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## *21st Annual Grant Awards and Fund Raising Dinner*

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*Celebrating our 21st year of grant awards  
to those organizations who serve our  
most precious commodity, our youth!*

## *Grant Awards*

B The Uplift Our Youth Foundation established its grant awards program as a means to assist smaller non-profit organizations. These grants provide cultural, educational and career opportunities for at-risk youth. To assure viability of the organizations, the Foundation requires them to be certified as a 501c3 tax exempt entity, by the Federal Internal Revenue Service.

### *Keynote Speaker - Adia Boone*

Born and raised in Lansing, Michigan and has worked in the K-12 and nonprofit educational settings for more than 20 years. Adia began at the Black Child & Family Institute (BCFI) in her youth. After aging out of programs at BCFI, she returned as a tutor and engaged in other work with students. Adia received her bachelor's degree in Special Education from MSU serving as a Special Education teacher in Lansing before moving to Detroit. She began her work in administration serving as a Dean of Curriculum & Instruction as well as the Director of Special Education for a public charter school. Adia later earned a master's degree in Educational Leadership and has returned to the Lansing area as lead administrator for a Montessori school. Adia has devoted her career to ensuring all students have access to quality education at each foundational level of their development.

### *Youth Advocate of the Year - Carolyn Stone, PhD*

Because of my love for teaching, I knew early on that I wanted to be a teacher. I graduated from Fisk University summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. After moving to Lansing in 1982, I became a part-time professor at LCC and Davenport Business College where I taught English, Writing Composition and Business Writing. Later I attended MSU and graduated magna cum laude with a Master's Degree in Education Administration/Curriculum Development with a minor in Communication. With Pastor Stone's insistence, I went on to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Education Administration K-12 at MSU. Presently I am a Student Support Specialist at Reo Elementary School, working with K-3 who have social and emotional issues that interfere with their learning in a regular classroom setting.

## *The Board of Directors of the Uplift Our Youth Foundation*

*Cordially invites you to attend our  
21st Annual  
Grant Awards and Fund Raising Dinner*

Thursday, October 12, 2023  
Doors open ~ 6:00pm  
Program ~ 6:30pm  
Dinner ~ 7:00pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center  
925 S. Creyts Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

Honorary Co-Chair \$125 per person  
(1 Dinner Reservation & Program Acknowledgment)

Dinner Reservation Only \$75.00 per person

R.S.V.P. by Saturday, September 30, 2023  
by returning the enclosed response card,  
calling 1.844.559.6884 or purchasing tickets  
at [www.upliftouryouthfoundation.org](http://www.upliftouryouthfoundation.org)

# Uplift Our Youth Foundation

## 21st Annual Grant Award and Fund Raising Dinner

The favor of your reply is due by Saturday, September 30, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Attending:

\_\_\_\_ Honorary Co-Chair \$125.00 per person  
(1 Dinner Reservation and Program Acknowledgement)

\_\_\_\_ Dinner Reservation Only \$75.00 per person

Donations/Patron Only:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: *Uplift Our Youth Foundation*

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Check(s) for your entire party must be received to reserve a table)

*Please indicate below:*

- Total number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_
- Reserve a table of 8 (\$600 for entire table)
- Quantity of Regular Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meals \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the names of those in your party on the reverse side.**

*Guest Names*

*(please print)*

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