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Black Wall Street SOIREE 2024 featuring the Joe Manns Black Wall Street Awards.

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By Doni Glover, Publisher

(BALTIMORE – December 6, 2024) – In a world where the Black community often faces negative portrayals in mainstream media, I am profoundly proud of us. Our unyielding tenacity, in the face of countless challenges, is unparalleled. Though I reject a victim mentality, I acknowledge the realities of waking up Black in a society where unhealed trauma and systemic issues persist. Despite it all, I wouldn't trade races for anything.

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One of the most inspiring aspects was the shared sense of family. Regardless of where we came from or our current status, the evening was a powerful reminder of the strength we have when we come together.

Recently, someone criticized Black-owned businesses in a way that reminded me how easy it is to tear each other down. Growing up in a Black business-owning family, I don't subscribe to that mindset. When I see a struggling business owner, I don't critique them publicly—I pull them aside to offer support, solutions, or guidance. What I will never do is use my platform to harm our community. If I can't help, I certainly won't hurt.

It deeply pains me to hear negativity spoken over Black-owned businesses. Instead, we must *speak life* into them. As Calvin Watkins said, we need to support our businesses "until it hurts." Last night, keynote speaker [Alicia Wilson, Esquire, emphasized that our collective annual disposable income exceeds \\$1 trillion](#)—a staggering figure that could transform our communities if spent more intentionally.

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The truth is clear: **we must do better.** Too often, we finance companies that don't respect or value us, and that must change. No excuses. We owe it to ourselves, our businesses,



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