

NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC HONORS 5 NONPROFITS AND 12 NEW YORKERS WHO INVEST IN NYC NEIGHBORHOODS ON JUNE 29.

The NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC (NTAC) hosts its 4th Annual Awards Dinner Benefit which will be a salute to five “NYC Nonprofits And The Neighborhoods They Serve: Promoting Wellness and Healthy Neighborhoods,” and to 14 distinguished individuals for their community service, at Stage 6 at Steiner Studios, in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, on Wednesday, June 29, from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Valerie Oliver-Durrah, NTAC founder/president says. “The Benefit will be an inclusive, spectacular event, beginning with the rooftop cocktail reception through dinner and an awards ceremony, and it will be a classic celebration of NYC, its people and philanthropy.” She adds. “The NTAC Benefit also celebrates Caribbean American Heritage Month.”

The NTAC 4th Annual Dinner Gala honors five NYC grassroots organizations in as many boroughs. They are:

The Youth and Tennis, Inc., Queens
Sesame Flyers International, Inc., Brooklyn
Uptown Dance Academy, Manhattan
Muslim Women’s Fund, Bronx
Girl’s Talk Program of Stapleton - UAME Church, Staten Island.

The NTAC 12 distinguished individuals are honored in either of two categories: the *Neighborhood Investor Award* and the *Lifetime Achievement Award*. The Neighborhood Investor Awardees are:

Gary Axelbank, Monroe College Director of Public Relations;
Reginald Canal, Capital One Bank, Senior Vice President of Business Banking;
Kimberly Hayes, Social Systems Strategies CEO;
Sabrina HoSang, Caribbean Food Delights Chief Operating Officer;
George Hulse, Healthfirst VP of External Affairs;
Kathy Jordan-Sharpton, Apollo Theater Foundation, Inc.;

Denise Rosario, Coalition for Hispanic Family Services Executive Director;
Patricia A. Sampson, BNY MELLON Managing Director;
Dawn Walker, New York City Housing Authority Director of Office of Public-Private Partnerships.

The NTAC Lifetime Achievement Awardees are:

William L. Freeman, posthumously
Charles J. Hynes, Brooklyn District Attorney
Darryl C. Towns, Commissioner/CEO NYS Homes and Community Renewal.

Commenting on the significance of the Gala is the Gala Chair, **Yvonne Riley-Tepie**, **Vice President of Field Marketing at TD Bank**. Ms. Riley-Tepie feels that “this annual celebration of nonprofits and civic activism offers real inspiration. The focus it brings to community leaders and investors encourages foundations and corporations to look closer at hands-on support. The spotlight it gives to energetic and effective grass-roots nonprofits demonstrates how effective and efficient that support - in time and funding - can be. This is also the primary reason why TD Bank has chosen to be a corporate sponsor for the Gala.”

The Gala’s Co-Chairs and sponsors include: **BNY Mellon, Healthfirst, Jazzmobile Inc., JP Morgan Chase, Macy’s, Madiba Restaurant, MetroPlus Health Plan, OraSure Technologies Inc., United Way of New York City, Verizon and WABC-TV.**

The Gala’s entertainment roster boasts a rich variety of artists from the well-known Jazzmobile favorite **Boncella Lewis Quartet**, to the youthful and accomplished **Steel Drum Orchestra of the Sesame Flyers**, to the spiritual ballet of the **Uptown Dance Academy** from Harlem. Adding to the NYC neighborhood flavor will be **The Brooklyn Steppers** and **Jammin Jumpers Double Dutch Association**.

Gala tickets are \$150, \$200 and \$300. For reservations, call 718.455.3784 or make your reservation and payment on-line here: <http://www.jotform.com/form/10253943298>. And, for updated information visit www.neighborhoodclinic.org/NTAC_Gala_2011

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Founded in 1998, by veteran social work administrator and philanthropist Valerie Oliver Durrah, the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic is a 501©3 nonprofit, which provides strategic direction, organizational oversight and technical assistance clinics to grassroots nonprofits and to grantmakers. It initiates dialogues between funders, community-based and faith-based organizations to grow and improve delivery of programs and services for neighborhood needs. The NTAC is headquartered at 544 McDonough Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Its phone number is 718 455.3784 and its website is neighborhoodclinic.org.

The NTAC Board of Directors includes Reverend Sylvia G. Kinard, Esq, its president, and Reverend Kanyere Eaton, Angela Hollis, Kimberley Hayes and Gayle Gilbert.

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