

The City of Coral Springs and Citibank present

The 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

with Keynote Speaker Mr. Willie E. Gary

Moving Forward with Dignity and Respect
Friday, January 13, 2012

11:30 a.m. Business Luncheon

Featuring Mr. Willie E. Gary
Located at the Church by the Glades, 400 Lakeview Drive
Tickets: \$30 per person, \$300 per table of 10

7 p.m. Community Celebration

A celebration featuring music and entertainment,
highlighted by a keynote address from Mr. Willie E. Gary
Located at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Drive
Tickets: Adults \$5, Children 17 and under \$1

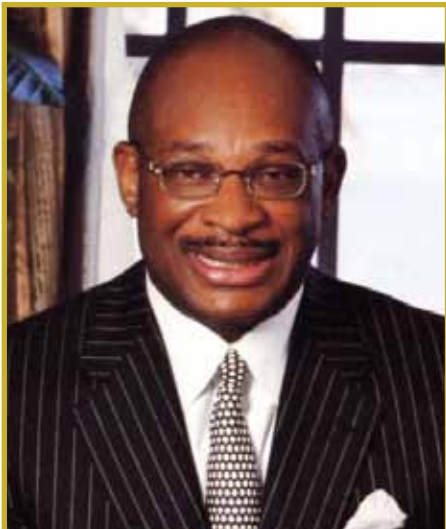
9 p.m. V.I.P. Reception Tickets: \$20

To meet and mingle with Mr. Willie E. Gary
Located at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Drive

All tickets are available at City Hall (954-344-1005) and City Hall in the Mall (954-344-1834)

The City of Coral Springs and Citibank are proud to present this year's keynote speaker - Willie E. Gary, a leading trial attorney and humanitarian from Stuart, Florida. Mr. Gary has been featured in Ebony's magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans." Forbes magazine has listed him as one of the "Top 50 Attorneys in the U.S." His remarkable legal career and tireless work on behalf of his clients have been documented on "60 Minutes," the "CBS Evening News," and ABC's "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings." He also made a guest appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," and made a live appearance on CBS's "The Early Show" with Bryant Gumbel.

Willie Gary's triumphant rise to the top is no overnight success story. His vast appeal stems from his desire to be the best and a passionate work ethic he learned through his humble beginnings. One of 11 children of Turner and Mary Gary, Willie Gary was born in Eastman, Georgia and raised in migrant farming communities in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. During his teenage years, he worked as a dishwasher at the former Pelican Hotel in downtown Stuart where one of his four law offices is located today.



Mr. Willie E. Gary
Keynote Speaker

His unwavering desire to earn a college education ultimately led him to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, where the all-state high school football player would earn an athletic scholarship after being told there was no room for him on the team. Earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Gary went on to North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1974.

Gary was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1974 and opened his hometown's first African American law firm with the help of his wife, Gloria. Gary's practice has since grown into a thriving national partnership.

Known as a businessman, church man, humanitarian and philanthropist, Gary is deeply involved in charity and civic work. He is committed to enhancing the lives of young people through education and drug prevention. In 1994, he and his wife, Gloria formed the Gary Foundation which provides scholarships and other resources to youth, so they can realize their dreams of achieving a higher education. Serving as a role model for young boys and girls, Mr. Gary, who is committed to education, will impart words of encouragement and challenge students to strive for academic excellence.

We welcome Mr. Gary to Coral Springs today as he shares his personal story of triumph with our community.

For more details, please call Joyce Campos at 954-344-1005
or visit CoralSprings.org/mlk.

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