



## Royce Learning Center to hold Building Re-Dedication



Rendering of New Royce Learning Center Facility

Royce Learning Center will hold a re-dedication breakfast at 9 a.m. on October 29th, 2009 to celebrate the completion of renovations to their building at 4 Oglethorpe Professional Blvd. The ceremony will include performances by Chatham Academy students and a ribbon cutting.

In 2006, Royce mounted a Capital Campaign to raise money for much needed building renovations. The three year campaign resulted in over \$500,000 in contributions. Renovations to the building include exterior stucco and painting and a redesign and replacement of the entrance to reflect the school's colors and spirit.

The building renovations were designed by local firm Cogdell

& Mendrala Architects PC. Work was completed by Erickson Associates, Inc. Major gifts received for the work include donations from

The Colonial Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Morris Geffen, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lasky, and The Solomon's Fund. Partial funding for the project was also obtained through the Chatham County 2004 SPLOST.

Chatham Academy, a direct service of Royce Learning Center, was established in 1978 to address the academic and social needs of children with learning differences. Students work in an individualized, small group setting where the curriculum provides opportunities for each child to be challenged and to

excel. Daily programs also reflect concern for the social and emotional growth of each student. Chatham Academy is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of children with different learning styles. Teachers use a variety of language-based and multi-sensory teaching methods to make learning accessible to every child. Chatham Academy has designed the classrooms, teaching techniques and curriculum to allow each child to experience academic and social success. Royce Learning Center is a United Way member agency.

For more information, contact Christy Edwards at 912-354-4047 or cedwards@roycelc.com

## SONATA Kicks Off New Year

Sponsors of New and Talented Artists, Inc. kicked off its new year with a successful fanfare at Historic First Bryan Baptist Church. Seventeen students were awarded the scholarship for this coming year. The students and parents were introduced to the Sonata board.

During this event, SONATA'S president for the past six years, Sis Lillian Ellis gave a great speech stepping down to make way for our new President Mrs. Elinda Gorman. In her speech she had some encouraging words for students, parents, teachers and board members. She stated that she has enjoyed immensely supporting, encouraging and providing a variety of musical and cultural experiences for the young artists of SONATA. She welcomed and congratulated the 2009-2010 scholarship recipients, Mia Colbert, Janielle Hannon, Alexis Maynor, Davita



Mrs. Lillian Ellis, Outgoing President

Parris, Destiny Reed, Paula Small, Antwone Smoak, Aquila Campbell, Franchesca Colley, Kirah Nelson, Chisamu Penn, Shandae Reese, DA'Nette Stevens, Jana Carpenter, Tashina Green, Nkenge Mitchell and Ashley Reaves. She told them how privileged they were to receive the scholarships

and advised them to work hard and long to maintain this accomplishment. Mrs. Ellis stated that she would always cherish the friendships, camaraderie and hard work she has shared with the SONATA board members. During her leadership and with the help of the community, we have given ninety-six (96) music scholarships in the amount of \$68,040.

As she passed the baton to our new leader (Mrs. Elinda Gorman), she pledged her continuous support and congratulations.

SONATA is looking forward to another successful year. We thank all supporters for your donations, professional assistance and encouragement to continue the vision of this great program.

Your commitment to assist SONATA'S efforts to provide music scholarship funds for talented and deserving students makes our mission a reality.



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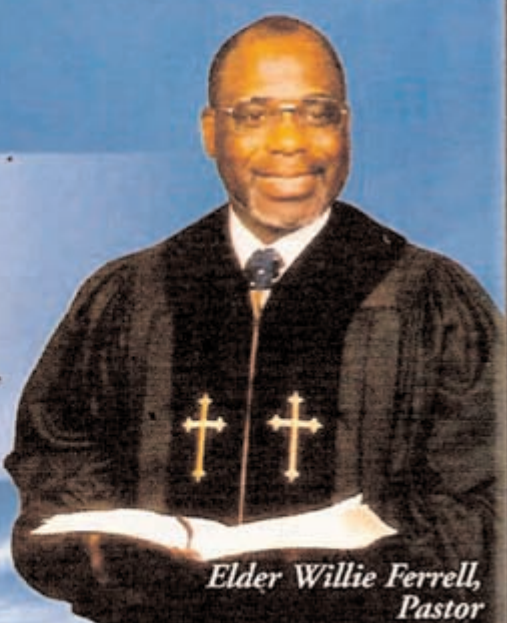
## The Royal Church of Christ, Inc. Celebrates 50 Years of Ministry

Theme: Pentecost Has Come!

The Royal Church of Christ invites you Savannah/Chatham County, and surrounding areas to come be a part of a historical event, beginning  
**October 12th - October 25th, 7:00 p.m. nightly at**  
**1902 Rogers Street in the Hudson Hill area.**

You will be blessed as we journey down memory lane, stop in the present, where Pentecost Has Come, and then look into the future to see the Kingdom of God unfold.

Anointed Men, Women of God, and Youth and Children from far and near will be there. Come join this Holy Ghost party as the flame of Pentecost fire falls!



Elder Willie Ferrell, Pastor

### YMCA...

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grams as well as a safe and fun place for kids in the neighborhood to play.

As a founding partner of KaBOOM!, The Home Depot provides financial support, materials and numerous volunteers for play space projects across North America as part of its ongoing commitment to give back to the communities its storserve. In 2009, The Home Depot became the official Sustainability Partner of KaBOOM!. Both organizations will work together to make sure each playground project is as environmentally friendly as possible as well as educate children and communities about this important issue.

For this project, all materials will be recycled and any unused materials remaining after the completion of the build will be donated to other organizations. In addition, volunteers plan to plant several gardens surrounding the playground.