

Memorial Foundation President and CEO Accepts Donation

(AANEWSWIRE)WASHINGTON, D.C. - In commemoration of Dr. King's birthday and to ensure Dr. King's legacy lives on for generations to come, the Exelon Foundation presented a \$1 million donation to the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc. Frank M. Clark, Exelon Foundation Board Member and

Chairman and CEO of ComEd, a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation, presented the check to Memorial Foundation President and CEO Harry E. Johnson at Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Inauguration reception at the National Press Club.

"Today, we honor the work and words of Dr. King and the values he held so dear - tireless determination, steadfast courage, and



Frank M. Clark and Harry E. Johnson

unconditional equality for all," Clark said. "The Exelon Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that promote diversity as a philosophy of acceptance. For Dr. King, that philosophy was a way of life. We hope our donation inspires others to follow suit, and we look forward to sharing Dr. King's convictions through a universal and eternal symbol of his life and legacy."

The check presentation took place at a reception hosted by Herman "Skip" Mason,

the 33rd General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Dr. King's fraternity. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity originated the idea of creating a memorial to King on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The reception honored Dr. King along with family members of other firsts in African

American history including Martin and Bernice King, Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Adam Clayton Powell, and Mrs. Jackie (Rachel) Robinson.

"It is fitting that we are celebrating the Exelon Foundation's support to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial on Dr. King's national holiday and the eve of this historic Presidential Inauguration," said Mason.


"I am honored that the Exelon Foundation has joined the Memorial Foundation's family of supporters, and I hope that other foundations, corporations and individuals will follow its lead," said Johnson.

The Exelon Foundation is an independent, non-profit philanthropic organization funded solely by Exelon Corporation, an energy company. The Foundation seeks out and supports initiatives

that create awareness of the civic and social benefits of diversity and the importance of understanding tolerance. Its \$1 million donation will help to create a memorial that will honor Dr. King's contributions to world peace through non-violent social change. The Foundation is the first electric utility-funded organization to donate to the memorial.

The Exelon Foundation also will serve as one of the lead sponsors of the February 17th Chicago Dream Dinner, which will raise a portion of the remaining funds to build the Memorial. Clark, along with John W. Rowe, Exelon Foundation Chairman and Exelon Corporation Chairman and CEO, will serve as Dinner Co-Chairs.

The Memorial Foundation has raised \$104 million of the needed \$120 million.



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it would perform in Atlanta.

"I have such fond memories of going with my mother to see The Met," she said.

Mary has always had a love for music, both vocal and instrumental.

When she and her husband moved from Atlanta to Savannah, she decided to get involved with the Savannah Music Festival, serving on the board for the festival, as well as serving on the board for the Telfair Museum of Art.

"Lois and Mary have been two of our most enthusiastic supporters since we began the Savannah Children's Choir," comments

Roger Moss, co-founder and artistic director.

"Their dedication to the lives of children and to children's experience of the arts is shown again and again through their dedication to various causes and organizations. We're thrilled to count them as our supporters, and to have the chance to honor their lives and work in this special way," Moss continued.

Both Lois Wooten and Mary Morrison will be honored at a ceremony on Saturday, March 7 from 6-8 p.m.. The event will feature a special performance by the Savannah Children's Choir,

with a cocktail reception following the award ceremony hosted by JCB with additional support from Hunter Maclean and the Mary Lane Morrison Foundation. The award, which recognizes the work that sometimes unsung heroes accomplish, has gone to former recipients including Henry Moore, Lady Bamford and Dee Williford.

The concert, ceremony and reception are open to the public.

Tickets are available online at www.savannahchoir.org <<http://www.savannahchoir.org/>>, or by calling (912) 228-4758.

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of BWOI. Mayor Otis Johnson gave the opening remarks and the highlight of the evening was a powerful power point presentation by Patricia Jenks-Greene, and Domino's Theory Band.

To become a Black Women of Influence is a

Rite of Passage which is earned on merits and commitment to empower women in our community. "Influential Women Can Influence Social Change and Contribute to a Better Quality of Life for Her Family, Church and Community."

The June 2009, "Fannie Lou Hamer Awards & Pinning Ceremony," of 100/Plus Black Women of Influence will bring attention to the "Upward Mobility, Economic Power

and Influence experienced by Women of Color. It also provides the opportunity for Black Women to meet, network and form new business alliances.

Proceeds from the event benefited two community based, Civil Rights, lifetime membership campaigns and a non-profit organization that affects the lives of children. For more information, contact Terrell Imani-D., Publisher, Coastal Essence Magazine at 912.596.1271.

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Aycock Named Coach At JCSU

Johnson C. Smith University has named Steven Aycock as the 20th Head Football Coach in Golden Bull history. Aycock replaces Daryl McNeill who was fired. Aycock enters his fifth season as part of the Johnson C. Smith football staff. This will be his first as head coach. Aycock had served as interim coach since November 2008. He spent the previous four seasons supervising football operations, recruiting, and coaching the offensive line. The Atlanta, GA native was an All-SIAC offensive lineman at Savannah State in 1991 and '92, under the late Bill Davis. Aycock continued to learn from Davis at Tennessee State as a student assistant from 1993-95, then joined McNeill's J.C. Smith staff in 1995. When McNeill returned to SSU in 1997, he sought out Aycock to join his

staff. Aycock earned a bachelor's degree in sports production from SSU in 1994, and a master's degree in communications from Barrington in 1999. He and his wife Donyell reside in Huntersville, NC.

Locals Sign Football Scholarships

A trio of Savannah athletes signed football scholarships on February 4. Beach High running back Jahquell Smith will attend Livingstone in North Carolina, Windsor Forest High safety Tae Benson will attend Coastal Carolina and Memorial Day School defensive back Calvert Smith will stay at home to play for Savannah State. Smith combined to rush and catch for 905 yards and four touchdowns last season while Benson made 43.5 tackles and Smith made 56 tackles.



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