



6pm Registration & Buffet Open
6:30 Welcome and Acknowledgements
6:35 MER and Program Graduates
6:45 LINC Society Inductions
6:55 Kurtis Taylor, Keynote Speaker



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Welcome to an evening of hope, honor, and celebration! We are grateful for your commitment to join us this evening as we celebrate the positive and profound impacts Leading Into New Communities (LINC) is making in our community and the very important MILESTONES being achieved by our clients and graduates.

A milestone in itself, tonight is LINC's 10th annual Milestones Dinner! As we gather together, sharing a meal and motivated by the spirit of giving, let us be reminded of the collective power we hold to effect positive change. Tonight's fundraiser is not just an event; it is a true celebration of our capacity for transformation, growth, compassion and generosity.

Our community partners, volunteers, supporters, and donors play an indispensable role in LINC's mission. Your presence, your support, and your contributions are the driving force behind our efforts to uplift and empower those who are justice-involved. You help us to support reintegration efforts into our communities, and you see the unique and valuable talents that our clients add to the fabric of our economy, our neighborhoods, and our friendships.

The cause we rally behind tonight is one of great importance. It is a cause that speaks to the core of who we are as individuals and as a community: the unwavering commitment to support second chances for our fellow community members.

As we hear from our speakers tonight, let us honor the work that went into hard fought wins and the resilience of those who have turned setbacks into comebacks. We invite you to stand in solidarity with them in their pursuits of supportive housing, livable wages, good health, and the restoration of rights.

Let us seize this opportunity to open our hearts, to give generously, and to commit to our fellow community members that we believe in second chances. Thank you for joining us tonight and thank you for your continued support.

Ashley C. Wells, Ph.D. MPH LINC, Inc. Board Chair

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Celebrate Milestones

Congratulations M.E. Roberts Residental Campus and LINC Program Graduates

Samuel Barrington Allison Boone Gene Brown Leroy Gaston Emmit Jackson Tasha Majette Amy Miles Derrick Thomas



LINC Inc. is very pleased to recognize and applaud those individuals and organizations that support #secondchances.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking this year's inductees into this select group that comprises the LINC Society.

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"Against All Odds. Surrender to Win." by Keynote Speaker KURTIS TAYLOR, Executive Director of the Bob Barker Foundation



Kurtis Taylor is a person in long-term recovery. For Kurtis, this means he has not used alcohol or any other substance since December 23, 2002.

Mr. Taylor obtained his bachelor's degree in social work from Shaw University in May of 2019. For many years, Kurtis has been a voice for citizens seeking long-term recovery from substance use disorders. He is President and Board Chair for i2i Center for Integrative Health, as well as a Board member for Oxford House, Inc. Currently, Mr. Taylor serves as the Executive Director of the Bob Barker Foundation, where he is committed to helping reduce recidivism rates nationwide. Mr. Taylor is a vocal advocate for all citizens faced with the challenges of Substance Use Disorder, as well as those that accompany reentering society after incarceration.

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Special Thanks:

Corey and Phallin Scott of On Thyme Catering Paul Campbell of Mr. Bartender Brian Dickie of Sweet D's

Our volunteers:

Ellis Barnes Jackie Crowell Telesa Jones Sarah Krueger Lisa Mancinelli Wilma Moses Linda Thomas Ta Wainwright

and everyone on the LINC, Inc. team who helped pull this all together!

At the Buffet

On Thyme Catering

Seafood Egg Rolls Smoked Brisket Herb Baked Chicken Veggie Lo Mein Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Corn O'Brien Fresh Baked Rolls

Desserts by Sweet D's

Mini Brownies Assorted Mini Cupcakes Mini Banana Pudding Fancy Filled Croissants

From the Bar

Mr. Bartender

Domestic Red and White Wine Premium Domestic Beer "Riverview" Mocktail (alcohol-free)