the health care services that have been provided to formerly homeless and low-income people in North Philadelphia. This vital project leverages the support of both public and private funders to end homelessness through affordable housing, opportunities for employment, health care and education. The SKWC will include primary care, behavioral health, dental care, a pharmacy, on-site legal counseling and a Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA with various services.

While the pharmacy and dental care services will be up-and-running, currently available services include primary care, behavioral health, nurse care management, individual/couples/group counseling, peer-led outreach and care coordination, healing touch, on-site legal counseling, HIV testing and assistance with applying for health insurance benefits.

To learn more about these programs and services, call the Wellness Center at (215) 320-6187.

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Community Welcomes New Businesses

The Cecil B. Moore neighborhood would like to extend a welcome to iGeeks Repair, Ray's Lunchbox and Mecca Hair Salon. "The new businesses are a great addition and add to the progress of the area by helping to grow the economic vitality of the commercial corridor. They will also help improve the overall economy of the Cecil B. Moore Community," states Christine Brown, Director of Beech Community Services. "I am interested in new business owners coming to the area that are concerned with the overall growth of the community and are interested in getting involved in neighborhood efforts that will ultimately lead to a better neighborhood to live, work and do business."



iGeeks Repair is a computer and cell phone repair store. The store was brought to the community to give people an alternative option for repairs and same day pickup and discounts. "Without the hassles and shipping fees associated with phone carriers,

customers are able to get the service they need in a timely manner," states store manager, Fraser. The store is located at **1516 Cecil B. Moore Avenue; Open Monday - Saturday, 10am to 7pm. Phone: (215) 971-9566.**



Mecca Hair Salon is a unisex hair salon that specializes in today's newest hairstyles for men and women. The salon sells in bundles, 22-30 inches of human hair extensions at reasonable prices. Salon

owner, Hamid, stated, "I am glad to return to the 'Ave' after being gone for a couple of years. It is like landing on Boardwalk." The store is located at **1432 W. Cecil B. Moore Avenue; Open Monday - Saturday with varying business hours. Call (215) 765-4485 to schedule an appointment.**



The newest eatery to the neighborhood is **Ray's Lunchbox**. This retro decorated bistro with a communal table, boasts an old-time delicatessen feel with a variety of hot & cold food options. The store owners, Ray and Andrea Wilson, have been in the food service industry for over 20 years and decided it was time to run their own deli. "Try the chicken salad; any of the salads you will fall in love," stated Christine Brown, Beech Community Service Director. The store is located at **1536 N. Carlisle St.; Open Monday - Friday, 7am to 6pm; Saturday, 7am to 3pm & Sunday, 8am to 3pm. Call (215) 232-8373 to place an order or for catering.**

Community & Business Meetings

Beech Community Services will host monthly meetings for business owners in the Cecil B. Moore community to talk about, and participate, in discussions relating to the planning and increased business relationships between business owners. The meeting goals are to increase the interactions between the owners and work together to build a viable business association. The meeting notices will be sent to business owners prior to the meeting dates. The meetings will take place from **6:00pm to 7:30pm**. Call Beech's office at **(215) 763-8824** or email us at beechcompanies@gmail.com if you would like your meeting notice sent via email.

The next Registered Community Organization (RCO) meeting for the Cecil B. Moore community is **Thursday, August 20, 2015 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. If you are a developer and interested in having your project listed on the schedule for review, contact Beech's office at **(215) 763-8824**.

Above meetings are held at Beech Community Services, 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 1st Floor.



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Academic & Housing Scholarships for Students

The *Beech Scholarship Fund* will award eleven (11) students currently enrolled in Temple University or high school seniors from a Philadelphia public, charter or private school with an educational scholarship to attend Temple University in the fall of 2015. The students will be honored at a reception in their honor in early August and recognized at the 9th annual "Jazz on the Ave" Music Festival on Saturday, August 15, 2015.

This year's scholarship recipients have shown tremendous strides in achievement; they have demonstrated great leadership skills and are committed to investing in their communities beyond graduation. Each student will receive a scholarship that can be used for books, housing or other educational needs.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

- **Zuliesuivie Ball** - Public Relations
- **Kiana Bland** - Psychology
- **Nuri Bracey** - Mechanical Engineering
- **Anthony Cobb** - Civil Engineering
- **Shiheem Corey** - Liberal Arts
- **Camille Griggs** - Public Health
- **Arielle Hunt** - Business
- **Jessika Jessie** - Business
- **Jazmine Jones** - Criminal Justice
- **Nicole Kenney** - Management Information
- **Miranda Mathias** - Speech Language
- **Denisha Robinson** - Sports Management

The *Beech Scholarship Fund* will begin accepting scholarship applications for the fall of 2016 academic year on January 4, 2016. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher and be active in his or her community. The deadline for application submission is Friday, April 8, 2016 at 3pm. To obtain an application and for scholarship guidelines and criteria, please visit:

www.beechinterplex.com/bcs_scholarship.asp

Student Housing Scholarships are available at *Oxford Village Apartments & Beech International* located on the 1500 & 1600 blocks of North 15th Street and 1520 Cecil B. Moore Avenue. The apartment units are fully furnished and include: free cable and Internet services, on-site laundry facilities and updated amenities. For rental information, call (215) 765-3134.

Clef Club Youth Honored

Several of Philadelphia's most gifted musicians were honored on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Philadelphia Clef Club. Three of the young men will be heading off to the world's most renowned music programs. The Beech Companies would like to congratulate:

- **Immanuel Wilkins**, Julliard
- **Yesseh Ali**, Berklee College of Music
- **Jordan Williams**, George Washington University

Philadelphia boasts some of the greatest names in Jazz and we are happy to add these three young men to the list of Philadelphia's Jazz greats. For more information about the Clef Club, call (215) 893-9912.

Funding Opportunities for Non-Profits

The *Alston Beech Foundation* will begin accepting proposals for funding on August 3, 2015 from non-profit organizations that provide direct services for programs and projects. The deadline to submit proposals is October 1. The organizations programs or projects must provide aide constituents living in the Foundation's target area of North Philadelphia. Visit www.beechinterplex.com/alston-beechfoundation.asp to obtain the guidelines and application cover sheet. Before submitting proposals, please be sure to review the Foundation's checklist. Incomplete proposals will not be considered for funding.

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Loan Repair Program for Philadelphia Homeowners

The Renovate & Repair Loan Program (R&R) is designed to meet serious housing issues for many of Pennsylvania's homeowners: how to make their home a healthy, comfortable place and a financial asset. The R&R Loan Program collaboration between PHFA & Beech has been developed to assist homeowners in avoiding common pitfalls in home improvement projects such as homeowners being taken advantage of by unscrupulous lenders and contractors, poor quality and unnecessary repairs.

Keystone Renovate & Repair Loan Program (R&R Loan) is to help:

- Prevent homeowners from becoming victims of unscrupulous lending practices (i.e., high interest rates and costs, more money borrowed than needed, pre-payment penalties, etc.).
- Homeowners prioritize their home repair spending so that the work they are having done is what the homeowner really needs. Improve Pennsylvania's aging housing stock for its current residents and future generations.

R&R Loan can be used to:

- Pay for repairs and improvements that increase the basic livability of the home, including additions and construction that makes the home safer, more energy efficient or more accessible to people with disabilities or people who are elderly.
- Remove or fix code violations, hook-up to municipal water and sewer systems and improve or install code-compliant septic or well systems.
- Payment for emergency repairs to critical life-safety in the homes, as long as the loan application is made to the Local Program Administrator within 30 days of the repair.

Features of R&R Loan:

- Provide an attractive interest rate.
- Help determine the repairs and/or improvements to be done.
- Provides peace of mind in knowing that the right home repairs are being done and were completed in a timely manor with quality workmanship.

R&R Loan will not pay for:

- Luxury and cosmetic items such as hot tubs, pools, gazebos, etc.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Beech's office at (215) 763-8824.



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