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### SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Sigma Gamma Rho Kappa Pi Sigma Alumnae Chapter Atlantic City, NJ Portia Wood, President

#### \* \* \* \* \* \* QUOTE

"People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be."

\*\*Abraham Lincoln\*\*

#### THANK YOU

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Thank you to all that have volunteered and made contributions to our organization.

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# THE DOT CENTER



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Williamstown Pavilion, Unit 12,

1809 N. Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, NJ 08094

#### PLEASE HELP THE DOT ORGANIZATION

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Purchase a Brick for \$20.00 - Leave a legacy of your contribution towards The DOT Organization Community Center for the youth of Southern New Jersey. Each purchase enables your name to be placed on a brick within the center, plus you will receive a certificate of appreciation from The DOT Organization.

The DOT Organization, Inc (Dreams of Tomorrow), truly appreciates your consideration of supporting our efforts, to assist at-risk youth, by participating in the 2016-2017 United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey Campaign. As your company's Open Enrollment approaches, we ask that you remember to choose The DOT Organization, Inc, as your United Way designee. United Way - Code

19699 or Code 6245

#### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP DOT?

\*Designate DOT as my United Way Agency; \*Make DOT the receiver of my employer's Matching Funds Program; \*Participate in my company's Volunteer Program with DOT; \*Talk to my HR Personnel for other ways I can help DOT; \*Make an individual financial donation to DOT; \*Participate in DOT's fundraisers; \*Sponsor a fundraiser for DOT; \*Sponsor youth in one of DOT's programs; or \*Tell others about DOT.

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

















Make sure you go out to vote on November 8th













### **DOT Quarterly STAR**

### **Laticia Bailey**

Laticia Bailey graduated Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University with a B.S. in Workforce Education and Development and is Project Manager certified through Project Management Institute. Laticia will resume study as a student in the St. Peter's University Graduate program studying for her Master's in Management. She is a member of PMI, and a Fellow of Leadership Trenton's, 2008 graduating class.

Ms. Bailey has held various positions during her 19 years with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield and is currently an Events Coordinator serving as project leader building relationships throughout New Jersey's 21 counties. Ms. Bailey's work ensures Horizon's visibility in the community to enhance awareness in accessing healthcare and educating the community. Her diligent commitment has resulted in a host of valued partnerships.

Ms. Bailey has enjoyed modeling for years. To mention her most memorable experiences, she recalls participating in an annual "In the Pink" for breast cancer with Princeton's Breast Cancer Resource Center and an event exhibiting fashions of New York designer for the Stars John Panzai in a pre-show to the live taping of the annual Gospel Awards in New York. An additional personal accomplishment includes her privilege to be a contributing writer in the book "Life As a Single Mom, It Isn't Easy or Is it?" published by MDK Media, Inc. in 2007. She also served on the Special Events and Communications Committees of Project Single Moms, an empowerment program of My Daughter's Keeper, Inc.

for Burlington County. She worked with teens as a former assistant at the M.H. Scott Charm School of Plainfield, NJ; as a mentor to Trenton Central High School juniors in Princeton Center for Leadership's Intergenerational Achievement Mentoring program; and as a participating speaker in Save Latin America of Union City, New Jersey's "Reaching Our Dreams" program.

In September 2015 Ms. Bailey received a Community Partnership Award from the Joetta Clark-Diggs Sports and Beyond Foundation for her contribution in promoting emotional and physical achievement. Ms. Bailey has been blessed to be acknowledged and receive awards for

For two years, Ms. Bailey served as a trained volunteer of Contact 211 Suicide/Resource Hotline

physical achievement. Ms. Bailey has been blessed to be acknowledged and receive awards for service and commitment from various entities including: Two Joint Legislative Resolutions from the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly; National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.; New Jersey Primary Care Association, The City of Newark, The Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce, and Jersey City Public School #34, as well as numerous certificates and commendations from community partners.

As a Toastmaster, Ms. Bailey spearheaded the launching of an employer-based charter chapter of Toastmasters International where she served as President. Ms. Bailey has served as Director of Administration for her church Word of Life Christian Center (Springfield Township, NJ) for the past eight years. She previously served as Northeast Region Chair of the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. (NHBW). For the past eight years, Ms. Bailey has had the honor of leading the Cherry Hill Area Chapter as President of NHBW, a 40 year non-profit organization with chapters across the U.S. providing services to support and empower families through various outreach programs. Ms. Bailey was born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey, and currently resides in Pemberton, New Jersey. She is a devoted, proud mother of four children and six grandchildren.

#### **CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Drevention, Awareness and Understanding

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Liver Cancer Awareness Month; November is Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Stomach Cancer, Carcinoid Cancer, and National Marrow Awareness Month.

# ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Delicate Healthcare Agency Unique Homecare with a
Gentle Touch

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

L.I.O.N. ("Leading Light" in our Neighborhoods)

Mz. Eazy's Cafe

NAACP

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.

National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

PEAK (Pro Elite Athletic Kooperative Inc.)

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc.

Rochester's Barbecue & Grill

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Sugarpuddin's (The Best Ribs)

**Tonya Dorsey New Vision** 

Winslow Family Diner

**Winslow Township Rotary** 

### **DOT EVENTS**

# COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT SEMINAR - Thursday, October 13, 2016 7 PM to 8:30 PM (Free)

At The DOT Center, 1809 N. Black Horse Pike, Unit 12, Williamstown, NJ 08094. This seminar if for parents, guardians and students in 9th to 12th grade. For more information call (856) 262-3878.

### TENNIS YOUTH PROGRAM - Starting Saturday, September 17, 2016 to Saturday, October 22, 2016 10 AM to 11 AM (Free)

For children from 7 to 18. classes will be one hour, once a week on Saturdays for ten weeks at Peter Volpa Park, 569 Sickler Avenue, Sicklerville, NJ.

# DOT 2016 "IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU" GIRLS SUMMIT - Saturday, October 29, 2016, 8 AM to 2 PM for girls from middle school and high school

At Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, CIM Building, Blackwood, NJ. For application go to our website www.thedotorganization.com. There is a \$15.00 registration fee. For more information or you need an application mailed to you please call (856) 262-3878.

#### **BOOK EXCHANGE PARTY - Sunday November 6, 2016, 3 PM to 6 PM (Free)**

At The DOT Organization, 1809 N. Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, NJ. For more information or to drop off books call (856) 262-3878.

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST CELEBRATION AND AWARD CEREMONY, Monday, January 16, 2017, 9 AM to 12 PM

At St. Charles Borromeo Church, Religious Education Center, Siena Hall, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. Cost\$20.00 Adult \$15.00 children 12 and under. No tickets sold after January 11, 2017. For more information call (856) 262-3878.

## OLDIES BUT GOODIES DANCE- Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 8 PM to Midnight

At St. Charles Borromeo Church, Religious Education Center, Siena Hall, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. Tickets \$20.00, at door \$25.00 Casual Attire. BYOB and BYOF. We will have a separate area for cards and board games. For tickets or further information call (856) 262-3878.

#### **DOT HISTORY**

The **DOT Organization, Inc.** was founded March 2005 to implement the educational and informational processes needed to address the emerging issues and concerns of South Jersey communities. The vision of this non-profit corporation is to eliminate and/or reduce both visible and invisible problems areas by providing positive influences, heightening awareness of educational and economic empowerment opportunities, and building bridges between home, school, and the community. With the dedication, insight, experience, and expertise of its leaders. The **Dot Organization, Inc.** will lead community residents through required processes so they can benefit from state, local, and federal resource opportunities.















### **BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**



#### The Law Office of Lakisha N. Dean



Before I begin to tell you about my academic awards and achievements, I want to take a moment to tell you that I've stood in your shoes. I truly appreciate how intimidating the legal process can be to clients who are fighting to protect their interests, and those of their children. As a witness to domestic violence and the child of a broken home, I know all too well the emotional and physical journey to create a new vision for your life.

I was drawn into Family law because of my own personal circumstances. My three month old nephew was placed up for adoption without my brother's consent. He was placed with a family in Canada before we even knew he was missing. My entire family was devastated and didn't have a clue about what to do next. As the only attorney in the family, everyone looked to me for answers. I had never touched a family law case before except for a clinic in law school. This time, there was so much at stake. Needless to say, I was scared to lose him and knew I had to do whatever I could. I started in Family Court in NY and worked my way to Canada to pick him up almost three months later! Although, it was probably the scariest thing I have every done, it was by far the most rewarding. This helped me realize that my potential is so much greater than my fears. Every time I look at my nephew, I am reminded at how blessed I am to have been able to earn a law degree to help others.

This personal story of triumph is what fuels my passion to be a compassionate legal advocate. One who strives for a holistic solution to the situation, rather than just a legal one.

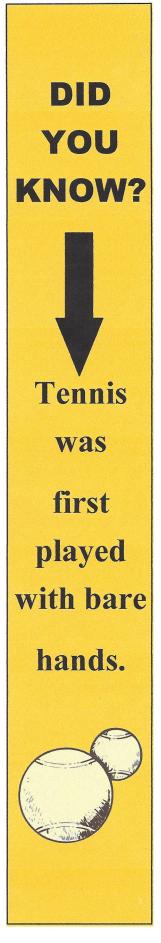
Before starting my own firm in 2009, I served as a prosecutor in Pennsylvania and a law guardian in New Jersey for children in the DYFS system. I am barred in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The first in my family to complete college, I am a proud graduate of Columbia University and Temple Law School.

As the founder of a thriving law practice, a wife, and a mother of two wonderful children, I know the importance my own wellbeing plays in having a healthy family and successful business. I am certified in Reiki and practice Bikram (Hot) Yoga.

Areas of Practice: Family Law; Child Custody; Child Support; Adoption; Divorce; Juvenile Matters; Criminal Record Expungement, DCPP (DYFS) litigation and military benefits.

Whether you are facing family law, juvenile delinquency matters or would like to see if you qualify to have your criminal record expunged, an experienced attorney like myself can provide the counsel you need. From my office in Cherry Hill, I represent families throughout New Jersey. Learn more by scheduling a consultation by calling 856-359-5222.

The Law Office of Lakisha N. Dean represents clients in Cherry Hill, Mount Laurel, Burlington County, Camden County and Gloucester County, and throughout New Jersey.



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