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Cincinnati (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Hosts
The Gift, 2015 Holiday Luncheon
Proceeds Support Chapter's Transformative Community Programming

Cincinnati, OH -- *The Gift* is the theme for the Cincinnati (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated's 2015 Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 12 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati. The very popular themed Basket Raffle begins at 11 a.m. followed by the luncheon at Noon. "Gifts come in a variety of forms – friendship, support and love to name a few. This year, we want everyone that has ever supported the chapter to know that we value the gifts they have shared with us during our 65 years in existence," says luncheon co-chair, Asha Booth. Tickets are $60 per person and available on-line at www.cincinnatilinks.org. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the programs and services of the Cincinnati (OH) Chapter including programs at partner school, Bond Hill Academy, the annual Girls Conference and the national award winning Youth Docent Program at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The Holiday Luncheon Chairs are Deborah Spradley and Miriam West with Co-Chairs, Asha Booth and Tonie Britton.

The Cincinnati Chapter was chartered on March 30, 1950, making it the 17th chapter to be established in Linkdom. The Cincinnati (OH) Chapter has provided transformational programming over 65 years throughout the Cincinnati area. Over the course of the past 65 years, the Cincinnati Chapter has produced one National President, Central Area Director, both held by Vivian Beamon; 2 National Arts Chairs Margaret Hough and Yvonne Robertson and several national and area appointees. "The Holiday Luncheon is a signature event for the Cincinnati (OH) Chapter. It is exciting that this is our 65 year anniversary and we want to share this moment with the community. We are hopeful that those who attend will extend The Gift by bringing a friend," says chapter president, Winona McNeil.

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Chapter programs, as with all Links chapters, fall within five facets: National Trends and Services, The Arts, Services to Youth, International Trends and Services, and most recently, Health and Wellness. Through their programs, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Links, Incorporated has positively impacted thousands of people in our region and contributed over $1.2 million back into the community. The Cincinnati (OH) Chapter's mission is to give service to humankind and to improve the quality of life for people in the communities where we live and the people we serve. For more information, please visit our website at www.cincinnatilinks.org.

About The Links, Incorporated

The Links, Incorporated celebrates more than 65 years as a women's volunteer service organization committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. A premier international service organization with more than 14,000 members in 281 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, its legacy of friends providing service that changes lives, established by the original circle of nine friends in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1946, is alive and well.

The Links Foundation, Incorporated, the philanthropic arm of The Links, Incorporated, has made more than $25 million in charitable contributions since its founding. With more than 2 million service hours recorded in the past three years, members regularly contribute more than 500,000 documented service hours in their respective communities annually. The Links, Incorporated: *"Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service."* For more information, visit www.linksinc.org.

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