



Concerned DeSoto Citizens (“CDC”) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization chartered in 1989 to promote and provide educational assistance to all children of DeSoto and the surrounding area. One of CDC’s main objectives is to encourage students to seek higher education through the awarding of scholarships. In addition, CDC networks with community leaders and other organizations on activities to build a stronger community.

CDC meetings are held each second Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the DeSoto Town Center (Hampton & Pleasant Run). The agenda for each regularly scheduled meeting includes a special guest speaker.

Membership is extended to all DeSoto citizens 18 years or older and to anyone who has voting privileges in the City of DeSoto.



Significant Events and Accomplishments

- Adopted Bylaws on May 27, 1989
- Annual Scholarships to DeSoto High School Graduates
- Saturday Scholars Partnership with Northside Elementary
- Annual Awards Banquet

Past Keynote Speakers

Kenneth Govan, Chair, DeSoto Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Robert Simmons, Chair, DeSoto Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, President of Cedar Valley College
Alton Frailey, DeSoto ISD Superintendent
Senator Royce West (2 yrs)
T.V. Anchor John McCaa
Dr. Clarence Glover
State Representative Helen Giddings (2 yrs)
Norman Lyons, VP Texas Rangers Baseball
State Representative Jesse Jones
Congressman Martin Frost
State Representative Yvonne Davis
City of DeSoto Mayor, Michael Hurtt
Colonel Athena Jones, General Counsel, AAFES
John Wiley Price, Dallas County Commissioner (2 yrs)

- **Annual Meet the Candidates Forum**

An educational voter awareness forum prior to the DeSoto City Council/School Board elections.

- CDC members are challenged to participate in the City government process of Board and Commission appointments. Past and current appointments include: DeSoto Planning and Zoning, the Civil Service Board, the Library Board, the Parks Development Corporation, the Board of Adjustments, the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation, Flags Across America Foundation and the DeSoto ISD Education Foundation. CDC membership includes the DeSoto Mayor, several DeSoto City Council Representatives, and the DeSoto ISD School Board President. CDC members are encouraged to support DeSoto ISD's "Volunteer Program", and the "Saturday Scholars Program".

- **Scholarship Fundraising activities:**

1989 – 1990	Fashion Show
1991	Family Portrait Day
1992 – 1993	Community Reception
1994 – 2000	African American Business Expo
1998 – 1999	Co-Sponsor with City of DeSoto, Production of "Two Trains Running"
1999 – 2009	Co-Sponsor with City of DeSoto "Gospel Fest"
2005 – 2009	Bowling for Scholars

Scholars Honor Roll



2009 Scholars with honorary scholarship chair Representative Helen Giddings



2008 Scholars with Mayor Waddle at the Awards Banquet

L-R, Antoine Long, Whitney Oliver, Brittany Henry, Octavia Shorter*, Mayor Waddle, Chermaine Cole,
D'Ondra Lawrence, David Hawkins, Jr.

2007—Kimberley Campbell, Iman Garrett-Price, Martin Heard, Darah Hooks,
Brittany Johnson*, Glenn Johnson, Trenton Johnson, Laura Oliver, Shaneice Young

2006 - Jonathan Allen, Melton Cook, Eric Crawley, Jordan Creson, Nicholas Davis,
Deonna McGary*, Warren Seay, Rainey Sternes

2005 - Kracynthia Flowers*, Whitney Basil, Edgar Clark, Alaa Douglas, Jennifer Moore

2004 - Ashley Richard*, Hailey Adair, Dana Brantley, Tyshan Broden, Erica Glenn,
Lauren Johnson

2003 - LaDana Badger*, Willisa Turner

2002 - Jokae Ingram*, Glenn Strange

2001 - Tanisha Porter, Danielle Brown

2000 - KaRhonda Brown*, Jelanie Ingram

1999 - Veda M. Frazier*, Kevin A. Curry, Amber D. Fussell

1998 - Ella Katherine Ware*, Denise Ray Olson, Paul Harris, Ryan Marshall

1997 - Ilevba Osarenkhoe, Aaron Anderson, Dakeya Jordan, Katherine Neyland

1996 - Virginia Smith, Cardiss Johnson, Tymeka Coney, Deidre Smith

1995 - Alice Walker, Cedric Ford

1994 - Martin Hodges, Tamara Pearson

1993 - Sherrell Postell

1992 - Arthur Mills IV, Yanika Daniels, Leon C. McCowan

1991 - Rachael Thomas, Kimberly Belcher, Toi Thurman

1990 - Lisa Ellis, Camesha Scott, Johnmesha Clater

“*” = Helen Giddings Scholar

Activities around the 2008 Awards banquet:



CDC Historian Linda Zander displays 2008 highlights,



CDC Member (and DeSoto Police Chief) Mike Broadnax assists CDC Corresponding secretary (and DeSoto City Council Member) Carl William with ticket sales;



2009 Banquet speaker Dr. John Ellis Price, president of UNT Dallas



**Concerned
DeSoto
Citizens**

Kwanzaa

*Join us in a celebration of family,
community, and culture at*

Kwanzaa Feast 2008!

Friday, December 19, 2008

7:00 p.m.

DeSoto City Hall Atrium.

To reserve your free ticket, email

CDCDeSoto@yahoo.com

or call 972-274-9795



CDC partners with the City of DeSoto to present a free fellowship Kwanzaa program and dinner feast.





CONCERNED DESOTO CITIZENS

invite you to join us for

Gospel Fest 2009

Featuring

The WWW Singers



McCowan Middle School

Sunday, February 15, 2009

4 pm to 7 pm

Corner Theatre

DeSoto Town Center

Tickets \$10

Available from any CDC member
or contact CDCDeSoto@yahoo.com

Proceeds to benefit CDC's Scholarship Fund



The Gospel Fest serves as a major scholarship fundraisers, as well as a Black History Month celebration. The 2009 celebration presented the Curtistene S. McCowan Middle School's gospel choir and drama department, along with Dallas' WWW Singers. A record attendance resulted in exceeding the income projections.



Concerned DeSoto Citizens
will host
a fun day of bowling while
raising scholarship funds for
DeSoto High School Seniors!
Saturday, March 14, 2009
DeSoto AMF Lanes
11:00 am
For more information,
contact 972-274-9795 or
CDCDesoto@yahoo.com



Bowling for Scholars is one of CDC's primary scholarship fundraising events. We ask teams of five bowlers to raise \$100 each or \$500 per team when they come out to bowl. We award prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in scoring and fundraising.



GANDIDATES FORUM

CDC hosts a forum to provide the community the opportunity to hear from DeSoto City Council and School Board candidates. This forum allows the candidates to make their statements and then respond to questions from attendees. CDC does not endorse any political party or candidate.



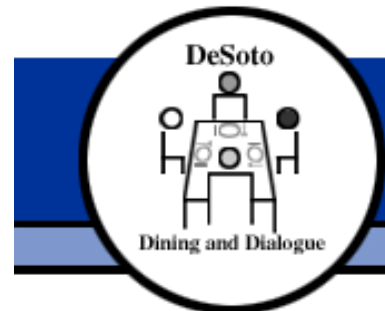
Partnerships

CDC partners with other community groups and organizations to build a better DeSoto.



CDC members make monthly contributions of food or money to the DeSoto Food Pantry.

CDC hosts one table each year for Dining and Dialogue and CDC members participate in table discussions for the other two sessions.





CDC is working in partnership with the City of DeSoto and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to develop a community symposium on Youth. The goal of the symposium is to coordinate resources available to Youth and encourage them to their brightest future as productive citizens.



Mayor Waddle addresses community leaders assembled for first symposium meeting.



CDC partnered with DeSoto High School graduate and NFL standout Ellis Hobbs on the DeSoto Eagles Olympics games for special needs athletes. This partnership included a fundraising banquet with a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia and other special donations. CDC recognized Mr. Hobbs at our annual Awards Banquet to say thank you for his contributions to the community.



Mayor Waddle presents coin to Mr. Hobbs



Autographed jersey purchased by Dr. Ingram



CDC Secretary presents Mr. Hobbs parents with portrait, Artists' mother is also present.

Membership Membership

CDC members are engaged and active citizens of the City of DeSoto. Our members include housewives and retirees as well as elected officials and business owners. Our current membership roster boasts several current members of the DeSoto City Council, including the Mayor, along with the City Manager, Police Chief, and School Board President. The newest DeSoto Middle School was named in honor of a CDC founding member, Curtistene Smith McCowan. And the DeSoto Chamber recently recognized CDC's historian, Linda Zander, as the Bobby Waddle Citizen of the YEAR!

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Z _____

Phone: DAY _____ NIGHT _____

Email Address: _____

CDC Membership dues are \$5 each month per household. Dues may be paid monthly, semi-annually (\$30) or annually (\$60).

Completed applications may be mailed with check or money order made payable to CDC to the address below.

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