



## Many Gathered to Celebrate The Wilkins Group's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

More than 200 people assembled at The InterContinental Hotel on Saturday, September 13 to celebrate



*Faye & Tom Wilkins, WGI President & WGI Founder*

a remarkable accomplishment - The Wilkins Group, Inc. (WGI) has been in business delivering telecommunications services nationwide for over 30 years. Current and former colleagues, government officials, family and close friends came far and wide to join The Wilkins Group for this special occasion. Guests were greeted in the lobby with a video showing the journey of The Wilkins Group for the past 30 years. Many saw familiar faces, and even their own, as memorable moments were shared. Built on

being a multi-generational company, there was also a room dedicated for children (ages 7-18) with food, fun games and their very own dance floor and DJ!

The evening started with a cocktail reception with many networking and catching up with new and old friends while enjoying the coined drink, *"The Wilkintini"*, and listening to the melodic tunes of the jazz pianist. Following the reception, guests filled the Malachite Ballroom while the program commenced with an invocation and special remarks from previous and current Wilkins staff from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> decades of the company's tenure. They spoke of the vision and hard work of the company and its founder and owner, Tom and Faye Wilkins, and their foundation of always putting God first in starting and running the company. The crowd then enjoyed delectable dining options at the various buffet stations. As guests enjoyed their dinner, more guests were welcomed to the stage to give their remarks on their experiences working at The Wilkins Group from inception. They spoke of the tenacity and determination Tom Wilkins possesses and the competitive spirit of Faye Wilkins, which is the perfect combination for a successful partnership. Faye and Tom Wilkins took the stage to then thank all of the people that have been impactful along their journey. "Without all who have contributed to our success in different ways – as a client/customer, employee, associate, certifying agency, policy maker, supplier, spiritual leader, family or supportive friend who has volunteered time at the company, we would not have sustained since 1986 and for being by our side, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts," said Faye Wilkins. Before taking his seat, Tom Wilkins received a standing ovation for his accomplishment and dedication to the vision and success of The Wilkins Group.

Following the program, the crowd continued to celebrate by enjoying the sounds of the legendary jazz singer, Martha Burke and the Fingerprints Band. Before departing, all guests were presented with Wilkins Group branded shirts, fandanas and mini bundt cakes to enjoy while traveling home.



*Royce West, TX Senator; Michael L. Williams; UNT at Dallas' Distinguished Leader-In-Residence, Donna Williams, VP Parsons Government Services, Margo Posey, President, D/FWMSDC, Terri Quinton, CEO, Alliance of Diversity Partners; TX Rep. Helen Giddings & guest*



*George "The Iceman Gervin", NBA Legend; Alton Joyner, The Wilkins Group Atlanta Office Operations Manager; Bobby Cheeley & Mrs. Gervin*

Special guests included: Senator Royce West; State Representative Helen Giddings; former State of Texas Education Agency Commissioner and former Texas Railroad Commissioner, Michael Williams (also former WGI General Counsel); City of Dallas Councilmember, Sandy Greyson, NBA Legend, George "The Iceman" Gervin and Margo Posey, President, Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Business Development Council.

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### **About WGI**

WGI is a telecommunications services company which provides underground construction installation and equipment deployment for major wireline and wireless providers. WGI has experienced the change and growth in technology / equipment from Central Office Step Switches through Microwave Backhaul to Generation 4 wireless cell systems using copper, fiber and wireless.

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