

## Letter from the Honorary Chair



*Edwin V. Avent*

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you as the Honorary Chair of The Scott Lee Foundation, Inc.'s First Annual Fundraising Gala: **"A Heart for Community Service."** The event will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Martin's West in Baltimore.

The Scott Lee Foundation (SLF) was created in 2007 to memorialize the life of its founder's daughter, Nicole Lynette Scott Lee, an account executive at *Black Enterprise Magazine* at the time of her death. Nicole closed her eyes on earth and transcended into eternity at the tender age of 35, without known cause. As I am sure you can imagine, the loss of a child is the most devastating occurrence in any parent's life. Similarly, the unexplained loss of a wife to a young devoted husband, coupled with the cries and confusion of two little girls (now aged 4 and 6) yearning for their absent mother are emotionally overwhelming. Nevertheless, to channel her grief and to establish a legacy for her grandchildren, Ms. Portia A. Scott established (SLF), as a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, incorporated in the State of Maryland. The mission of SLF is to support, empower, and develop those within its sphere of influence who aspire to become self-sufficient, self-assured, and re-energized contributors to their families and the community at large. Their goals include offering tuition assistance, job readiness training, tutoring and mentoring, and specialized family counseling to the residents of Maryland. As a business leader and dedicated community servant in the Baltimore area, I am offering my support to this organization because I believe the goals and initiatives of SLF epitomize a commitment to service that will make a difference in the lives of the youth and families in our community.

By making a donation to SLF's fund raising campaign, you not only support the goals of their community service effort, but you will put a personal stamp on it! Whether your contribution is large or small, please join me in supporting the continued success of The Scott Lee Foundation's community service. Corporate sponsorship levels, souvenir journal advertising opportunities, and tickets for the October event are available on SLF's website at <http://thescottleefoundation.org>. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, all donations to SLF are tax exempt according to relevant IRS regulations.

Thank you in advance for your help, and I look forward to seeing you at SLF's First Annual Fundraising Gala in October!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin V. Avent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Edwin V. Avent  
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Honorary Chair, SLF's *A Heart for Community Service Campaign*