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DURING EVENT**



LAYON GRAY'S

## BLACK ANGELS OVER TUSKEGEE



### The New York Times

"Uplifting! Inspirational! By the end, when the pilots overcame their obstacles and finally got up into the air to the swelling of music, tears welled up in my eyes."

*"TOUGH TO RESIST!"*



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**SAT NOV 2, 2024 | 6:00 PM**  
**DOORS OPEN @ 4:30 | SEATING @ 5:00**  
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"Inspired by true events, *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* is a vibrantly energetic, emotionally captivating, award-winning drama that tells the story of six trailblazing men who exhibited the courage to excel despite overwhelming odds. The play follows the collective struggle of the first African American aviators in the United States Army Air Forces as they overcame Jim Crow-era injustices with intelligence, patriotism, and brotherhood and worked towards their dreams of an inclusive and fair society."

"Members of the original Tuskegee Airmen Corps have said that the play *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* is the production that best showcases their experiences during World War II and the bond they formed. The show does not just focus on the accolades and awards they received; instead, it focuses on how these 6 men from different parts of the country, with varied backgrounds, became a family and impacted a nation."

"Some plays teach, others celebrate, and a few simply entertain, *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* manages to do all three and one thing more:

It inspires."

# The Alliance

When Margaret Mead cautioned the world, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it’s the only thing that ever has” she could not have imagined that even in the 21st century, her words would ring true.

For decades small, committed groups of people have requested, petitioned, and even proclaimed the feelings of marginalization and disfranchisement that echoed through people of color in our community. Miraculously, this is the moment. 2024 will be forever marked as a time for mindful gathering; recreating those moments throughout history when hands were joined, and people drew strength from one another. The wait is over.

This special project for our community is led by the CED (Community Enrichment Dinner) and now more than ever before the name says it all. Our partnerships have developed into a strong alliance featuring the **Hy-Ho Club, Your Hometown Stations, Bradfield Community Center, Fresh and Faded, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. - Lima Chapter, The Multi-Cultural Heritage Library** of Findlay, and from Toledo, **Stalwart Magazine, Customer Advocacy Partners**, will together usher in a space created as a corridor to unity and understanding. This venture turns the page of the past and welcomes the future of cultural inclusiveness.

When the announcement is made on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Community Enrichment Dinner, we hope to have you there to celebrate with us; to be part of an act of community engagement like no other in the history of Lima/Allen County. As we honor the men and women who were part of the Tuskegee Airmen, we embrace their spirit of honor to the people we serve. Let this be your call to action.

Together we can “Spit Fire!”



*Ms. Andrea King*  
Honorary Chair

COMMUNITY  
ENRICHMENT DINNER

SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER  
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Dear Community Leader:

The Community Enrichment Dinner (CED) has a history of supporting the African American community in Lima while working to improve relationships showcasing equity, diversity and inclusion. The 2024 dinner expands the idea of partnerships seeking out those who acknowledge strength in diverse thoughts, ideas, and approaches to Unity on a very human level. We are pleased to have extended partnerships along I75 to include Findlay and Toledo to bring Layon Gray's production of Black Angels Over Tuskegee to the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center. Please support this year's dinner by visiting us at [CEDLima.com](http://CEDLima.com) where you can relive the history of the dinner and observe how we have advanced together.

The play commemorates the tipping point during World War II, when the Tuskegee Airmen left an indelible mark changing the expectation of excellence not only in America – but on the global consciousness. Their determination to soar “thru adversity to the stars” saved American lives regardless of race and the racism that forged their existence. As a nation, we learned through their heroic actions that we must **all rise** in order to emerge victorious. Such is the philosophy of the Community Enrichment Dinner which will continue to spotlight people and events in the Greater Lima Region working to move the community forward.

As we know, the history of a people depends on who survives to tell the story. Incidents can be framed by tainted perceptions and misunderstandings. Dispelling the stereotypes and misconceptions regarding contributions of people of color to the lives we all value has been a goal of the CED since its inception. Our region continues to be enriched through the contributions made by residents of every race and during this event we have the opportunity to recognize and appreciate that the life we all live is based on the people who flew beyond their immediate condition.

The history of the CED is available for your viewing online highlighting the many agencies and initiatives that have benefitted from scholarships or donations to their projects. The Community Enrichment Dinner spotlights the broad alliances of individuals and groups that reflect the strong idealism of diversity and inclusion found in and beyond greater Lima. Proceeds from the event have been funding programs since its inaugural event in 2006. More than 700 people attend the event annually, including individuals, business owners and managers, politicians, educators, students and local community organizations. Contact Jerome O'Neal today at 419-860-3208 to become a sponsor of the 2024 Community Enrichment Dinner. You may also order tickets at [CEDlima.com](http://CEDlima.com) or at the Civic Center box office. The CED is a 501(3)c organization through the Lima Community Foundation, therefore, your contributions and other donations may be tax deductible. Every member of a community must feel empowered, and recognized, regardless of their economic or social background. The CED was created for that purpose.

Thank you for your support,



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The Community Enrichment Dinner Steering Committee



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1 Seat at Speaker's Table*
- *Ad on the Large Screens That Will Be Running During the Event*

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You can be a part of the Allen County community's most powerful annual event, the Community Enrichment Dinner, held to raise money for minority and small business development and other organizations. With a solid track record of nationally known speakers and attendance of well over 700 people each year, this is an event in which your business should be involved. We encourage you to become a sponsor of the 2024 Community Enrichment Dinner and make an investment in Allen County's future.

# BLACK ANGELS

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Thank you for your support!

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