

MARY SCOTT NURSING CENTER

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**PRESIDENT OF WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY, REV. DR. FLOYD H. FLAKE
TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MARY SCOTT LEGACY AWARDS**

(Dayton, Ohio) Former U.S. Congressman, Senior Pastor of Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of New York in Jamaica, Queens and President of Wilberforce University in Ohio Rev. Dr. Floyd H. Flake, is the keynote speaker at the Mary Scott Nursing Center Legacy Awards Banquet, Monday, April 28, 2008.

The Legacy Awards honor Miami Valley women, age 55 and older, who volunteer and exemplify the spirit of Christian service to persons who are aging, homeless or disabled. Located at 3109 Campus Drive, Mary Scott Nursing Center is Dayton's oldest nonprofit nursing home and the first founded by an African-American person. The banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Flake earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio and holds a B.A. from Wilberforce University with additional studies at Payne Theological Seminary and Northeastern University School of Business. He also has numerous honorary degrees including: Boston University, Fisk University, Lincoln University (PA), and Cheney State (PA).

Flake served eleven years in the U.S. Congress and established a reputation for bipartisan, innovative legislative initiatives to revitalize urban commercial and residential communities.

During his 30-year pastorate, Allen A.M.E. Cathedral has become one of the nation's foremost Christian churches and development corporations. The church owns expansive commercial and residential developments; a 700-student private school founded by Flake and his wife Elaine, and various commercial and social service enterprises, which has placed it among the nation's most productive religious and urban development institutions.

Dr. Flake is an author, teacher and international lecturer and speaker. He and the church have been profiled in many publications and have increasingly attracted international and national recognition in print and electronic media.

Banquet tickets are \$50 each or \$450 per table of 10 and are available by calling Mary Scott Nursing Center at (937) 278-0761. Sponsor packages are also available.

Mary Scott Nursing Center was founded in 1914 by “Mother” Mary Scott when she opened her home to African-American elderly, widowed, and indigent women. What began as Mary Scott’s act of caring for women in her own home now continues in the quality health care offered by this modern, professional facility.

Guided by its “Caring Comes From Inside” theme, Mary Scott Nursing Center has grown to a 116-bed skilled nursing facility. A not-for-profit organization, Mary Scott offers intermediate, skilled, and respite care to a racially diverse population. Many of those served are dependent upon Medicaid. In pursuing its mission, Mary Scott looks to the community for support in providing benevolent care.