



**7th Annual
Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment
Celebrity Golf Tournament
Friday, May 21, 2010**



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We are truly changing people's lives!

I never stopped to imagine how blessed this endeavor might or might not be when I first started the Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment...nor did I imagine how many people could possibly be blessed because of our efforts. My wife, Yolanda, was a very special woman who gave much more to life than she took from it. Through the success of this scholarship program created to honor her memory, we are constantly reminded that "it's not what you take with you, but what you leave behind" that determines how well you spent your life.

In 2002, there was an outpouring of appreciation and love for Yolanda that generated over 13,000 dollars. I chose to use this money, along with additional donations that brought the total to an amazing 20,000 dollars, to establish the Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment at (then) Northwest Florida State College. Yolanda's passion was to see education made more readily available for less fortunate women. Shortly after the scholarship funds were put into place, the State of Florida matched them, creating a total of 40,000 for use in empowering disadvantaged women by providing increased educational opportunities. Little did I realize that this was just the beginning of what was to become one of the most successful scholarship programs in our area. Once God graced us with a miracle of this magnitude, thankfully He also instilled a passion to keep it going!

The first Yolanda D. Thomas Golf Tournament was held October 29th, 2004 at Shalimar Pointe. During that first tournament, Ricky Thomas, my cousin and a coach with the Indianapolis Colts, donated autographed merchandise from many of his NFL colleagues. Thanks to Ricky and the generosity of his friends in the NFL, our tournament evolved into something truly special! Ricky's interest and the support he generated from his friends in the NFL turned the Yolanda D. Thomas Golf Tournament into a highly successful celebrity event.

Over the last four years, contributions from sources other than the golf tournament have further increased our opportunities to open the doors of education for those with the drive, determination and potential in which Yolanda so strongly believed.

As of December 2009, the Yolanda D. Thomas golf tournament and associated events have generated approximately \$350,000 to provide local scholarship opportunities. To date, 22 scholarships have been awarded to young women courtesy of the Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment. The Endowment is now the second largest contributing entity to the Northwest Florida State College Foundation scholarship program. Additionally, in 2007, the Internal Revenue Service officially recognized the Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment as a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity.

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And that's how we've arrived at this moment in time. I'm writing to you today to personally invite you to come out and help us continue to further the legacy of this extraordinary woman who so significantly affected and changed the lives of so many people. If you've ever felt that as a single person, you were small, insignificant or incapable of positively influencing your world, we invite you to consider the incredible effect of the well-spent life of Yolanda Thomas. We would love for you to come out and help us to recognize and replicate the sterling example that Yolanda set. With your help, we have in the past, we can now and we will in the future continue to make a difference!

This year's golf tournament will be held at the Fort Walton Beach Golf Club on Friday, May 21, 2010. Please consider lending your presence and participation to this worthwhile event. It promises to be as rewarding as it is fun! With your help, we can continue to improve the quality of life for many more deserving young women who might not otherwise get this opportunity. Our help is even more critical in the current economic environment.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Gail Sansbury at 850-259-5862 or Alonzo Smith at 850-259-7365 or fax the enclosed form to 850-244-4924 (attention: Al Smith) or email the form to ydt@thomcoent.com. The form may also be mailed to the Yolanda Thomas Scholarship Endowment, 745 Hollywood Blvd NW, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548.

Thank you in advance for your time, consideration and support. I look forward to seeing you on the green!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yolanda Thomas".

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**YOLANDA D. THOMAS CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
2010 Celebrity Entry Form**

Name: _____
(Representative Name (if contact should be made through your Agent or Management Company))

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Representative Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Player Handicap: ____ (Note: Celebrity Player to be assigned to Team at Pairing Party on Thursday, May 20th, 2010)

Please inform us of your arrival so that we may accommodate your schedule with transportation, if needed, and room reservations. If you do not know this information at this time, please call **Gail Sansbury at (850) 259-5862** or **Alonzo Smith (850) 259-7365**, Golf Tournament Coordinators, email at ydt@thomcoent.com, or fax your itinerary to (850) 244-4924 once your plans are confirmed.

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Airline/Flight Number: _____ Arriving in your own vehicle? _____

of Persons traveling in your party: _____ # of Rooms Needed: _____

___ **Yes, I WILL be attending the 7th Annual Yolanda D. Thomas Celebrity Golf Tournament** And will also be providing _____ autographed auction item(s) to benefit the Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment.

___ **No, I will NOT be attending the 7th Annual Yolanda D. Thomas Celebrity Golf Tournament** but will provide _____ autographed auction item(s) to benefit the Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment.

Description of Items: (Auction items are requested at the address below by 14 May 2010.)

I authorize the use of my name, affiliation by name only and photos (head shot only) to be used in the advertising, marketing, and direct mail brochures produced for the 2010 7th Annual Yolanda D. Thomas Scholarship Endowment Celebrity Golf Tournament. No logos or photographs showing team affiliation or third party entity will be used or reproduced in association with this charity event.

Date: _____

Authorization by Celebrity/ Agent

Print Name: _____

NOTE: Particular photos approved for promotional use or media kits to which we should refer to precise name, affiliation and photo use, need to be sent directly to Angela Workman.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY BY 30 April 2010.

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