



# William H. Adams Youth Foundation

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## 2017 East Columbus Community Thanksgiving Dinner



The Foundation in partnership with Saint Thomas Church and other community organizations sponsored the 16th Annual East Columbus Gateway Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19th at the William H. Adams Recreation Center in Columbus. Over 500 residents of the East Columbus neighborhood were served. The event addresses a great need in the community and has gained in popularity over the years, moving from the church basement to the Recreation Center's gym.

Carol Maddox, head of the organizing committee, says this is a thankful dinner, "An opportunity to bring everyone together, everyone who lives, works, plays and worships in the neighborhood".

The event is coordinated by the Community Outreach Ministry of Saint Thomas The Apostle Church who collaborates with other East Columbus organizations including Columbus Recreation & Parks Department, East Columbus Elementary School, the East Columbus Civic Association, Dominican Sisters of Peace, Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, and other community groups.



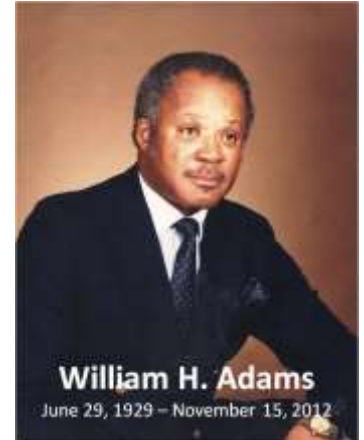
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## Carol Maddox Honored at Bill Adams Memorial Service

November 15<sup>th</sup> was the fifth anniversary of the passing of William H. “Bill” Adams. The occasion was commemorated with a brief memorial service held before the East Columbus Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Special guests attending the memorial included State Representative Hearcel Craig, and City Council Members Shannon Hardin and Jaiza Page. Craig, Hardin and Page shared their remembrances of Bill Adams and his service to the City of Columbus.

During the service Carol Maddox was presented with induction into the Foundation’s “Circle of Village Elders”. Village Elders are premier donors who help sustain the Foundation and others recognized for outstanding community service that is aligned with the Foundation's mission. The Village Elders concept is based on the African proverb, “It takes a whole village to raise a child”.

Carol also received a Columbus City Council Resolution offered by Councilmembers Page and Hardin for her leadership in coordinating the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner for over 15 years.



Hardin, Page & Craig



Carol Maddox



W. Adams, Maddox, J. Erby



Rep. Craig



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## Back-to-School Brigade



The Foundation joined Operation Homefront and Dollar Tree Stores for the annual Back-to-School Brigade, a national school supply collection campaign. The Foundation collected donated school supplies from assigned Dollar Tree stores in East Columbus. Over 1100 students received school supplies at the W. H. Adams Community Center, Beatty Park Elementary School, Trevitt Elementary School, and Millennium Community School. Supplies were also distributed to Fruition by Faith, Connecting Kids Inside Out and the Columbus Metropolitan Library.





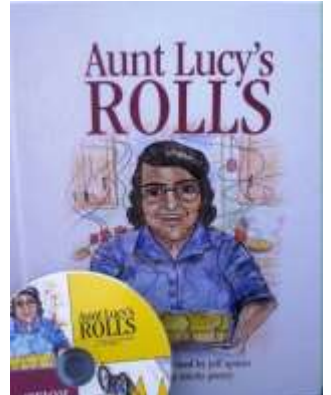
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## Aunt Lucy's Rolls

The Foundation received a donation of the children's book from Spann Productions of Bakersfield, CA. Author Jeff Spann is a Columbus native and graduate of East High School (EHS '71). The book is written at a K-3 level, nicely illustrated and includes a CD, narrated by the author, complete with special effects.

The story is based on Jeff's real childhood experience of visiting his Great Aunt Lucy's house. It wasn't just the rolls that tasted so good; it was that whole experience of going to Aunt Lucy's house to visit family and friends while enjoying the laughter, kind words, witty remarks and unconditional love.

Books were distributed to Foundation partners including the Adams Community Center and East Columbus Elementary School. Through the Foundation's efforts "Aunt Lucy's Rolls" is also in circulation with the Columbus Metropolitan Library.



Mario Dovell, Mgr.  
Adams Rec Center



Christiana Trecker, Mgr.  
Shepard Branch Library



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MLK Branch Library



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