



A Legacy of Impact, A Future of Promise

PURPOSE

AfterDark@THEARC celebrates THEARC's 20-year impact in transforming the quality of life for children and adults East of the Anacostia River. Over the past two decades, THEARC, managed by Building Bridges Across the River, has led initiatives in arts, health, recreation, and workforce development, providing education, \$30 million in annual services. Funds raised from the gala will support the continued expansion of its community impact.

DATE

Saturday, September 6, 2025

TIME

6:00 PM Cocktail Reception | 8:00 PM Dinner & Dancing

LOCATION

THEARC - 1901 Mississippi Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020

ATTIRE

Formal or Cocktail Attire with a Gold Touch (Think glamorous and timeless looks)

GALA CHAIRS

William T. "Skip" McMahon
W. Christopher & Lisa F. Smith

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

\$100,000 - Visionary Leader	\$10,000 - Golden Benefactor
\$50,000 - Bridge Builder	\$5,000 - Changemaker
\$25,000 - Legacy Partner	\$2,500 - Heritage Patron
\$15,000 - Pillar of Progress	\$1,000 - 20th Anniversary Host Committee

ABOUT THEARC:

THEARC is a 203,000-square-foot hub in Ward 8, serving 80,000+ residents annually with \$30M in vital services. Over two decades, Building Bridges Across the River has expanded access to the arts, education, workforce development, and wellness East of the Anacostia River. This milestone year, we're breaking ground on the nation's first elevated park, opening a new home for the Washington School for Girls, and activating our floodplain for greater outdoor access. Join us at afterdark@thearc.org to celebrate our impact and the next 20 years of transformation!



Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

\$100,000 - Visionary Leader

- Two tables (20 seats) with premier placement at the Gala dinner
- Opportunity to speak during the Gala program
- Prominent recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Featured profile in THEARC Annual Report
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$50,000 - Bridge Builder

- One table (12 seats) with premier placement at the Gala dinner
- Verbal recognition from the stage during the Gala
- Prominent recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Featured profile in THEARC Annual Report
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$25,000 - Legacy Partner

- One table (10 seats) with premier placement at the Gala dinner
- Verbal recognition from the stage during the Gala
- Prominent recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$15,000 - Pillar of Progress

- One table (10 seats) with premier placement at the Gala dinner
- Prominent recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$10,000 - Golden Benefactor

- 8 seats with preferred placement at the Gala dinner
- Recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$5,000 - Changemaker

- 6 seats with preferred placement at the Gala dinner
- Recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$2,500 - Heritage Patron

- 2 seats at the Gala dinner
- Recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors

\$1,000 - 20th Anniversary Host Committee

- 1 seat at the Gala dinner
- Recognition on the invitation & program
- Year-long recognition in THEARC donor listings
- Recognition on THEARC website
- Invitations to all exclusive events for Gala sponsors





Response Form

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name(s)/Company: _____
Please print your name(s) as you wish it to appear in the Donor Listings

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

II. I/WE WILL SPONSOR AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL

_____ \$100,000 - Visionary Leader	_____ \$10,000 - Golden Benefactor
_____ \$50,000 - Bridge Builder	_____ \$5,000 - Changemaker
_____ \$25,000 - Legacy Partner	_____ \$2,500 - Heritage Patron
_____ \$15,000 - Pillar of Progress	_____ \$1,000 - 20th Anniversary Host Committee

III. DONATION

_____ I cannot attend but please find enclosed my contribution of \$ _____ to support THEARC.

IV. PAYMENT INFORMATION

_____ Enclosed is my check payable to THEARC.
_____ Please charge my credit card in the amount of: _____
_____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ Discover _____ American Express

V. PLEASE SEND CHECKS AND THIS RESPONSE FORM TO:

Building Bridges Across the River
PO Box 98392, Washington, DC 20090-8300
Phone: 202-889-901
Email: afterdark@thearc.org





For more information, please contact Development Coordinator
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