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The Arkansas Medical, Dental, and
 Pharmaceutical Association invites you to fabulous

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BE WHISKED AWAY TO AN EVENING OF GLITZ GLAMOUR, SHOWGIRLS AND SHOWSTOPPERS. EXQUISITE DINING, MARVELOUS MUSIC, IMPRESSIONISTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, COMEDY AND CHARITY GAMBLING. ORIGINAL ARTWORK WILL BE FEATURED IN A SILENT AUCTION. ENJOY ALL THIS WHILE SUPPORTING THE WORTHY CAUSE OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP ENABLE ARKANSAS' NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN HEALTHCARE WITH EXCEPTIONAL PROMISE OR FINANCIAL NEED TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS.

The Arkansas Medical Dental and Pharmaceutical Association began in 1893 as an organization dedicated to providing continuing medical education to practicing physicians, and scholarships to deserving, financially challenged medical students. Now, with a membership of over 300 minority physicians, dentists, and pharmacists, we are one of very few organizations that have had a consistent mission for 115 years. This mission includes educating the public and addressing chronic diseases which disproportionately impact Arkansas's medically underserved communities (e.g. diabetes, stroke, cancer, low birth weight, infant mortality.)

As these communities increase, so does the need for more acutely-trained physicians. One of our greatest plights is helping to retain highly qualified

medical students in the state of Arkansas, and pursuing methods to attract students from other regions, as well. We provide a support system throughout their medical education, and work to alleviate some of the financial barriers in their educational pursuits.

Our most significant venue of alleviation is assisting outstanding medical students with scholarships to defray the cost of obtaining their professional degree. Each year, the AMDPA hosts an event, which, in the last decade, has allowed us to be able to give over 30 scholarships to deserving students. Having matriculated through medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), Torrance and I are among those countless students who have directly benefitted from this organization. This fundraiser is, therefore, very near and dear to our hearts. This year's theme is: "AMDPA - Las Vegas Nights: Doctors Embracing

Change for Future Generations." This theme echoes the call from our president for "a new generation of Americans to step up, serve their country, and change the world."

It is because of the support of community leaders, such as you, that we are able to accomplish these goals and answer the call. We are, therefore, asking that you seriously consider being a sponsor for the 2009 event. This year's event will also feature a silent auction. A commissioned and original piece in celebration of this event will be available from the renown painter, Ariston Jacks as well as a sculpture from the very talented Susan Williams. If you would like to donate an item or service, please contact us at (501) 256-0152, Kimberlyn Blann-Anderson (501) 626-9442, or any member of AMDPA. Full page ads in our souvenir booklet featuring these artists are also available. You will be pleased to know that all donations are tax deductible.

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Saturday, September 19th at 6:30pm

Arkansas Statehouse Convention Center

Woody Allen Ballroom

Formal Attire // Tickets \$100

Entertainment will be provided by Grammy Award-winning artist, Ledisi.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the AMDPA at 501.265.0156 or www.amdpa.org.

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