

## *16th Annual Minority Business Award Program*



Tunica County CDC celebrated our 16<sup>th</sup> Minority Business Banquet on September 20, 2018 at the Robinsonville Community Center in recognition of small and minority business owners in Tunica County. Each year in the month of September, Tunica County CDC recognizes local entrepreneurs for creating jobs and opportunities to build wealth in their community.

The theme for our 16th year celebration was “The Minority Business Owner; Recognizing & Celebrating Their Economic Impact.” The recipients of this year’s awards are recognized for their contribution, dedication, commitment, and service to the minority community. The years of service given by business owners among this elite class have promoted stability, created employment opportunities, and fostered enriched economic development in their community.

We were honored to have Charles Finkley, Jr., President & CEO of Tunica County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Foundation, as guest speaker to highlight the event and to share potential economic development opportunities on the horizon for Tunica County entrepreneurs and residents.

The business owners that were honored were as follows:

- *Yvonne Franklin/Von’s Catering*
- *Jerry L. Keys, Jr./Jerry’s Towing*
- *LeeMorris Johnson/Johnson Construction Co.*
- *Alonzo Hardiman/Hardiman & Son Construction*
- *Mary McKay/McKay’s Catering*
- *Carl & Jannie Bonds/Property Management*

In addition to honoring the business owners, we presented Tunica County CDC’s longest serving board member, Ms. Katie Richardson, with an award. Ms. Richardson’s dedication to service and her commitment to our organization as a board member is invaluable and appreciated.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Minority Business Award Program was a success and enjoyed by all in attendance. We strive to be bigger and better every year. Tunica County CDC will continue to support and celebrate Minority Business owners and their contribution to increasing wealth, employment, and sustainability in the minority business community.

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Minority Business Award Recipients



**Mr. & Mrs. Jerry L. Keys, Jr./Jerry's Towing  
Catering**



**Yvonne Franklin/Von's**



**Mary McKay/McKay's Catering  
Development**



**Carl & Janie Bonds/Housing**



**LeeMorris Johnson/Johnson Construction Co.**

# Photos from 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Minority Business Awards



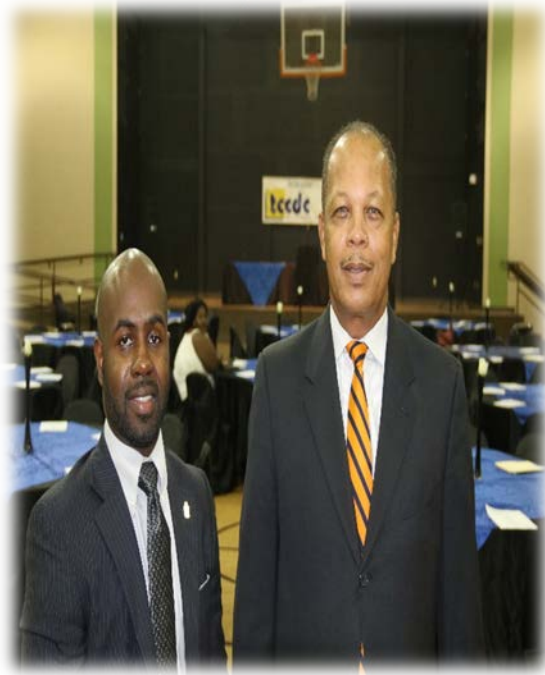
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