# 2019 Southeast Louisiana Council ~ Boy Scouts of America Diversity In Scouting Gala Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Reception 6:00 – Dinner and Program 7:00 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans

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Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Honoree Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Mayor Cantrell's life has been steeped in community service. As a little girl, her grandmother would bring her to neighborhood meetings, and by the age of 13, she was serving as secretary for her local chamber of commerce. On May 7, 2018, Mayor Cantrell was sworn in as the first female Mayor of the City of New Orleans, just in time to celebrate the city's tricentennial, or 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She is a dedicated wife to her husband, Jason, proud mother of her daughter, RayAnn, and a parishioner at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. Mayor Cantrell pledges to produce results that will create a more equitable and safe New Orleans for all residents.



**¡Vale La Pena Award! Honoree George J. Fowler III -** George Fowler is a Partner with the Jones Walker Law Firm and an internationally recognized trial lawyer known for his successful record trying hundreds of cases to juries and judges, including numerous cases of national concern. Committed to promoting educational opportunity, George is founder, chairman emeritus, and current board member of the New Orleans Hispanic Heritage Foundation. Under his leadership, the organization has awarded more than 800 scholarships to Latino students. Born in Havana, Cuba, George became a refugee in the United States at the age of 10. For the past 20 years, he has been *pro-bono* general counsel of the Cuban American National Foundation, the largest Cuban exile organization in the world.



**Asian American Spirit of Scouting Award Honoree Councilmember Cynthia Lee-Sheng** – The Honorable Cynthia Lee-Sheng was elected Councilmember At-Large, Jefferson Parish for Division B in 2015 after serving as the Councilperson for District 5 since 2009. Before running for office and serving on the Jefferson Parish Council, Councilmember Lee-Sheng practiced as a CPA specializing in litigation support. She was educated at St. Angela Merici, Mount Carmel Academy, Loyola University and George Washington University. She has two teenage children, Gavin and Miranda.



Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Honoree Michael O. Smith Michael O. Smith, General Manager for Hyatt Regency New Orleans, has spent 40 years with Hyatt and is an expert in the hospitality and tourism industry. As a true leader and advocate of corporate responsibility, Smith seeks the opportunity to serve a higher purpose—not only as a true testament to himself, but the city of New Orleans. Through his leadership, vision and passion, Smith's efforts have not only perpetuated economic development, but achieved long lasting and sustainable results. His desire for the betterment of the community has boasted him as a necessary attribute to any city—and especially, the great city of New *Orleans*.

## Event Chair – Ronald V. Burns Sr.

Gala Team- growing each day: Ethan Ashley, Marc A. Barnes, Lambert Boissiere, Jennifer Capitelli, Ronald Carrere Jr. David Cedro, Rachel F. Cousin, Tracy Dedeaux, Lisa Diggs, Ana Gershanik, Eugene J. Green Jr., Torrey Hayden, Heidi Kiesling, Demetric M. Mercadel, Daniel F. Packer, Mayra Pineda, Dottie F. Reese, Charles L. Rice Jr., Cesily Roberts, Michael Ruffin, Nathanael Scales, Matthew Simms, Iam Tucker, Terry L. Williams, Jimmie Woods, Sr.

<u>Organization Facts</u> - The Southeast Louisiana Council, Boy Scouts of America will provide youth development and leadership programs to approximately 7,000 young people in 11 parishes through Cub Scouting, ScoutsBSA, Venturing, Exploring and Learning for Life programs during 2019.

## Funds invested in this event will provide with a focus on inner city programs:

- Program Services Camping, activities, training, insurance, uniforms, Scout books
- Support Services Office support, equipment, Salmen Scout Reservation, trained adult mentors
- Individual Scouts Ability to help youth in need experience the wonderful opportunity Scouting provides

### **Investment Levels:**

- <u>\$25,000 Investor (Eagle Scout)</u> Two Full Tables (20 Guests), signage, listing in program and at 2 tables, 5 minutes at podium during lunch if desired.
- \$10,000 Investor (Life Scout) One and a Half Tables (15 Guests), signage, listing in program and table
- \$5,000 Investor (Star Scout) One Full Table (10 Guests), signage, listing in program and table
- \$2,500 Investor (First Class Scout) Partial Table of 6 guests, a listing in program and table
- \$1,000 Investor (Tenderfoot Scout) 4 guests, a listing in program
- \$500 Investor (Scout) 2 guests, listing in program
- \$250 Investor (Cub Scout) Attend event, must RSVP
  - o 10 seats at each table

# Registration Form for Diversity in Scouting Gala

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Return to: Boy Scouts of America P.O. Box 1146 Metairie, LA 70004 – Fax 504-889-1162. For more information, contact Torrey Hayden at (office) 504-889-0388 or (cell) 504-458-3361 or via email at torrey.hayden@scouting.org.

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