Dear Community Friend,

In 1992, automotive legend Jim Moran established the African-American Achievers awards program to recognize leaders who make our community a better place. Since then, 119 remarkable individuals have been named African-American Achievers, and more than $240,000 has been donated to charitable organizations throughout South Florida on their behalf. JM Family Enterprises, Southeast Toyota Distributors and JM Lexus are proud to celebrate 20 years of our honorees’ achievements and continue this tradition in memory of our founder. Mark your calendar for our 2012 event on April 11, at the Broward County Convention Center.

On this special evening, we will honor four new adult achievers who unselfishly invest their time and talents, serve as role models, and help shape the future of our community. **If you know someone who has inspired you through their commitment and service in the categories of Arts & Culture, Business & Entrepreneurism, Community Service and Education, I encourage you to take a few minutes and complete the nomination form at AfricanAmericanAchievers.com.**

Nominations are due by Friday, December 9, and you may nominate more than one individual. Eligible achievers must work or live in Palm Beach, Broward or Miami-Dade county. Please also share this website with your peers who may know local leaders deserving of this special recognition.

JM Family, Southeast Toyota and JM Lexus will again support local nonprofits by awarding $10,000 to each adult achiever for the charity(ies) of his/her choice, totaling $40,000. For those whose nominee is selected, a total of $500 will be donated to the charity(ies) of their choice, and they will receive an invitation to the evening’s private reception. Everyone who is nominated will receive a personalized recognition certificate and an invitation to the ceremony.

For more information, please contact Heidi Welch at 954-420-3275 or Heidi.Welch@jmfamily.com.

The 2012 event will be particularly meaningful as we celebrate the program's 20th anniversary and recognize our many achievers from prior years. With your participation in the nomination process, this year’s achievers will join an impressive group of local heroes who are creating their own legacy of leadership. We look forward to receiving your nominations and I hope to see you on April 11.

My best regards,

Colin Brown
President & CEO, JM Family Enterprises, Inc.
1993 • Chief Jimmie Brown • In Memory of Vinnette Carroll • Myrtle Corbin • Albert Dotson Jr. • Arthur Kennedy • Hamish Reed • Jeffrey Watson • Runette L. Williams • 1994 • Gail Birks Askins • Wayne Barton • Charles W. Cherry II, Esq. • Sterling DuPont • Dr. M. Tina Dupree • Georgia Foster • Cartheda Mann • Beryl Roberts • 1995 • George Gadson • In Memory of Jerome Edmund Gray, Esq. • Irvin Kiffin • Rev. Wayne Lomax • Dr. Catherine Lowe • Professor Joseph McNair • Ernestine Ray • Peter and Retha Spann • 1996 • Linda Houston-Jones • Keith A. James, Esq. • Collie Evans Jones • Mildred Mariner, Esq. • Dr. Roy Phillips • Bishop Harold Ray • Jenya Tomlinson • Guy Wheeler • 1997 • Rep. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall • In Memory of Cora E. Braynon • Nehemiah Davis • Dr. Gerald Johnson • Tony Lesesne • Angela McPherson • Samuel F. Morrison • Herb “Proverb” Newsome • Keondra Pierre • 1998 • Natasha Brownlee • Sandra Close-Turnquest • Cecil Hayes • Shamele Jenkins • Dr. Wilhelmena Mack • Johnny C. Taylor Jr., Esq. • Dr. E. Carol Webster • Sen. Frederica S. Wilson • 1999 • In Memory of Tyrone K. Backers Sr. • Leslie M. Corley • Sen. Mandy Dawson • Jerome Gordon • Rev. Dr. Edwin Hamilton • Dr. Jerry Kolo • C.J. Latimore • Flora Philpart • 2000 • Leslie Bailey • Dawn Gibson-Brehon • In Memory of Mary Butler Hooks • Ted Johnson • Dr. Minnie Lowe-Joyner • Irvin Minney • In Memory of Chief Sandrell Rivers • Irma Hunter Wesley • 2001 • Megan Simone Davis • Trevor Duhaney • Sheila Harvey-Lawrence • In Memory of Emridge “E.J.” Jones Jr. • Dr. Frederick V. Miller • 2002 • Janco Damas • Gregory R. Johnson • Denise Mincey-Mills • Miriam McKinzie Oliphant • Elizabeth “Libby” Jackson Wesley • 2003 • Henry L. Brown III • Bishop Victor T. Curry • Vera R. Farrington • Angela Graham • Ashley Greene • 2004 • Yves Antoine • Marie R. Gill • Henry L. Graham • Raymond L. Hicks • Kitty Oliver • 2005 • Tanesha Clarke • Francois Leconte • Dr. Albert E. Smith • Maude Lewis Storr • Alfred “Zack” Straghn • 2006 • C. Ron Allen • Alycia LaFavor • Tony Thompson • Benjamin Williams • Levi G. Williams • 2007 • Ramon Dawkins • Bobby R. Henry Jr. • David Paul • Tarra Pressey • Luctricia “Lu” Welters • 2008 • George L. Burrows Sr. • Vern Dooling • Daisy Odom Fulton • Andrea Kilpatrick • Khenitha Reeves • 2009 • In Memory of Charles Mills • Jim McKinley • Rev. Dr. Rosalind Osgood • Dr. Niara Sudarkasa • Hope Williams • 2010 • Dr. Emma Banks • William “DC” Clark • Leroy Jones • Jhadrian Lawrence • Perry Stokes • 2011 • John W. Battle III • Victoria Fleury • Lt. Nathaniel Lasseur • Mia Y. Merrit, Ed.D. • Dwight and Dinah Stephenson