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Chuck Bennett: Society

Braylon Edwards thanks friends of his foundation



To thank those who support his foundation, Braylon Edwards and his mother and stepfather, Malesa and Charles Plater, hosted their annual holiday party at the Platers' posh West Bloomfield Township home.

Edwards, the popular Cleveland Browns wide receiver, is a native Detroiter. Always impeccably dressed, he wore a sleek Euro look with a custom-made white shirt and custom-fitted jeans under a black vest and skinny tie. His non-profit, Braylon Edwards Foundation, addresses the needs of the less fortunate, with a particular emphasis on educating young people.

An estimated 175 people attended the event on Dec. 22, and were given full run of the elaborate digs, decorated for the holidays. Ronald Jackson Catering provided a hearty spread. Edwards' personal chef, Doug Fulton, sent a gumbo from Cleveland that guests couldn't seem to get enough of.

When the standing-room-only crowd began to thin out after midnight, the dancing began -- the hustle, Greek stepping and even a "Soul Train" line dance. Guests were asked to bring canned food as a donation. More than 200 cans were collected, which Edwards delivered to the Capuchin Service Center.

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"This party gets bigger and better each year," said Edwards. "I think everybody is just happy to put this year behind us with hopes of a better '09."

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