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The Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention's inaugural fundraiser, ***Harambee 2012***, was a tremendous success!!! We want to offer our sincere appreciation to all who supported this year's event including our host committee members and corporate sponsors: Walgreens, Lilly, State Farm, ProCentives, Ariel Investments and NL Financial Alliance.

If you were able to attend, you may have learned that "Harambee" is the Kenyan tradition of community self-help, and literally means "All pull together" in Swahili. The name is fitting for ILAACP. We've literally been pulling together members of our community for the last several years to build safer, healthier, and resilient African-American children, families, and communities.

We are so humbled by the overwhelming support we received this year. Generous contributions allow the ILAACP to continue impacting the African-American community through a number of innovative initiatives including:

- **Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It**, a public-private partnership, provides youth ages 7 to 13 with access to the first-ever, evidence-based intervention to lose weight and maintain healthy lifestyles;
- **Choose Respect Illinois** trains at-risk youth in 14 counties throughout the state on how to reduce teen dating violence and promote healthy relationship in their schools and neighborhoods;
- **IVPA's Youth Advisory Board** provides youth ages 14 to 21 (many of whom are from disadvantaged backgrounds) with structured leadership opportunities to shape our state's strategy and programs for prevention interpersonal violence; and
- **The Neighborhood Recovery Initiative** provides 1,720 youth in 23 Chicago area communities with summer jobs promoting health and wellness.

If you attended, we certainly hope you will include ***Harambee*** as one of the charitable events you support and attend each year. We look forward to seeing you next year, if not sooner. And, we encourage you to spread the word about the important work the ILAACP is undertaking to build safer, healthier, and resilient African-American children, families, and communities.

If you were unable to attend, but would still like to make a donation, please visit us at **www.ilaacp.org/donate**.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW PICTURES FROM HARAMBEE 2012 ON FACEBOOK. DON'T FORGET TO LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND TAG YOURSELF AND PEOPLE THAT YOU KNOW.

In Service,

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