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The Houston Area Alliance Of Black School Educators Celebrates The Organizations' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Contribution, Named The Larry Marshall Living Legend Award, was Recently Presented at the 2012 Teacher Awards and Recognition Ceremony by Darryl King.

When Darryl King, Aramark/Quality Hospitality joint venture partner, was first introduced to the HAABSE by Kevin Hoffman and Larry Marshall, a man who has dedicated his entire life to educating children, Darryl was asked to support the organization by buying a table for their annual event. When King learned that the event was only breaking even each year, he asked his partner Aramark to assist him in underwriting the entire event with a \$10K donation so the organization could raise funds at the event for scholarships and professional development for educators.

“There is nothing more important than educating our youth, particularly those who are challenged by a lack of adequate programs and funds to enhance the quality of that education,” said Darryl King. “The HAABSE has done an outstanding job marshalling resources and creating advancements in education that make me proud to be a partner and supporter.”

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Each year, the Aramark/Quality Hospitality joint venture continued to donate \$10K to the HAABSE, which was founded to provide professional development and leadership training for educators who primarily serve African American students, and named the award after Larry Marshall, whose efforts have impacted the education of thousands of Houston-area school children. But this year, King increased the donation to \$25K, bringing the total contribution from the Aramark/Quality Hospitality joint venture over the years to more than \$150K.

“We were surprised and ecstatic to receive such a generous donation this year to align with our 25th Anniversary,” said HAABSE President Dr. Christopher Pichon. “Through the Aramark/Quality Hospitality joint venture , we are helping to close the achievement gap between African American students and other ethnic groups, while helping to fulfill our mission to provide great education for all children as Education is a Civil Right.”

The Larry Marshall Living Legend Award, as it was named in 2005, celebrates and honors Larry Marshall for his 50-plus years of dedication to Houston’s school children. A native Houstonian, Marshall was a former educator, served several elected terms on the Board of Education, and held many leadership positions in area school districts before retiring in 1991.

Marshall is president of M Associates of Houston, a management-consulting firm for which he makes presentations about issues in urban education. He’s also a member of professional and civic affiliations, including memberships on the boards of directors of the American Heritage Education Foundation, the Southeast Coalition of Civic Clubs and the Harris County Appraisal District. He also serves as chairman of the advisory committee of the HAABSE and is a member of the Brays Oaks Redevelopment Advisory Committee.{jcomments on}