

# *Reginald F. Lewis Foundation*

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## **NOTABLES GATHER FOR REGINALD F. LEWIS FOUNDATION GALA LUNCHEON**

**NEW YORK (June 27, 2011)**--Prominent figures in business and society converged in East Hampton on Saturday for the sold out Reginald F. Lewis Foundation Gala Luncheon at the Lewis Estate. Television personality and author Star Jones, Mayor David Dinkins and NFL player Dhani Jones were among the many guests at the event, which was sponsored by J.P. Morgan, ONEX, BET Networks and Bloomberg.

Honorees included Eugene A. Profit, CEO of Profit Investment Management, who received the Reginald F. Lewis Award; and Harvard Law School Bussey Professor Emeritus Frank E. A. Sander, who received the Millennium Member Award.

The fundraiser was hosted by CBS2 News Anchor Maurice DuBois and included music by celebrity spinner DJ M.O.S and a jazz performance by the Marcus Johnson Trio. A portrait of author-essayist Dr. William Pickens, Sr. by artist Hale Woodruff—soon to be seen at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture—was unveiled. Guests bid on exciting items available through Wednesday, June 29 at luxury online charity auction site charitybuzz (<http://www.charitybuzz.com/auctions/reginaldflewis>).

"We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and love for our father," said Lewis's daughter Leslie Lewis Sword, who served as event chair. "It shows us that his memory and legacy continue to inspire others."

The Gala Luncheon was held to raise funds toward a \$1 million endowment challenge grant from The Eddie C. and C. Sylvia Brown Family Foundation designed to ensure the continuation of the vital work of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture. Located in Lewis's hometown of Baltimore, the museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest African-American museum on the East Coast.

The charitable affair—produced by Sharon Lopez of Purple Giraffe Productions, with event and floral design by Jerry Sibal Design Fusion—was additionally sponsored by Ariel Investments, GenNx360 Capital Partners, Belvedere Vodka and Y Interact.

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