



Jeannie Bryant and Joseph Littlejohn pass the crowns to the 2024 Belle of the Ball and Lord Harvest: Arnita Williams and Darius L. Berry!!

CEFN's Volunteers after a successful and amazing event!

Vaughn Coleman's Raffle of the Money Tree

CEFN's Blast From the Past — A Smashing Success!

Greetings to CEFN's wonderful friends and supporters! I hope you're all getting ready to enjoy the upcoming holidays. I'm happy to share that **CEFN's 4th Annual Senior Harvest Ball Safari Royal, held on Friday, October 4th, 2024** at the Hilton Hotel, was a huge success!

We were thrilled to sell out the event with nearly 600 older adults attending. Because of how well this year's Senior Harvest Ball went, I'm excited to announce that we've already reserved 55 tables for **CEFN's "Mardi Gras" 10th Annual Senior Gala, which will take place on Friday, April 4, 2025**. Seats are going fast, so be sure to mark your calendars and reserve your spot soon—it's almost SOLD OUT!

"Bravo & Hats off to You, Sherry, your staff, & volunteers who did it again. The Senior affair was simply Awesome!!!! As usual, every detail was covered from the table accent, the well "cooked string beans", the DJ, being on point, the live band, surprised Dancers, talented versatile stilt walker, funny great Malcolm, vendors, handsome King & beautiful Queen, to the packed room of friendly interactive Royalties. You looked Queenly in your royal attire. How can we give you the proper "THANK YOUS" !!!! I appreciate all the hard work, efforts, blood, sweat & tears that went into making this a SUCCESS 🎉🍷🍷🍷🍷 Here are your 🌸. Blessings 🙏" - Jeannie Bryant.

We couldn't have done it without the support of CEFN's precious older adults, sponsors, and vendors. Thank you for making this event possible! A special shoutout goes to our amazing Drexel co-op students—**Tyler Gift, Shrey Patel, Jerison Guillon Minier, Julia Veal, Mango Diaczynsky, and Yaxia Li**—and to all the new and returning volunteers who worked so hard to help make the event a success.

We'd also like to thank our fantastic performers: MC and comedian **Malcolm Hill**, DJ **Gary Cowlay**, and **Darien Ebo** with the **Philadelphia All Star Band** and the **Philadelphia Dance and Drum Ensemble**. You all brought so much energy and fun to the night, and we look forward to having you back at future events!

Thank you to our photographers and videographers—**Theresa Rivers, Dawn Parsons, Heather Vail**, and photo booth photographer, **Everette Jackson**—for capturing the special moments of the night. We are especially proud to recognize former Drexel co-op students **Duong Ly and Daryn Lam**, who were honored with plaques and the Outstanding Leadership Award for their hard work and ongoing support of CEFN.

You can check out all the photos and video clips from the event by visiting our website at www.cefn.org. Please see Page 2 for details about the event, Page 3 for collage of highlights, and Page 4 for the next upcoming event!

We look forward to seeing you at our **Mardi Gras-themed 10th Annual Senior Gala on Friday, April 4, 2025**, at the Hilton Hotel. For reservations or more information, please contact **Sherry Hill** at **(215) 858-4957** or email us at cefnphila@gmail.com.

On behalf of CEFN, we wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful New Year!

Peace and Blessings,
Sherry Hill || Executive Director || CEFN



Stilt Walker dancing with the crowd!



Ethnic Dancing took Center Stage!!



The floor was filled with spirited seniors!!

Safari Royal - A Day to Remember!

On **Friday, October 4th, 2024**, the **Community Enrichment Fitness Network (CEFN)**, in partnership with our incredible sponsors, vendors, and generous supporters, hosted the unforgettable **4th Annual Senior Harvest Ball Fundraiser**. The ballroom at Philadelphia's Hilton Hotel on City Avenue was filled with over 600 lively and enthusiastic seniors who joined us for an afternoon of laughter, dancing, and celebration. We are thrilled to report that attendee evaluations rated the event as overwhelmingly positive, with most guests calling it either "excellent" or "very good." The heartwarming feedback has truly reinforced the importance of this cherished gathering in the lives of our seniors.

The entertainment lineup was nothing short of spectacular. DJ **Gary Colway Jr.** kicked off the event with upbeat music that set an infectious energy, and his inflatable photo booth was a hit, allowing attendees to capture joyous memories with friends and loved ones. Our talented MC, **Malcolm Hill**, kept everyone engaged with humor, charm, and a knack for keeping the energy high throughout the day. The crowd was captivated by the **Philadelphia Dance Ensemble's** stunning performance, complete with a stilt walker who drew gasps and cheers from the audience. Not to be outdone, the **Philly All-Star Band** played crowd favorites that brought even those with canes and walkers to their feet, dancing in the aisles. The ballroom echoed with laughter, applause, and sheer joy, creating memories that our attendees will carry with them.

Behind the scenes, none of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of CEFN's Event Coordinator, **Alisha Willis**, who orchestrated each detail to perfection on the day of the event. We also extend a heartfelt thanks to our committed team of interns, **Tyler Gift, Shrey Patel, Jerison Guillion-Minier, Margaret Diaczynsky, Julia Veal, and Yaxia Li** who worked tirelessly to ensure that every guest had an unforgettable experience. We also want to especially thank our new and current volunteers. Our talented videographers, **Heather Vail and Dawn Parsons**, along with photographer **Theresa Rivers**, captured these beautiful moments, allowing us to relive the magic of the day through their lenses.

The feedback from our seniors has been nothing short of heartwarming, with one attendee sharing, "I look forward to this event twice a year, it's the best senior event in the city." Comments like these remind us why we continue to host events like the Senior Harvest Ball, and we're incredibly grateful for the opportunity to bring joy and companionship to our senior community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue this tradition with our **10th Annual Senior Gala on Friday, April 4th, 2025**. This special Mardi Gras-themed event, held once again at the Hilton Hotel on City Avenue, promises even more fun with themed attire, live entertainment, a DJ, health and wellness vendors, giveaways, and more surprises! Due to overwhelming interest, the event is already sold out, but we are maintaining a waiting list. If you'd like to join, please contact **Sherry Hill** at **215-858-4957** or email cefnphila@gmail.com.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make the 4th Annual Senior Harvest Ball a resounding success. We look forward to celebrating with you again at our **Mardi Gras 10th Annual Senior Gala April 4th, 2025** fundraiser and creating even more cherished memories!

Best Regards,

Tyler Gift || Event & Marketing Management Coordinator || CEFN

SENIOR HARVEST BALL HIGHLIGHTS



Independence Blue Cross



United Health Insurance



Photos by Theresa Rivers

Save the Date!



CEFN PRESENTS

10th Annual Senior Gala Extravaganza

NEW ORLEANS

*Mardi Gras
Carnival*

Friday, April 4th, 2025

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Doors open at 10:00 AM

at the

HILTON HOTEL

4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

*Dress to
impress*

Mardi Gras Style!

FEATURING

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| ✦ Live entertainment | ✦ Dance demos |
| ✦ Dancing | ✦ Delicious catered meals |
| ✦ DJ & MC | ✦ Health & wellness vendors |
| ✦ Photo booths | ✦ Door prizes, raffles, and much more! |

\$60

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NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

For ticket information, contact Sherry Hill at [215-858-4957](tel:215-858-4957) or email cefnphila@gmail.com