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***SPRINGFIELD & CENTRAL ILLINOIS
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM
THE 8TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA***

The Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum (AAHM) will hold its 8th Annual Fundraising Gala, **Honoring Our Heritage**, on Thursday October 10, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703. A Reception and Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm.

The theme for this event is, **“Celebrating Organizations That Support and Empower the Black Community by Paying It Forward.”** Illinois African Americans have a long, extensive history of significant and momentous contributions, achievements, and activism. The 2019 special honorees will be recognized for their many contributions.

We are excited to announce our Honorees for this year’s Fundraising Gala. They are organizations that have made significant contributions to our community, and the African American Community and/or the Springfield Illinois Central Illinois African American History Museum in particular.

The Honorees are:

1. Frontiers International, Springfield Club
2. Lincoln Home National Historic Site
3. Union Baptist Church
4. Boys & Girls Club

Please join us on October 10, 2019 to discover the amazing contributions these organizations have made to our community.

If you would like to place an ad, become a sponsor or purchase tickets: contact any AAHM Board Member; contact the Museum at 217-391-6323 or go to the Museum’s website at www.spiaahm.org.

About AAHM: The Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum exhibits, identifies, collects, catalogs, restores, houses and maintains documents and artifacts relating to and chronicling the history and legacy of African Americans in Central Illinois. The Museum provides research opportunities, educational programming and interpretive services to historians, educators, students and others interested in the lives and legacies of African Americans in Central Illinois while enhancing their overall knowledge about African American people.