

# Sponsorship Packet

# B-PEP JAZZ 24

*Celebrating the Sweet Sounds of Pittsburgh Jazz*

**39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
The Black Political  
Empowerment Project**

**Monday, October 21, 2024**

**HEINZ HISTORY CENTER  
1212 Smallman Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

**5:30 pm to 10:30 pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Celebration of  
Jazz Appreciation**

**Individual Tickets: \$45  
(\$40 for Seniors)**

Host Bands:

**ROGER HUMPHRIES & THE RH FACTOR  
AND THE TIM STEVENS PROJECT**



**Cassandra Cooper**  
*VP, Diversity & Inclusion Manager,  
First National Bank  
B-PEP JAZZ Host Committee Chair*



**JACK BOGUT**  
*Legendary Pittsburgh Media Personality  
B-PEP JAZZ Honorary Chair*

## **B-PEP JAZZ MUSICIANS & VOCALISTS - 2024**

**Chuck Anderson**, Bassist  
**ARTISRREE LIVE**  
**Don Aliquo, Sr.**, Saxophonist  
**Donna Bailey**, Vocalist  
**Roger Barbour**, Trumpeter  
**Michele Bensen**, Vocalist  
**Heidi Beatty**, Vocalist  
**Ronnie Biggs**, Bassist  
**Roger Barbour**, Trumpeter  
**Michele Bensen**, Vocalist  
**Carl Black**, Guitarist  
**CENTER OF LIFE (COL) JAZZ BAND**  
**Etta Cox**, Vocalist  
**Frank Cunimondo**, Pianist  
**Tubby Daniels**, Vibraphonist  
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**Larry Keith Estes**, Guitarist  
**Tom Evans**, Vocalist

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**Dennis Garner**, Drummer  
**Tom Glovier**, Pianist  
**Sandra Green**, Vocalist with TAYLOR MAYDE  
**Scott Hanley**, Vocalist  
**Dr. Nelson Harrison**, Trombonist  
**Ron Horton**, Trumpeter  
**Bob Insko**, Bassist  
**Dr. James Johnson, Jr.**, Pianist  
**Pam Johnson**, Vocalist  
**Charnell Jones—Harris**, Vocalist  
**George Jones**, Conga Drum Player  
**Shantal Joseph**, Vocalist  
**Kenia**, Vocalist  
**John Korpziel**, Drummer  
**The KRUNK MOVEMENT**  
**Janet Lawrence**, Vocalist  
**Max Leake**, Pianist  
**Jessica Lee**, Vocalist  
**Anita Levels**, Vocalist

**Aaron Lewinter**, Guitarist  
**Bagumba Lowery**, Percussionist  
**Jacquea Mae**, Vocalist  
**Chris McGraw**, Bassist  
**Jeff Montgomery**, Drummer  
**Carl Murphy**, Drummer  
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**Fred Pugh**, Vocalist  
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**Derek Redd**, Saxophone  
**Jose Rivers**, Conga Player/Percussionist  
**Lee Robinson**, Saxophonist  
**Ken Roosevelt**, Guitarist  
**Javon Rushton**, Drummer  
**Charlie Sanders**, Vocalist  
**Calvin Stemley**, Saxophonist  
**Sunny Sunseri**, Bassist

**Over 70 Artists  
Expected!**

For more info, contact B-PEP  
(The Black Political Empowerment Project)  
Tickets available at:  
<https://bpepjazz2024.eventbrite.com/>  
Website: [b-pepjazz.org](http://b-pepjazz.org)

Mail to:  
B-PEP JAZZ c/o ALICE LOGAN  
B-PEP  
Fiscal Manager/Financial Consultant  
1716 Nevada Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218-2328

Make checks payable to:  
Black Political Empowerment Project  
Add "B-PEP JAZZ" in the memo section.

**Keith Stebler**, Pianist  
**Calvin Stemley**, Saxophonist  
**Esaie Aliquo Varela**, Vocalist  
**THE TIMELESS BAND**  
**Reggie Watkins**, Trombonist  
**Timothy Woodruff**, Vocalist  
**Ethan Zawacki**, Trumpeter  
**Robert "Bongo Bob" Young**, Percussionist  
**Quinton Zigler**, Pianist  
**Jackie Young**, Saxophonist



Purchase drinks from the Common Plea and  
food from Tanya's Catering



## Signature Event

Since 2006, to raise awareness of the organization and its programs, the Black Political Empowerment Project has hosted B-PEP JAZZ, a five-hour jazz marathon that features organization to raise funds to help defray the cost of the many fine programs that are offered to the Pittsburgh Region.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual B-PEP JAZZ

A musical 'fun-raiser' celebrating

The Black Political Empowerment Project's  
39 years of serving the Metropolitan Pittsburgh community

**Monday, October 21, 2024**

Heinz History Center  
1212 Smallman Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
5:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.



**B-PEP JAZZ 2024 AWARDEES:**

**Louis ‘Hop’ Kendrick**, Former New Pittsburgh Courier  
Columnist & Community Activist

**Melvin Hubbard El**, Community Advisor to the Mayor  
& Community Activist

**Doris Carson Williams**, CEO, African American  
Chamber of Commerce of Greater Pittsburgh

**Dr. Kathy S. Wilson Humphrey**, President, Carlow University

**Mike Warfield**, Coach, Aliquippa High School Football Team



**IN MEMORIAM B-PEP JAZZ 2024:**

**Larry Smith, Alto Saxophonist (2023)**

**Chuck Jackson, Vocalist (2023)**

**HOST BANDS**

**ROGER HUMPHRIES & THE RH FACTOR**

**Howie Alexander, Pianist**

**Dwayne Dolphin, Bassist**

**Roger Humphries, Drummer**

**Yoko Susuki, Saxophonist**

**Lou Stellute, Tenor Saxophonist**

**The TIM STEVENS PROJECT**

**Kenny Blake, Saxophonist**

**Victor Garzotto, Pianist**

**Eric Johnson, Guitarist**

**Tim Stevens, Vocalist**

**Vince Taglieri, Drummer**

**Dan Wasson, Bassist**



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## **B-PEP JAZZ GUEST EMCEES:**

**Scott Hanley**, WZUM, 101.1 FM/1550 AM, The Pittsburgh Jazz Channel

**Bill Hillgrove** – The Voice of the University of Pittsburgh Pitt Panthers, former Voice of the Pittsburgh Steelers

**Mikey Hood** – KDKA TV/ KDKA PLUS

**David Jaye**, Host Producer, ‘Jazzin Around’/ Host, “Jazz Works Radio”

**Chuck Leavens**, WZUM, 101.1 FM/The Pittsburgh Jazz Channel

**Chris Moore**, Long-time Pittsburgh Talk Show Host

**Bill Neal**, The New Pittsburgh Courier

**Bob Pompeani**, KDKA TV/ 93.7 The Fan

**Lisa Smith**, Host, “Intersections”, KDKA TV PLUS

**Andrew Stockey**, WTAE TV

**Bob Studebaker**, WESA FM, Essential Public Radio, 90.5 FM

**Lisa Sylvester**, WPXI TV

**B-PEP JAZZ Honorary Chair: JACK BOGUT, Legendary Pittsburgh Media Personality**

**B-PEP JAZZ Host Committee Chair: Cassandra Cooper, VP, Diversity & Inclusion Manager, First National Bank**

## **B-PEP JAZZ HOST COMMITTEE:**

**Arthur L. & The Hon. Cynthia A. Baldwin**

**Kenya T. Boswell**, Sr. Vice President of Community Affairs, Highmark Health

**Dr. Quintin B. Bullock**, President, Community College of Allegheny County

**Janis Burley**, President and CEO August Wilson African American Cultural Center

**Esther L. Bush**, Immediate Past President & CEO, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh

**Jackie Dixon**, Member, Regional Asset Board (RAD)

**Dr. Edmund & Elaine Effort**

**Bill Flanagan**, Host/Producer, WPXI’s “Our Region’s Business”

**Evan Frazier**, President & CEO, The Advanced Leadership Institute

**Dr. Leon Haley**, Former Dean, Graduate School of Public & International Affairs, Pitt

**Peggy Harris**, President & CEO, Three Rivers Youth

**Dr. Rahmon Hart**, Director of Community Relations, Rivers Casino

**Dr. Kathy S. Wilson Humphrey**, President, Carlow University

**Kevin L. Jenkins**, President & CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation

**Dr. Linda S. Lane**, Former Superintendent, Pittsburgh Public Schools

**Katharine Eagan Kelleman**, CEO, Port Authority of Allegheny County

**Claudette Lewis**

**Mark Lewis**, President & CEO, the POISE Foundation

**Hon. Timothy K. Lewis**, former U.S. District Judge

**Monica I. Malik**, Vice President Public Affairs Market Manager,  
W. PA., Citizens Bank

**Marcia Martin**, Former Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility,  
Highmark Wholecare

**Carol Neyland**, Former Sr. Vice President Community Development, Dollar Bank

**Jeff Nobers**, Executive Director, Builders Guild of W. PA

**Dan Onorato**, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Highmark Health

**Ronald D. Porter**, RDP Consulting Service



**Angela Reynolds, President, YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh**  
**A. Odell Richardson, Treasurer, Black Political Empowerment Project**  
**Hon. Valerie McDonald Roberts, Former Pittsburgh City Councilwoman**  
**Hon. Doug Shields, Former Pittsburgh City Councilman**  
**William “Jack” Simmons, Esq., Former Director, Shuman Juvenile Detention Center**  
**Dave Soltesz, Former President, Pittsburgh Penguin Foundation**  
**Greg Spencer, Managing Director, Spencer MacCleary & Associates LLC**  
**Morton D. Stanfield, Jr., Senior V.P. Community Development, Dollar Bank**  
**Dr. Marcia Sturdivant, President & CEO, NEED**  
**Dr. James E. Taylor, Chief Diversity, Inclusion & Education Officer, UPMC**  
**J.T. Thomas, Steelers Super Bowl Champion #24**  
**Nancy Washington, Allegheny Housing Rehabilitation Corporation (AHRCO)**  
**Joy Maxberry Woodruff, Director, Pittsburgh “Do the Write Thing”**



# B-PEP JAZZ



## Corporate Sponsorship Levels

### HIGH NOTE SPONSOR

*As a High Note Sponsor You Will Receive:*

- *A full page (5"x8") Color Ad inside front cover and across the first page of the B-PEP JAZZ program booklet*
- *Twenty (20) tickets to the event*
- *Listing in the Program as a High Note Sponsor*
- *Dedicated reserved seating at the event*
- *Name/Logo visibility at the event*
- *Live mentions at the event*
- *Other promotional considerations*

*(Please email all advertisement information to [bpepjazz@gmail.com](mailto:bpepjazz@gmail.com) by Friday, October 4, 2024.)*

**Investment: \$15,000**

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### KEY SIGNATURE SPONSOR

*As a Key Signature Sponsor You Will Receive:*

- *A full page (5"x8") Color Ad inside back cover OR outside back cover of the B-PEP JAZZ program booklet*
- *Fifteen (15) tickets to the event*
- *Listing in the program as a Key Signature Sponsor*
- *Dedicated reserved seating at the event*
- *Name/Logo visibility at the event*
- *Live mentions at the event*
- *Other promotional considerations*

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**Investment: \$10,000**

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### SHARP KEY SPONSOR

*As a Sharp Key Sponsor You Will Receive:*

- *A full page (5"x8") Color Ad premium placement in the B-PEP JAZZ program booklet*
- *Twelve (12) tickets to the event*
- *Listing in the Program as a Sharp Key Sponsor*
- *Dedicated reserved seating at the event*
- *Name/Logo visibility at the event*
- *Live mentions at the event*
- *Other promotional considerations*

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**Investment: \$7,500**

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## **MAJOR KEY SPONSOR**

*As a Major Key Sponsor You Will Receive:*

*A full page (5"x8") Color Ad premium placement in the B-PEP JAZZ program booklet*

*Ten (10) tickets to the event*

*Listing in the Program as a Major Key Sponsor*

*Dedicated reserved seating at the event*

*Name/Logo visibility at the event*

*Live mentions at the event*

*Other promotional considerations*

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**Investment: \$5,000**

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## **KEY NOTE SPONSOR**

*As a Key Note Sponsor You Will Receive:*

*A full page (5'x8') black & white ad in the B-PEP JAZZ Program Booklet*

*Logo visibility at the event*

*Eight (8) tickets to the event*

*Live Mentions at the event*

*Listing as Key Note Sponsor in Program Booklet*

*(Please email all advertisement information to [bpepjazz@gmail.com](mailto:bpepjazz@gmail.com) by Friday, October 4, 2024.)*

**Investment: \$3,000**

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## **CLEF NOTE SPONSOR**

*As a Clef Note Sponsor You Will Receive:*

*A ½ page (5"x3.5") black & white ad in the B-PEP JAZZ Program Booklet*

*Six (6) tickets to the event*

*Live mentions at the event*

*Listing as Clef Note Sponsor in Program Booklet*

*(Please email all advertisement information to [bpepjazz@gmail.com](mailto:bpepjazz@gmail.com) Friday, October 4, 2024.)*

**Investment: \$1000**

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## Individual & Community Agency Contributions

### B-PEP GOLD

- Six (6) tickets and inclusion of organization’s name in program booklet

**Investment: \$750.00-\$999.00**

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### B-PEP SILVER

As a B-PEP Silver You Will Receive:

- Four (4) tickets and inclusion of organization’s name in program booklet

**Investment: \$500.00-\$749.00**

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### B-PEP BRONZE

As a B-PEP Bronze You Will Receive:

- Two (2) tickets and inclusion of organization’s name in program booklet

**Investment: \$250.00-\$499.00**

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### Individual Donations

The names of those who contribute from **\$100.00—\$249.00** will be acknowledged in the “Friends of B-PEP” section of the program booklet, and will receive one ticket.

**All contributions must be received by Friday, October 4, 2024 to ensure a listing in the program.**

Donations *under* \$100.00 are welcomed but will not be acknowledged in the printed program.



# B-PEP Sponsorship Form (INVOICE)

## Corporate Sponsorship

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORSHIP (SELECT ONE) **Get a full page ad in the (CEIR) program for an additional \$500**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Note Sponsor: \$15,000     | <input type="checkbox"/> Plus \$500 (CEIR) ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$15,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key Signature Sponsor: \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plus \$500 (CEIR) ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$10,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp Key Sponsor: \$7,500      | <input type="checkbox"/> Plus \$500 (CEIR) ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$8,500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Key Sponsor: \$5000       | <input type="checkbox"/> Plus \$500 (CEIR) ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$5,500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key Note Sponsor: \$3000        | <input type="checkbox"/> Plus \$500 (CEIR) ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$3,500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clef Note Sponsor: \$1,000      | <input type="checkbox"/> Plus \$500 (CEIR) ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Total \$1,500  |

## Community Organization/Agency Sponsorship

SPONSORSHIP (SELECT ONE)

- B-PEP Gold: \$750.00-\$999.00
- B-PEP Silver: \$500.00-\$749.00
- B-PEP Bronze: \$250.00-\$499.00

## Individual Donation

- Friends of B-PEP \$100.00 - \$249.00
- Other Donation Amount
- Check Enclosed

**Please make your check payable to: BLACK POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT PROJECT**  
in the Memo line please indicate "B-PEP JAZZ."

Email all advertisement information to [bpepjazz@gmail.com](mailto:bpepjazz@gmail.com) by **Friday, October 4, 2024.**

**We encourage advertisers to send in their ads and donations as soon as possible!**

For additional information please call 412.758.7898 or 412.361.2736

**Please mail check to:**

**Black Political Empowerment Project c/o Alice Logan, B-PEP Fiscal Manager/Financial Consultant,  
1716 Nevada Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218-2328**

**PAYPAL is also available for payment.**

ALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE "WILL CALL" TABLE THE EVENING OF THE EVENT

THIS IS A CONTRIBUTION. PLEASE DONATE MY/OUR TICKETS.



## About Us - Celebrating 38 Years!

The Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP) was launched on May 21, 1986 as a non-partisan community collaborative consisting of individuals and agency, organization and religious leaders committed to building political power and influence for the African American community by:

- Advocating that All African Americans are registered to vote and “VOTE in EACH and EVERY election!”
- Advocating that those in political office expeditiously and effectively meet the needs, aspirations, and concerns of African Americans.
- Promoting the goal of realizing the FULL political power of the BLACK vote.

B-PEP relies on the dedication of devoted people who donate an incredible number of hours to uplift our communities by providing hope and a sense of purpose.

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”  
-Martin Luther King Jr.

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### *OUR PROJECTS – Making a Difference in the Pittsburgh Region*

**The GREATER PITTSBURGH COALITION AGAINST VIOLENCE (CAV)** was launched by B-PEP and One Hood on February 8, 2007, galvanized by research that reported Pennsylvania as leading the nation in homicide rates of African Americans. This Coalition is an inter-racial, inter-generational initiative of community and religious leaders, police, educational and governmental representatives, and concerned citizens from throughout the Pittsburgh Region.

CAV’s work is aimed at the development, expansion, implementation and sharing of the Black Political Empowerment Project’s “Strategies for Change: Creating More Peaceful Communities” document. The third edition contains some thirty-eight sections, with a total of over 800 anti-violence strategies, which B-PEP/CAV representatives attempt to share, ongoingly, with various community partners. Our Youth Summits are structured to allow for sections to be selected by youth, with assistance from school staff members, for use in our anti-violence Youth Summits, both within the School District of Pittsburgh, and in various school districts located outside of the city of Pittsburgh as well. When possible we schedule follow-up youth-led conversations and activities in each school to continue the conversation of implementation of our

**CAV anti-violence strategies. Our goal is to reach more students, more school districts, and more partners so as to positively impact the schools, the families and their surrounding communities in lessening the violence being experienced by far too many people. We are now seeking more community-based organizations, agencies and church groups to adopt, embrace and implement specific sections of our CAV document. We also host Community Peace Summits in various neighborhoods aimed at reaching adults as well as young people.**

**The National Urban League President, Marc Morial, called our “Strategies for Change” document, upon which our work is built, one of the most comprehensive anti-violence documents in the nation! Previous Pittsburgh Urban League President, Esther L. Bush, sent our CAV document out to all Urban League affiliates across the nation! Since the release of the original in 2008, CAV has released updated versions with added sections such as anti-bullying, social media/internet safety strategies, violence against women and the LGBTQAI community, and has also published a Community Services Directory as a service to those impacted by violence. Late in 2018 the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) created a model of implementation of CAV strategies, which could be adopted and utilized by area colleges and universities.**

**Over the years, with the financial partnerships of entities such as the Pittsburgh Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Vibrant Pittsburgh, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Dollar Bank, Jones Day, PNC Financial, UPMC, and more recently the McAuley Foundation and the Opportunity Fund at the POISE Foundation this B-PEP initiated project has been able to continue to exist and to expand its influence.**

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT Through our partnership with the Nonprofit Voter Engagement Network, B-PEP’s Civic Engagement work focuses on non-partisan voter registration, mobilization, voting protection and voter education. The goal is to urge those who feel unempowered to commit to voting in “Each and Every Election”, and by doing so to help meet the needs, aspirations, and concerns of the community by engaging with local and regional political leaders, and to ongoingly help make the voting process more accessible to all. B-PEP was an early partner to the statewide “Fair Districts PA” initiative which continues to help ensure that voting districts are drawn in a reasonable and non-partisan fashion across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, aimed at eliminating gerrymandering. In 2024 B-PEP, along with the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh and the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh took the lead in launching the Voting Is Power (VIP) Pittsburgh Regional Coalition which includes approximately thirty partnering organizations aimed at encouraging voter education, voter registration and great voter turnout. B-PEP will be one of the key leaders in hosting various candidate nights and debates in partnership with various community organizations leading to the November 5, 2024 General Election. We will have some 25 PRT busses running throughout Allegheny County for two full months with our mission statement; ‘We -VOTE in EACH and EVERY Election’, and have purchased 600 new yard signs and some 400 new B-PEP VOTE signs to distribute throughout the community to encourage voter turnout.**

**Civic Engagement has also included promoting ongoing conversations to create more positive relationships between the community and the police. As part of this change, B-PEP has been very instrumental in revisions and in the distribution of the “You and the Police” brochure which assists in eliminating inappropriate interactions between citizens and the police, particularly young people, and people of color. We received an important breakthrough in late**

2018 and in early 2019 with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, the Allegheny County Police, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department, and other local police departments on how this brochure would be introduced to their officers, requiring them to read the brochure, sign off on having read the brochure. Many departments also require a quiz for each officer to confirm their knowledge of the brochure. According to former Pittsburgh Bureau Chief Scott Schubert this breakthrough commitment may have been a first in the nation! The sharing of the contents of the brochure to both police and community members is helping to build bridges between the community and the police. We are seeking a commitment from some area schools for the brochure to be incorporated into the annual school curriculum. In 2023 B-PEP initiated quarterly meetings with Mayor Ed Gainey and his top leadership, the Safety Director and the Police Chief in partnership with several community organizations to increase ongoing positive relationships between the community and the police, and open communication.

**THE CORPORATE EQUITY & INCLUSION ROUNDTABLE (CEIR)** was launched by B-PEP in 2011 propelled by the 2010 national documents that listed Pittsburgh as 40th in comparison to 39 other regions for the conditions of the Black working poor and the conditions of African American children. The report from the University of Pittsburgh released on September 17, 2019 describing the conditions of Blacks in Pittsburgh support the necessity for the continuation of this very important project. The purpose of CEIR is to achieve higher levels of inclusion for African Americans in employment, 'from entry level to the C suite', in business ownership, and in business development throughout Pittsburgh and the Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The mission of CEIR is to develop and assist in the implementation of strategies to overcome the diversity and inclusion challenges within the corporate sector, and all sectors, by facilitating collaboration with partners from educational institutions, community organizations, workforce development agencies, professional organizations, and government. The mission is also to promote a meaningful, ongoing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion which includes developing strategies for African Americans in the following areas: Recruitment; Hiring; Retention; Mentoring; Retention and Promotion. Our first seven annual CEIR Conferences have been hosted at Duquesne

University, have been accomplished in partnership with the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Mayor Bill Peduto, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and numerous corporate and community partners. The 2020 CEIR Conference was hosted virtually by Point Park University.

**THE 'B-PEP COMMUNITY MOMENTS RADIO SHOW'** is broadcast on WGBN AM 1150 which features conversations about issues, concerns and events of interest to the African American community throughout the Pittsburgh Region. The show is broadcast each first Saturday of every month from 12 noon to 1 pm, and is hosted by Rev. Michelle P. Ellison and Brandon Davis out of the studios of Pentecostal Temple Church in East Liberty.

**THE B-PEP WEBSITES** features the work of the Black Political Empowerment Project, the Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence and the Corporate Equity & Inclusion Roundtable. We have added a special section for JOBS, TRAINING, and INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (bpep.net/JOBS), as well as a much needed COMMUNITY CALENDAR which will feature various activities and events of interest to the African American community throughout the Metropolitan Pittsburgh community.

*Thank you for your thoughtful consideration  
of support for B-PEP JAZZ.*

*Please contact us if you have any questions!*



**For additional information please call 412-758-7898 /412-361-2736  
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It's a LIFETIME COMMITMENT...

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*Advocating for the needs, aspirations,  
and concerns of the  
African American Community.*

WE SHALL RISE AGAIN



CAV  
Greater Pittsburgh  
Coalition Against Violence

*We seek the ending of violence in our  
homes, our schools and our communities!*



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