Event to Raise Funds to Help Small Businesses
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On Thursday, Oct. 13, join The University of Toledo Minority Business Development Center for “An Evening of Chance.”

The fundraiser, to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Parkway Plaza in Maumee, benefits the UT Minority Business Development Center. The center supports UT students and the local community, along with 24 businesses owned and operated by minorities. It also helps provide training, mentoring, office space and strategic development.

“Our students benefit from the center by receiving a great hands-on experience that prepares them for the real world,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, associate vice president of the Minority Business Development Center and the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women. “We achieve 100 percent placement of all students who have interned or had assistantships with us and our businesses.”

The evening will feature a photo booth, a Monte Carlo theme and magician. Guests can bid on items in the silent auction and partake of food and drink.

The event will conclude with an award ceremony for local minority business owners and highlight the various sponsors, including the Toledo Chamber of Commerce.

“This event not only allows us to support our businesses and students, but it’s also an opportunity for the community to learn about how we play a part in the greater economic development of the region,” Gore said. “We’re not just supporting small, minority-owned businesses — we’re causing a larger ripple effect that impacts generations.”

To purchase tickets, which are $50, visit toledo.edu/incubator/mbdc. Sponsors also may register through this website.

Ticket sales end Wednesday, Oct. 12. Each ticket will provide some gaming money, and additional purchases will be available.

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