

## BUF Celebrates Hidden Heroes

Inspired by the hit movie "*Hidden Figures*," it is the story of three African American women who used their mathematical genius to help NASA send man to the moon. BUF of Michigan created "*Hidden Heroes*" to showcase four individuals who have made an impact in business, entrepreneurialism, education, music and a trail blazer in their respective fields that may have gone a little unnoticed to many.

The recipients this year included:

1. Donald S. Vest (posthumously) for business
2. Tonee Bell for entrepreneur,
3. Mahogany Jones for music
4. Captain Stephanie Johnson for trail blazing

BUF used its 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on September 22 as a platform to introduce the four "Hidden Heroes" at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

### **Stephanie Johnson was recognized (pictured here) for being the first African American female pilot for Delta Airlines.**

*About BUF of Michigan:*

BUF is an alternative funding resource that supports non-profit organizations that have little capacity to approach traditional funding sources but provide unique solutions to long-term problems. Additionally, through partnerships with other community organizations, BUF is able to enhance and expand services and programs to those in the community most in need.

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Captain Stephanie Johnson, Delta Airlines' 1<sup>st</sup> African American Female Pilot and her father