



Maxine and Marvin W. Beatty

Honorary Event Chairs

For decades, Maxine and Marvin Beatty have been visible leaders living and working in and committed to the Detroit community.

Marvin Beatty served for more than 22 years with the City of Detroit Fire Department. On January 1, 1994, he retired from his position as Deputy Fire Commissioner. He was the first African-American to hold that position in the department's history. Mr. Beatty went on to become the Executive Director at the Wadsworth Community Center in Detroit,

Michigan. He is a former shareholder of Greektown Casino and a former member of the Greektown Casino Management Board of Directors.

Mr. Beatty's community service includes: Board Member for the NAACP, President of the Coleman A. Young Foundation Board, Downtown Detroit Partnership Board of Directors, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Music Hall and is on the Trustee Board of the Fellowship Chapel. From 1995 to 2010, Mr. Beatty served as Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Detroit. Mr. Beatty is currently a Board Member of the Wayne County Airport Authority. He is also a Board Member of the Rocket Giving Fund, the Detroit Grand Prix and the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Mr. Beatty has developed Gateway Market Place in Detroit. It is a 350,000 square foot shopping center at Eight Mile and Woodward. It is the first major shopping development in more than 40 years. Currently, he with working with Magic Plus Development in developing a 20-acre site at the Old State Fair Grounds. The project is to include a retail development. Mr. Beatty is a partner in Firm Real Estate which owns approximately 20 properties in Eastern Market Detroit all of which are being redeveloped.

Mr. Beatty attended California Coast University – Urban Management, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Development Program. He has published an article: Women in Fire Service in the National Fire Protection Association magazine. Mr. Beatty's philosophy is based on respect of everyone regardless of their station in life; and to love God above all else and treat each person he meets as the most important.

Mrs. Beatty has become a key dance organizer in the Detroit community, and her hobbies include Ballroom Dance and Chicago Stepping.

Maxine and Marvin have been married 42 years. They have two grown children, Dawn and Marvin, and have three grandsons and one great granddaughter.

