

The West Indian Foundation, Inc.

Lifeline to the Greater Hartford West Indian American Community

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Dear Friend(s) of the West Indian Foundation, Inc.:

The Officers and Board of Directors of the West Indian Foundation, Inc. would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued dedication and ongoing support. Thanks to your enduring commitment, the Foundation continues to raise the bar and advance our organizational goals through the education and empowerment of our youth. Therefore, it is our great pleasure to cordially invite you to once again share in a truly unforgettable evening—The West Indian Foundation, Inc.'s 28th Anniversary Scholarship and Awards Gala on Saturday, October 14th at the Hartford Convention Center in Connecticut.

This year, we are pleased to have sitting as our Honorary Gala Chairperson, State Treasurer of Connecticut, the Honorable Denise Nappier. Also serving as Co-Chairs of this signature event, Gwen Smith Iloani, President & CEO of Smith Whiley & Co and Wes Thompson, Head of Employer Markets of the Lincoln Financial Group. Providing entertainment for our esteemed members and guests—*back by popular demand*—the legendary Byron Lee and The Dragonaires, [soca giant extraordinaire].

The Greater Hartford West Indian Community is the third largest Caribbean community in the United States. Our wider community is committed to providing the best education for our children by fostering a joy in learning, cultivating leadership and encouraging academic excellence. Through your generous support, The West Indian Foundation Inc., raises funds to further advance the organization's mission of "*Educating Today For A Better Tomorrow*". The majority of our youth programs take place within the greater Hartford school system, which actively partners with teachers and staff members through community-sponsored initiatives such as the following:

- ❑ **After School Communication/Arts/Math Program:** is a program that has increased the academic skill level of many participating inner-city youths. We provide mentoring, educational trips, college preparation and most importantly life skills training.
- ❑ **The Fine Arts Summer/Junior Cricket/Youth Day Programs:** provides a creative expression outlet for our young people and introduces them to the rich traditions of the Caribbean culture. In addition, this exposure opens many doors to scholarship opportunities for higher education.
- ❑ **Career Recreation Program:** exposes our youth to career opportunities as they become aware of their talents and skills in preparing for their future. We have many mentors who volunteer their time to inspire and guide our young people to achieving their goals.

Please join the West Indian Foundation, Inc in making this yet another successful event so that we may continue to achieve this very important mission. Once again, our most sincere thanks for all the support you have given The West Indian Foundation over the years and we look forward to seeing you at our annual gala.

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Enclosed is information regarding all levels of sponsorship and advertising for your review, please remember that all levels of support make a difference for our youth.

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Sincerely,

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