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Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) Salutes Individuals and Local Non-Profits as *Champions for Bedford Stuyvesant,* Thursday, Dec. 1 at The Victorian Mansion

On Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 6pm-9pm at the Victorian Mansion, 247 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, NY, "something special will happen in Bedford-Stuyvesant!" says Valerie Durrah, Founder and CEO of The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC), an organization which specializes in giving individuals and groups the tools and resources that truly make things happen for the Bedford-Stuyvesant village!

Ms. Oliver-Durrah is a nationally known non-profit expert and philanthropic advisor.

She announced last week that NTAC "will launch its *Champions for Bedford Stuyvesant* benefit reception this fall to praise and celebrate neighborhood leaders, corporate representatives and several key nonprofit organizations who are lifelines for the community through their work and commitment."

This year's honorees are Seth Edwards, Vice President, Community Relations, Brooklyn and Staten Island, JPMorgan Chase; and Ralph Bumbaca, Senior Vice President, Brooklyn and Staten Island Commercial Lending, TD Bank.

"The theme for our neighborhood-based initiative is 'Nonprofits Rule: Neighborhoods Matter,' she announced in an NTAC press release.

At the event, nonprofit organizations and their attending board staff will be recognized as partners of NTAC who share NTAC's ultimate mission of community empowerment and enrichment. These organizations include: The Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center, Inc., Bedford-Stuyvesant Lions, Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA, Bridge Street Development Corporation, Brooklyn Central Community Development Corporation, Brownstoners of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Community First Services, Inc., Neighborhood Housing Services of Bedford-Stuyvesant, The Noel Pointer Foundation, The Northeast Brooklyn Housing Corporation, Magnolia Tree Earth Center.



Non-profit Champion
Valerie Durrah

Commenting on the fund-raising reception Valerie Oliver-Durrah stated, "We hope to raise funds to provide free training for grassroots organizations and block associations in Bedford-Stuyvesant, such as the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps and groups who are service our seniors.

"We also expect that this event may serve as a catalyst for bringing together Bedford-Stuyvesant homeowners, leaders, businesses and nonprofits in the future to discuss critical issues affecting the greater Bedford-Stuyvesant area."

At the *Champions of Bedford Stuyvesant* event, there will be an opportunity to bid on auction items for hotel accommodations in Brazil, the Caribbean, Italy and more.

NTAC chose to kick off its first neighborhood celebration within Bedford-Stuyvesant because it is the beloved home for several decades of the nationally known Ms. Oliver-Durrah and her family.

For ticket information, contact the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic at 718-455-3784 or via email at volivere@aol.com.

Our Time Press is the event media partner. We'll see you there!