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PRESS RELEASE

August Wilson Center Mourns the Loss of Dwight White

***Dwight White, was great supporter of the August Wilson Center
and co-chair of AWC Capital Campaign***

Pittsburgh, PA—June 6, 2008—“The Board and staff of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dwight White, who along with his wife Karen, has been a long-standing supporter and friend of the Center since its inception,” said Neil Barclay, president and CEO of the August Wilson Center.

“Most recently, as co-chairs of the Center's ongoing Capital Campaign, Mr. and Mrs. White have been extremely instrumental in our efforts to raise more than \$28 million toward the construction of the new facility. Dwight's enthusiasm, dedication and commitment played an integral role in the success of the Center. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time,” Barclay said.

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About the August Wilson Center for African American Culture

The August Wilson Center for African American Culture preserves, presents and interprets the art, culture and history of African Americans in western Pennsylvania and people of African descent throughout the world. The Center realizes its mission through an engaging schedule of visual and performing arts presentations as well as historical, educational and public programs.

The Center is involved in a \$35.9 million Capital Campaign to build a new facility located at Liberty Avenue, Tenth Street and William Penn Place in Pittsburgh's Downtown. More than a museum, the multidisciplinary cultural center will be reflective of all aspects of African American culture. Opening in spring 2009, the Center's striking, two-story, green building will house exhibition galleries, a 479-seat theater for performances in all disciplines, an education center, a café and gift shop, and multipurpose spaces for community programs and events.

More information is available on the Center's Web site at AugustWilsonCenter.org and by calling 412.258.2700.