

SISTER MARIE SULLIVAN TRIBUTE EVENT



October 25, 2009
Georgia State University Arena
4:00 to 6:00 PM

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September 15th, 2009

Dear Friend,

As a civically engaged and respected member of the Atlanta community, you have undoubtedly encountered the work of Sister Marie Sullivan as she has worked tirelessly over many years to help keep economically distressed families in their homes and move into a more stable life.

On Sunday, October 25, **Mayor Shirley Franklin** will host The Sullivan Center's "**A Special Tribute Event for Sister Marie Sullivan,**" honoring this remarkable woman who has done so much to enrich our nation and our city. This once-in-a-lifetime occasion of recognition and thanks will take place from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Georgia State University Arena, 125 Decatur Street in Downtown Atlanta.

Sister Marie will receive formal recognition from leaders at the national, state and municipal level, and will also be honored by other local dignitaries and community partners. A private reception will follow with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Admission to the public recognition ceremony is free and individual tickets for the reception will be \$20. All proceeds will go towards The Sullivan Center to aid in continuing its work in homelessness prevention.

Sister Marie moved to Atlanta in 1983 after a quarter-century of social work in Kansas City, signaling the start of a new chapter in her life—and for the city of Atlanta. After leading the emergency assistance program for the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, she helped to establish the Christian Emergency Help Centers. In 1994, the board of the CEHC voted unanimously to honor her leadership and work by changing the organization's name to The Sullivan Center. Over the past fifteen years, Sister Marie's namesake has evolved into a source of assistance, knowledge and inspiration for thousands of needy and deserving clients.

For all of those years, The Sullivan Center has consistently pursued Sister Marie's philosophy of offering "**a hand up, not a hand out**" to those who apply and qualify for assistance.

Your contributions to the tribute event for this remarkable leader will be tax-deductible to the full extent as defined by law and will be used wisely by The Sullivan Center, a registered 501 (c) (3) organization, for persons who legitimately have temporary needs and are looking for assistance to maintain living situations for themselves and their families. **We only assist those who have not received such funds within the last year and who complete the required educational classes in personal finance and employment counseling for self-sufficiency.**

Please consider supporting Sister Marie's legacy by honoring her and helping to sustain the work that she has launched at the cost of so much selfless hard work and sacrifice. We respectfully solicit your generous commitment and support at the following tiers of opportunity:

The Sullivan Center

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Atlanta, GA 30310-4313
Phone: (404) 753 0531
Fax: (404) 753 6189

E-mail: contact@thesullivancenter.org
Website: www.thesullivancenter.org



Supporter - \$100 - entitles you or your organization to a two-line memorial tribute in the event's program and two tickets to the Honoring Gala reception.

Patron - \$500 - entitles you or your organization to a quarter-page memorial tribute in the event's program and four tickets to the Honoring Gala reception.

Silver Sponsor - \$1,000 - entitles you or your organization to a half-page memorial tribute in the event's program, six tickets to the Honoring Gala reception and corporate signage at the event.

Gold Sponsor - \$2,500 - entitles your organization to a full-page memorial tribute in the event's program, ten tickets to the Honoring Gala reception and corporate signage at the event.

Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000 - identifies your organization as a **naming partner** of the event with formal recognition at the public tribute ceremony, along with a full-page memorial tribute in the program, twelve tickets to the Honoring Gala reception and corporate signage at the event.

In order to properly include recognition of your support at this special event, we will need to know of your commitment by **October 10, 2009** at the latest. We understand that time and resources may both be constrained in this current environment and are willing to work with you to fully recognize commitments that will be fulfilled by April 30, 2010.

For additional sponsorship or ticket information please contact: Sister Carol Patron at cpatron@thesullivancenter.org or call 404.753.0531 ext. 13. For more information about The Sullivan Center, please visit www.thesullivancenter.org. This special tribute program is part of a joint effort between The City of Atlanta, United Way and Project Homeless Connect.

With warm regards, and many thanks for your continued support and interest.

Sincerely yours,



Terry Tucker
Executive Director