



## Rooms To Go Donates Furnishings to Shaw University

Shaw University held an Unveiling and Ribbon-Cutting ceremony on Oct. 12 in Raleigh, NC after the school received a major donation of contemporary furniture and accessories from Rooms To Go, America's number one furniture retailer.

The furnishings, delivered by Kinney's Trucking on Oct. 5, and placed in The George C. Debnam Faculty Lounge and Dimple M. Newsome Living/Learning Hall. The donation included oversized leather chairs, leather sofas and love seats, fabric sofas, cocktail tables, end tables, lamps, ottomans and recliners. Rugs and wall units were also included in the furnishings package.

The faculty lounge is located in the building named after Dr. George C. Debnam, for his commitment to Shaw and love for its professors. Dr. Debnam has practiced medicine in the Raleigh area for over 47 years. His medical practice is currently run by his twin daughters. The living/learning hall in the women's dormitory is named for staunch alumna and trustee Dr. Dimple M. Newsome.

Dr. Debnam and Dr. Dimple Newsome were both in attendance for the unveiling with members of Shaw's Board of Trustees, Shaw President Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, Rooms To Go General Manager of the Charlotte Distribution Center Malcom Nightingale and Richard Whitehead, Manager of the Raleigh Rooms To Go Showroom.

The ceremony was followed by a VIP Luncheon in the newly renovated administration building, Estey Hall. Nightingale and Whitehead were recognized by Dr. Newsome and the Board of Trustees for RTG's donation. They each were given Shaw afghans embroidered with the school's shield as an expression of their appreciation.

Shaw University is the oldest historically black college in the South. A private and coeducational liberal arts university founded in 1865 that is formerly affiliated with the faith-based community through the Baptist Church.

Professors, students and guests were excited about the diverse furniture selections and thanked Rooms To Go for providing a more comfortable place to engage in the business of education.



Ribbon cutters at the faculty lounge were (from left to right) Dr. Dimple M. Newsome, Shaw grad and women's dormitory namesake; Richard Whitehead, RTG Manager of the Raleigh Showroom; Malcom Nightingale, RTG GM for Charlotte Distribution Center; Dr. Clarence Newsome, President of Shaw University; Patrice Gist, Ms. Shaw University; Dr. George C. Debnam, board member and faculty lounge namesake; Dr. Herman Thomas, VP of Academic Affairs and Dr. Grace M. Ndip, Faculty Coordinator.



At the VIP Luncheon, Dr. Clarence Newsome (center) presented RTG's Malcom Nightingale (left) and Richard Whitehead (right) with Shaw University afghans in appreciation for the furniture donation.



The RTG truck arrives to deliver furniture to Dimple M. Newsome Living/Learning Hall and George C. Debnam Faculty Lounge.



Kinney's Trucking Company movers unload leather oversized chairs into Debnam Hall Faculty Lounge.



Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Newsome (top center and left) greeted board members Maxwell (bottom center) and Wiggins (right) who are also members of Links, Inc. at the VIP Luncheon.



Shaw University's SGA President, Mylan Lee (center), greets RTG's Malcom Nightingale (left) and Richard Whitehead (right).



Students started studying on the new furniture in Dimple Hall lobby soon after it was placed.



The ladies of Dimple Hall pause for a photo on their new lobby sofas.