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Life is not without its challenges, and getting through them together will help you learn to love your partner more than anything else in the world.

— Jasmine Taylor,  
Director of Family Programs

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— Joanne and Reggie Dukes  
2014 Couple of the Year

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Mann,

Anthem Strong Families is Dallas nonprofit that provides local families with free relationship education classes. We have served over 40,000 families through parenting classes, engaged couples workshops, marriage retreats and more. Our mission is to build strong marriages, strong families and strong communities. It is in that spirit of family that we proudly present the 10th Annual Dallas Black Marriage Day Gala & Awards Ceremony.

Dallas Black Marriage Day began with the passion to spread a positive message of marriage in the African American community. This special day was recognized in just 30 cities when it began in 2003, and it has now spread to more than 300 communities across the country! Each year outstanding couples are nominated by family and friends who have been inspired by their love and commitment for one another. The winners are awarded the title “Dallas Couple of the Year” and are inducted into the Dallas Black Marriage Day Hall of Fame.

Each nominee is honored and presented with a certificate and an award at the gala on **Saturday, April 23rd at the Omni Hotel in downtown Dallas. The evening begins with a VIP Reception from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Dinner and program will take place from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.** As a grand finale, 2 couples are awarded a Couples Getaway at the Omni Hotel and crowned with the Title of Dallas Couple of the Year - one in the Married 19 years and Under category and one in the Married 20 Years or More category. This upscale dinner and awards ceremony event is fun for the couples and their entire family featuring live entertainment, food, music, free giveaways and more.

Each year the Anthem Strong Families Dallas Black Marriage Day celebration has proven to be an exceptional event that is not only hailed by attendees but by sponsors and community leaders as well. The acclaim continues to grow year after year. This year the event sold out in 2 days. As a result, we will be honoring 30 couples and hosting over 350 guests. Because this 10th anniversary marks a very special year for us we are hoping to share the evening with some very special guests. Therefore, I would like to extend an invitation to you both to join us as the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. I have enclosed a personal invitation to you both. I also invite you to log onto [www.dallasblackmarriageday.com](http://www.dallasblackmarriageday.com) for more information. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our offices at 469.375.4006. We truly appreciate your consideration and look forward to building a lasting friendship as we celebrate and promote positive images of African American relationships, just like yours, in our community.

Kind Regards,  
**Cosette Bowles**  
CEO  
Anthem Strong Families





Your time to **SHINE!**

*You're cordially invited!*

# Dallas Black 2016 Marriage Day



**10<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNUAL Celebration

**Saturday, April 23 at the Omni Hotel**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm • [www.dallasblackmarriageday.com](http://www.dallasblackmarriageday.com)**

**Dallas Black Marriage Day** began with the passion to spread a positive message of marriage in the African American community. DBMD honors couples who inspire their friends and family with their love and commitment to each other with a special dinner and awards ceremony. Each year outstanding couples are nominated by family and friends. The winners are awarded with the title "**Dallas Couple of the Year**" and inducted into the Dallas Black Marriage Day Hall of Fame at a gala affair.

**Winning couple will receive a Couples Getaway  
at any Omni Hotel & Resort**

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