

MILWAUKEE AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

11th ANNUAL GALA

Let Silence Shine



"Everyday is a holiday."
Abraham
1962 - 2012

Honoring the Legacy of Abraham Assana - a MILAWA Supporter
with the launching of the **Abraham Assana Foundation**
for the benefit of Senegal and Central African Republic

Saturday, October 26, 2019

6PM - 12 AM

Blessed Savior West Campus

8545 W. Villard Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53225

Tickets: \$ 20/Advance \$ 25/Door

Online www.milawa2019.eventbrite.com

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Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Greetings:

We invite you to support the Milwaukee African Women's Association (MILAWA) 2019 Gift to Africa recipient, **"The Abraham Assana Foundation"** at MILAWA's 11th Annual Gala. The Gala is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 6:00 PM to midnight at the Blessed Savior West Campus Church located at 8545 West Villard Ave, Milwaukee WI 53225. Please refer to our flyer for more information.

MILAWA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to building strong Milwaukee communities. It was founded by African immigrant women in 2008 to advance the attributes of women of African descent in Milwaukee through education, culture, leadership, community building, and economic development.

Every year, MILAWA celebrates and supports humanitarian causes in Africa. MILAWA's accomplishments include a contribution of about \$5,000 that helped combat the Ebola Pandemic in Liberia and Sierra-Leone in 2015. In 2016, MILAWA contributed a two-year supply of sanitary hygiene products worth \$3,800 to eight primary and secondary schools in Bomet and Kericho Counties in Kenya. In 2017, MILAWA contributed \$5,200 to Manyoni Orphanage Center in Manyoni, Tanzania. In 2018, MILAWA donated \$7,044 to the Julia Lule Foundation to support the college education of deaf students in Uganda. The projects, events, and galleries documented on our website attest to MILAWA's continued support of enriching lives and growing communities.

The 2019 MILAWA Gift to Africa theme is **"LET SILENCE SPEAK"** launching the Abraham Assana Foundation in honor of the late Abraham Assana who was a strong MILAWA supporter.

On June 2012, a gunman cut Abraham's life short. He silenced a humanitarian who loved people, and whose honorable work, aspirations, and legacy to change his communities for the better in the Central African Republic and in Senegal must be preserved.

Abraham was a native of the Central African Republic. He received his Master's degree in Biology and later enrolled in Medical School in Senegal. He met his wife in Senegal, and they married in Milwaukee where she was completing her Masters in Communications at Marquette University. The family made Milwaukee their home. His untimely departure left the family and the community he loved, and served, in shock. His love for the community, and especially, for children inspired his desire to build schools for primary education in both the Central African Republic and in Senegal.

MILAWA is proud to dedicate its 11th Annual GALA to launch the Abraham Assana Foundation. Through his foundation, his love, voice, and good deeds will continue to touch the future lives of the children he valued and cared for in Africa in positive ways. Please support MILAWA's effort by making a tax-deductible donation to the Abraham Assana Foundation or by purchasing a table or tickets to join us for an evening of authentic African delicacies and drumming. Charlotte Nyiransengiyumva, a refugee immigrant from the Democratic Republic of Congo will entertain guests with African popular dance moves and music.

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$15,000. We thank you for your continued support of MILAWA and the community.

Gratefully yours,

Monica Ashery, President
Milwaukee African Women's Association (MILAWA)

Annual MILAWA Fundraising Gala
Blessed Savior West Campus in Milwaukee • SATURDAY, October 26, 2019
Sponsorship Levels

Leader - \$1,000

- Name, logo, and full page ad in the 2019 MILAWA GALA Program
- Logo on MILAWA.org website with a link to your website,
- Table for 10 and the 2019 MILAWA GALA

Partner - \$500

- Name and logo in the 2019 MILAWA GALA Program
- Logo on MILAWA.org website with link to your website
- 4 tickets to the 2019 MILAWA GALA

Supporter - \$300

- Name on list of event sponsors on the MILAWA website and 2019 GALA Program
- Logo on MILAWA.org website
- 2 tickets to the 2019 MILAWA GALA

Friend - \$150

- Name on list of event sponsors on the MILAWA website and 2019 GALA Program

I am unable to be a sponsor this year but accept my donation of: \$_____

Please complete the following sponsor information:

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Make checks payable to Milwaukee African Women Association

Mail to: P.O.Box 18417, Milwaukee, WI 53218

Donations are accepted online via our PayPal portal at www.milawa.org - Upper right corner

ART/ LOGOS FOR SPONSORS:

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President@milawa.org no later than **October 20, 2019**.