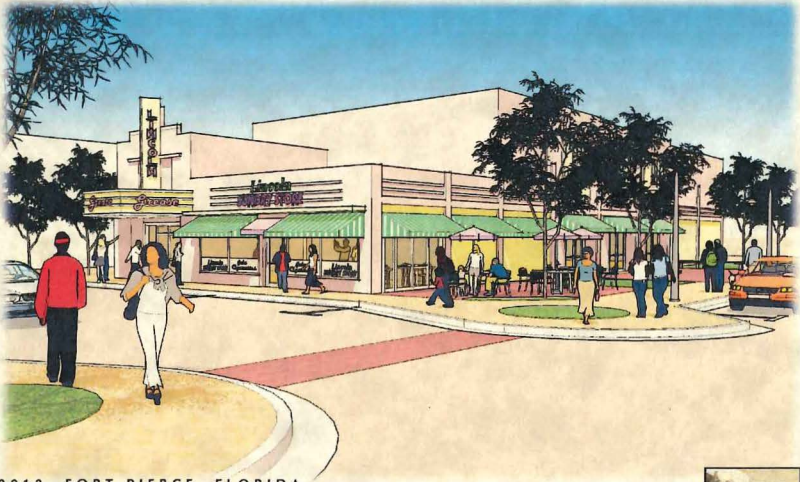


# THE LINCOLN THEATER

## SUPPORT RESTORATION

THE LINCOLN THEATER BENEFIT BALL  
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012  
6PM TO 10PM  
PGA COUNTRY CLUB



2012 FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA  
PROPOSED FORT PIERCE LINCOLN THEATER RENOVATION



## **PROGRAM**

### **Welcome**

Attorney Margaret A. Benton  
Chair of Restoration Committee

**6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar**

**7:00 p.m. Dinner Served**

**8:00 p.m. Past History of the Lincoln Theater**

Attorney Margaret A. Benton

### **Vision for the Future**

Mr. Reginald Floyd, IRSC, Director of Upward Bound Program

### **Architectural Renderings**

Mr. Al Phillips, REG Architects, Inc.

### **Capital Campaign**

Mrs. Arlease Hall  
Community Relations Director for SLC Health Department

### **Programming**

Mrs. Theda Rucker  
Retired Educator, Detroit Public Schools

### **Introductions**

Mrs. Shelby J. Walton  
Retired Educator, St Lucie County Schools

### **Recognition of Sponsors**

Attorney Margaret A. Benton

### **Remarks**

Mr. Andrew McIntosh, Chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Committee of St Lucie County

**8:30 p.m. Dancing to the Sounds of Ossie Wright & The Grove Division Band**

*Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Commemorative Committee of St Lucie County**

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**Lincoln Theater Restoration Committee**

Atty Margaret A. Benton, Mary H. Butler,  
Reginald Floyd, Arlease Hall, Rudy Howard,  
Andrew McIntosh, Theda Rucker and Shelby J. Walton

# HISTORY

The Lincoln Theater is one of the last remaining African American Historical Theaters in the United States. It was built in 1946 by Physician, Dr. C. C. Benton, and Pharmacist, Dr. Harry Center, partners in the venture. It is located in an Historic District on the main street of the African American Community, at 1132 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, Florida.

From its beginnings through its closing in the late 1960's, the Theater served as a center for culture and entertainment for the Community that it served. The Theater screened current movies and hosted live musical and theatrical performances on stage. It was the site of graduation ceremonies, and it served as a hurricane shelter. In its hey day, the Theater was an anchor for commercial development along the Avenue. The economic impact of the Historic Lincoln Theater was that it provided numerous jobs for people in the community over many years. Recently, the City of Fort Pierce improved the Avenue D infrastructure, including roads, lighting, and sidewalks, in anticipation of redevelopment. This improvement assists restoration.

The interior of the Theater building included both the movie house and a sundry store with a concession area. At the time it was built, the Lincoln Theater was state of the art.



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