

August 19, 2010

Greetings Friend of HOPE,

First of all, thanks so much for considering this request on such short notice. You may have heard by now that HOPE Community Development Agency is lead host for the first "Phenomenal People" celebration.

Phenomenal People is a celebration of healing for all communities adversely impacted by Hurricane Katrina. There are two weeks of awesome events planned beginning this weekend and continuing through August 29th. This will be a time of memorializing and remembering those we lost and a celebration of our many accomplishments over these past five years. Feel free to check out the complete event schedule at www.phenomenalpeople.org.

The highlight of the celebration will be the **Phenomenal People Awards Gala**. It will be held on <u>August 26th at Hard Rock Live</u>. We will honor "Phenomenal People" who were instrumental in the recovery of our Coast. These people and/or organizations were nominated and chosen by the coastal community. Additionally, there will be special awards extended to Governor and Mrs. Barbour.

I am writing today to ask you to sponsor a table at the Phenomenal People Awards Gala. The sponsorship is \$500.00. This will entitle you to a table for ten (10), good food, live music, fellowship, friends and fun. This is an event you do not want to miss! I know you will be proud to have your name associated with this event.

All I need today is your commitment. We will bill you for \$500.00 on September 1st. Your sponsorship is tax deductible.

I hope you will decide to join the celebration. Again, don't forget to check out the full schedule of events at www.phenomenalpeople.org. Please contact Cathye Ross Amos at 228-326-2677 to reserve your table or for additional event information.

Respectfully,

Bill Stallworth, Executive Director HOPE Community Development Agency