



(L-R): Pat Showell, outgoing president & CEO, Families First; Lou Gossett Jr., award-winning actor and community activist; Roxanne Douglass, chair, Families First Board of Directors; Kim Anderson, newly-appointed executive director, Families First.

## Lou Gossett Jr. Keynotes Families First 11th Annual "Dining for a Difference"

Hundreds of Atlanta community and business leaders turn out for sold out event

Even in tough economy, hundreds of metro Atlantans made time to "dine for a difference" at the Intercontinental Buckhead this week. Families First 11th Annual *Dining For A Difference* event highlighted the increased need for solutions for Georgia's children and families during this challenging season.

At the event, award-winning actor and

community activist Lou Gossett Jr. mingled with Atlanta community and business leaders during a VIP reception and delivered the keynote address to a packed room of approximately 400 attendees. Families First presented its annual Champion award to Margaret Reiser, senior director at BoardWalk Consulting, and its Humanitarian award to Ray Weeks, CEO of Weeks Properties Group and chairman of the BeltLine Partnership.

## Georgia Department of Labor Offers 2009 Summer Internship Program

State Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond announced that the Georgia Department of Labor's 2009 Summer Internship Program will offer internships for up to 80 students. The internship program is designed to provide students at universities, colleges and technical colleges with practical work experience, an opportunity to earn school credit, and a chance to make up to \$1,400 this summer.

"In the current economic climate, professional workplace experience provides a competitive edge to students entering the workforce," said Commissioner Thurmond. "Interns will complement their academic knowledge with professional work experience. They will work with the staff in career centers, vocational rehabilitation offices throughout the state, as well as our central office in downtown Atlanta. Internships with the Georgia Department of Labor have been highly successful in providing students with the tools needed to make them competitive in a challenging job market."

Interns will work 25 hours per week for seven weeks between June 15 and August 14, and will be paid semi-monthly. The program is open primarily to college sophomores, juniors and seniors presently enrolled in a college, university, or technical institute in the state, or a Georgia resident enrolled in a similar school in another state.

School credits may be earned, but interns are responsible for making arrangements

with their respective institutions to obtain the credit. Interns will be selected on the basis of their interests, areas of expertise that will be enhanced by their work with the labor department, maturity level, and access to one of the department's offices around the state. Whenever possible, the selected interns will be allowed to choose the office where they will work.

Applicants must submit an application and a one-page essay answering the following question: Why do you think internships are important?

Interns may also be required to complete a job interview conducted by a member of the department's staff. Applications are available at any office of the Georgia Department of Labor, on the department's Web site at [www.dol.state.ga.us](http://www.dol.state.ga.us), or by writing to Kyna Demons, Georgia Department of Labor, 148 Andrew Young International Blvd., Suite 600, N. E., Atlanta, GA 30303-1751.

The deadline to apply is April 30, 2009. Applications should be mailed to Ms. Kyna Demons at the above address, or faxed to (404) 656-2683. Students selected for the internship will be notified via mail beginning May 21. Questions about the internship program should be emailed to [Kyna.Demons@dol.state.ga.us](mailto:Kyna.Demons@dol.state.ga.us).

## Free Training for Young Black Men Workshop Series

Black males ages 18-28 are welcome

The Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta announces its 2009 Priority Male Workshop Series that will be conducted at public libraries throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area from April 2009 - July 2009. The FREE Workshop, "Overcoming the Odds: Success Strategies for Young Black Males," is open to Black males between the ages of 18 - 28, who want to improve themselves academically, vocationally, economically, and personally. There is no charge for the Priority Male workshop sessions; however, reservations are strongly suggested to reserve a seat. If you know of young males who can benefit from the workshops, please pass this information on to them.

OVERCOMING THE ODDS: SUCCESS STRATEGIES FOR YOUNG BLACK MEN 2009 WORKSHOP SERIES

**Saturday, April 18, 2009**  
(12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)  
Bankhead Courts Branch  
Atlanta Public Library  
1415 Maynard Rd. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30331  
(404) 699-8959

## Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation Presents

"Livin' for the City"  
An oral history of the first year of the Maynard Jackson Administration

The Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation announces the first of a new lecture series planned for the students at the Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School. *Livin' for the City* will be read and performed by the drama students at the high school on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the school auditorium.

*Livin' for the City* is an oral history written by Pearl Cleage and Walter Huntley based on the first campaign and the first year of the Maynard Jackson administration. Following the student presentation, Cleage and Huntley - who were both a part of the Jackson administration - will engage in a question and answer session with the stu-

**Thursday, April 23, 2009**  
(1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)  
Central Atlanta Public Library

1 Margaret Mitchell Square  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404)730-1700

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**  
(12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)  
East Point Branch  
Atlanta/ Fulton County

Library  
2757 Main St.  
East Point, GA 30334  
(404) 762-4842

4022 Flat Shoals Parkway  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 244-4370

**Saturday, June 27, 2009**  
(12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)  
Adams Park Branch  
Atlanta Public Library  
2231 Campbellton Rd. SW  
Atlanta, GA 30311  
(404) 752-8763

**Saturday, July 25, 2009**  
(12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)  
Southwest Regional Branch  
Atlanta Public Library  
3665 Cascade Rd. SW



**Saturday, May 30, 2009**  
(12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)  
Cleveland Avenue Branch  
Atlanta Public Library

47 Cleveland Ave.  
Atlanta, GA 30315  
(404) 762-4116

**Saturday, June 6, 2009**  
(12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)  
Flat Shoals Branch DeKalb  
Public Library

Atlanta, GA 30331  
(404) 699-6363

For more information about the Priority Male Program, contact the Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta at 404-935-5859 or email [cmacorp@aol.com](mailto:cmacorp@aol.com). Visit [www.communitycouncilma.org](http://www.communitycouncilma.org).

Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School is located at 801 Glenwood Avenue, SE; Atlanta, GA 30316 (404-802-5200). The principal is Dr. Shirlene Carter.

The Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation was founded by Mayor Maynard Jackson in 1992 to teach leadership skills to young people. John Holley, the Foundation President and Valerie Jackson, Mayor Jackson's widow and an active participant in the Foundation, have been responsible for many components of the programs including leadership training.

"The Youth Foundation seeks to enhance self esteem and pride in accomplishment, to support a positive value system and to instill a com-



mitment to ethical public service for the youth we work with," said Brooke Jackson Edmond, a member of the Board of Directors of the Youth Foundation and Mayor Jackson's daughter. "These are the principles my father taught those around him to live by and these are the values that we remain committed to pass on to the now generation. We hope to bring many meaningful programs such as *Livin' for the City* to the Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School and to continue to grow the Youth Foundation as a part of my father's legacy," Ms. Edmond added.

The lecture series is sponsored by Jackmont Hospitality, Dan Halpern, President and CEO.