



## **CAFCI**

34<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Friendship Ball

BRIDGING GENERATIONS

Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of Community Service.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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#### Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage

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### Goals & Purposes

The Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) was incorporated in Palm Beach County, Florida. The primary purpose and objectives are to create an atmosphere and sponsor events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the ethnic groups in our community. To seek out, recognize, and support persons of Caribbean ancestry residing in the regions; to encourage involvement with other groups, spearheading projects that are likely to improve the quality of life in the community at large; to promote and/or positively respond to multicultural events which complement our efforts and enhance our objectives and values; and contribute to educational and humanitarian needs as warranted.

## Message from CAFCI'S PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to CAFCI's 34th Annual Friendship Ball. Tonight, we celebrate not only another year of fellowship and cultural pride but also 36 years of dedicated service and leadership in our community.

Our theme this year, "Bridging Generations: Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of Community Service," honors the legacy of our founders, celebrates the continued dedication of our current members, and embraces the promise of our younger generation who are stepping forward to lead. CAFCI's strength has always come from its people—and today, that strength is more vibrant and united than ever.



#### Financial Assistance Fund Program

This year, CAFCI awarded a total of \$19,000 in scholarships—ten students received \$1,500 each, and four students received \$1,000 each to assist with their college education. This vital program continues to impact lives in meaningful ways. Many of our past recipients remain in touch, sharing their college and career achievements and mentoring newer awardees. Thank you to all who have contributed to making this program a continued success.

#### Youth and Community Engagement

Our support for Scout Troops 111 and 4111 and Cub Scouts Pack 111 (formerly Pack 120) remains strong. These youth groups bring enthusiasm and leadership to key community events, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Cultural Diversity Day celebrations, showcasing values of civic pride and service.

#### Community Partnerships and Public Events

Our partnership with the Village of Royal Palm Beach and support from the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County continues to flourish. In 2025, we hosted our 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. The event featured an expanded and diverse lineup of performances, with a strong focus on youth and multicultural engagement.

Our annual Cultural Diversity Day celebration at Veterans Park was once again a highlight of the year. Despite the heat, the community turnout was outstanding. The event brought together a variety of cultural traditions, foods, and performances—perfectly capturing CAFCI's mission to promote unity through diversity.

#### Supporting International Educators

CAFCI was proud to once again support newly recruited international teachers—many from the Caribbean—joining the Palm Beach County School District. We were one of only three organizations invited to participate in their orientation program. We gladly offered guidance, cultural insight, and a warm welcome to these educators as they began their journey here.

#### With Gratitude

To our members, supporters, donors, and volunteers—thank you. Your contributions, passion, and belief in CAFCI are what sustain and grow this organization. Special thanks to our board members and committee chairs whose tireless work has brought us to this moment of celebration.

To our **Citizen of the Year**, congratulations. Your dedication, commitment, and continued service truly embody the mission and spirit of CAFCI.

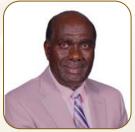
As we reflect on the past and celebrate the present, we also look to the future with confidence. CAFCI will continue to grow, adapt, and thrive, bridging generations and empowering our community for many more years to come.

Enjoy the evening and thank you for being a valued part of the CAFCI family.

Warm regards,

Dennis Wright

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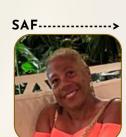
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### CAFCI Subsidiaries

Fourteen years after inception in 1989, CAFCI spread its wings and created its first subsidiary relationship in 2003 as the charter organization for Boy Scouts of America Troop 111, Royal Palm Beach. In 2004 the Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to encourage and assist the youths in the community to reach their goals. Later in 2006, CAFCI became the charter organization for Cub Scout Pack 111 (formerly Pack 120), Royal Palm Beach. In 2024 Troop 4111 for girls was established. All subsidiaries believe in and adopt CAFCI's Mission, support CAFCI's Vision, as well as CAFCI's Goals and Purposes, also contributing to educational and humanitarian efforts as needed.



Troop 111 Established 2003 Troop 4111 Established 2024 Royal Palm Beach



Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund Established 2004



Cub Scout Pack 111 (formerly 120) Royal Palm Beach Established 2006



## MASTER OF CEREMONIES THE HONORABLE WAYNE RICHARDS

WELCOME	- Dennis Wright President, CAFCI Chairman, Friendship Ball
NATIONAL ANTHEM	- Steve Higgins
INVOCATION	- Laurie S. Cohen Village Attorney, Wellington
RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS	Nadine White-Boyd, Esq.
CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAMAICA, MIAMI	- R. Oliver Mair Consul General
Vinner Served	
GREETINGS & PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH	- Jeff Hmara Mayor, Royal Palm Beach
GREETINGS & PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON	Laurie S. Cohen Village Attorney, Wellington
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	Dennis Wright
PRESENTATION OF 2025 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR	- Nadine White-Boyd, Esq.
TRIBUTE TO OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR	Steve Higgins
VOTE OF THANKS & RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS & ADVERTISERS	- Norma Smith-Hill
RAFFLE DRAWING	- Alvin Nembhard Dennis Wright
DOOR PRIZES	- Cindy Beckles

....and the Party Begins

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**Audrey Smith** 

#### **CAFCI 2025**

## Outstanding Citizen of the Year



#### WINSOM GENUS MARTIN

Winsom Genus Martin was born in Grove Town, South Manchester, Jamaica, where she lived and started her formal education. She attended Mico Teachers College for three years graduating in 1976. It wasn't long before she was offered a teaching position at Harwood School in St Catherine. After Harwood School, Winsom taught at Old Harbour Primary School and Mandeville Primary School. Winsom was known as an Activist in her community, a real go-getter that got things done. Although she was very young, because of her kind considerate ways, and concern with the welfare of others, she was not afraid to speak out to politicians regarding rural electrification and water for her community, and she got it done.

Winsom migrated to Boynton Beach, Florida with her former husband Norman in 1982, however, every year she traveled back to Jamaica, with a barrel, to visit her mom. That barrel was full of not only supplies but it was also filled with her passion for helping others, especially the youth. Every year Winsom brought and distributed school supplies for the children in her district.

Ten years later, they made the decision to move to Royal Palm Beach where they raised their family, a plus not only for the community, but for CAFCI as well.

Winsom worked as an Accounts Payable Analyst at the Boca Raton Resort and later spent over 20 years as the Human Resource Manager at the Boca West Country Club. From there, she worked with the Palm Beach County School system before retiring in 2018.

In the early 1990s, Winsom joined CAFCI, where she immediately began volunteering her time. She has served on CAFCI's community outreach and cultural awareness committees which includes Toys for Tots Drive, the Annual Talent Show, the Student Assistance Fund program and the Cultural Committee which coordinates the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Cultural Diversity Day celebrations and CAFCI's Relay for Life team. She also served on CAFCI's Board of Directors as Corresponding Secretary in 1996-1997 and returned to serve again in 2021. Whenever she is called on to assist she always answers "yes," and willingly jumps in to help even when not asked, serving at picnics and functions, always giving of herself.

Winsom is a dedicated and faithful member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, where she serves with quiet grace. As a member of the Alter Guild, she plays a vital role in preparing the church for worship by ensuring that the sanctuary is properly set for each service, lovingly decorating it with seasonal flowers and tending to its reverent upkeep before and after service.

In addition to her service on the Altar Guild, Winsom is an active member of the Episcopal Church Woman (ECW), a ministry by and for women throughout the Episcopal Church. At St. Christopher's, through the ECW, Winsom serves in many of their activities including hosting weekly coffee hours, organizing spring and fall rummage sales, and leading fundraising efforts. She also serves as an usher and greeter during Sunday services, and she spearheaded their monthly food pantry delivery program. Through her ministries, Winsom exemplifies a life of faithful service to others, not only to her Church Community but her community at large

Consistent with CAFCI's belief in improving the quality of life in our community and bringing about mutual understanding among the diverse ethnic groups through cultural awareness, we truly appreciate Winsom's extraordinary efforts in the community and in CAFCI.

CAFCI is honored and proud to have her as a member for over 30 years. It is with tremendous gratitude that CAFCI bestows the organization's 2025 Outstanding Citizen of the Year to Winsom Genus Martin, an honor she is most deserving of.

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A heartfelt thank-you to the incredible Ball Committee and all our volunteers whose behind-the-scenes magic & teamwork make everything shine.

## A Special Tribute to Honor

#### TWO CAFCI GIANTS WHO HAVE PASSED ON

Since the printing of the 2024 CAFCI Annual Friendship Ball Journal, two members who have served on the CAFCI Board and been integral to the success and growth of CAFCI have transitioned: Lawrence Logan and Fred Pinto. Both Lawrence and Fred were long-time CAFCI members, past CAFCI Presidents and major contributors to the advancement of the organization.



LAWRENCE LOGAN and his wife, Gwendolyn (Gwen), visited friends in Royal Palm Beach in the early 1990s and fell in love with the Village of Royal Palm Beach. The Logans were so captivated by the Village and the community, when they returned to New York, they put their home on the market and contracted the building of a home in Royal Palm Beach.

Upon their relocation they quickly established roots in the community where Lawrence became very involved. They found their spiritual home at St. David Episcopal Church where he was immediately very active and supportive. He

joined CAFCI and Crestwood Performing Arts League (C-PAL) - a now defunct local cultural organization - and soon joined the board of both organizations.

Lawrence was a member of CAFCI for over 30 years and led and/or served on several committees: CAFCI President, CAFCI Board Chair, Friendship Ball Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair, Newsletter Committee, Headquarter Administrator, Picnic Committee, New Year's Eve Gala Committee and the Interfaith Service Celebration Committee. Lawrence was a strong supporter of the CAFCI Youth; he never missed a Scout event. Most CAFCI functions were performed under the watchful eye of Lawrence who did not hesitate to share his thoughts.

Beyond CAFCI, he spent endless hours volunteering with the Royal Palm Beach County Young At Heart Program and the Meals and Senior Activity Center.

Until failing health curbed his activities, Lawrence could be considered CAFCI's ambassador. If you were new to the community, after Lawrence got to know you and was satisfied that you would be an asset to the organization, he would invite you, well, encourage you to come to a CAFCI meeting; there he would give you an application for membership and remind you to submit it until you complied. Each year, members who had not renewed their membership would receive reminders; those who needed more reminding would receive phone calls from Lawrence, sometimes he would make a house visit to collect the check.

Lawrence retained his passion for the welfare of CAFCI, St. David and the Royal Palm Beach community even after his declining health prevented him from physically participating in activities. CAFCI, St. David and the Village of Royal Palm Beach lost a great friend and ambassador in his passing on June 19, 2025.



Oon't worry... about a thing...
'cause every little thing is gonna be alright.
Fred's favorite lyric.

MAYOR FREDERICK G. PINTO, a native New Yorker, grew up in the uptown Manhattan community of Harlem. As a young adult, Fred proudly served his country in the United States Army. He later enjoyed a successful career in the U.S financial center, Wall Street, New York.

In the late 1990s, Fred and his wife Brenda relocated and moved to Royal Palm Beach which he lovingly referred to as, "Mayberry". As a Veteran, he was no stranger to service so he quickly became immersed in community government and CAFCI. He won a seat on the Village Council in 2003 where he served for many years before becoming Mayor in 2016. He led the Village of Royal Palm Beach in that position until his unexpected passing on September 14, 2024. He worked tirelessly with the Council to improve and preserve the quality of life that we all enjoy in our unique village. Fred Pinto was the first African American to hold the office of Mayor in Royal Palm Beach.

Aside from government, Fred also chaired and was active in numerous other organizations. As a Lifetime CAFCI Member, he worked closely with former councilman and Vice Mayor of Royal Palm Beach, Vivian Ferrin. Together, they revised the CAFCI bylaws that still guide our organization today. In 2002 he was elected to the CAFCI Board of Directors and later served as Board President for three years. Under his leadership CAFCI flourished and become a vital part of the Royal Palm Beach community. Some of his accolades as CAFCI President include the launching of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, the creation of the Grant Committee, the awarding of a Grant from the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, and the expansion of CAFCI's Youth Program to become the Charter Organization for Boy Scout Troop 111. Fred was a passionate believer in volunteerism who led CAFCI in support of Community Health, PBC literacy programs and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

After stepping down as President, Fred continued to serve on the CAFCI Board until 2010. He was also a founding member of CAFCI's subsidiary organization, The Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Fred Pinto remained a supporting member of all of the above-mentioned organizations and programs until his passing. His leadership in both government and CAFCI was unwavering. He led the way, illuminated the path and reached out to encourage others to make a difference in the lives of their community members. Council & board members, residents, veterans, first responders, CAFCI members, Scouts and family will forever remember Fred and cherish the legacy of a life well lived, not for self but for the betterment of others.



## Consulate General of Jamaica, Miami Message Caribbean American For Community Involvement (CAFCI) Annual Friendship Ball 2025



On behalf of the staff of the Consulate General I wish to congratulate the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Caribbean American for Community Involvement (CAFCI), as you celebrate another year of accomplishments.

Tonight, we applaud the participation and support of you our nationals and friends of the Diaspora, for ways that your contributions can be, and have been meaningful, to the development of our future generations in areas such as education, healthcare, sports and business development, and culture and entertainment.

Your role as ambassadors in diaspora engagement is vital as you continue to extend the reach and presence of our Caribbean community in our host country. You continue to demonstrate a spirit of resilience, strength, and courage even under the most challenging of circumstances. For this, you must be commended.

I now challenge members of CAFCI as you begin another year of refocusing and renewing your agenda, and refreshing your minds to look forward to new opportunities and challenges as we join hands in our efforts for community development, a role you have demonstrated so well over the years as an integral group of the South Florida Diaspora.

Let us use this time also for a period of thanksgiving, reflection and planning for the future as we continue to work together, with a positive attitude that will continue to strengthen the foundation as we move forward to achieve greatness, overcoming the hurdles encountered along the way.

I wish you the members and patrons of CAFCI, an entertaining and enjoyable evening as you celebrate this year of accomplishments, and also to rekindle friendships with associates and loved ones.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

R. Oliver Mair, Consul General Southern USA LOIS FRANKEL 22ND DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Dear Friends,

I want to congratulate the Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc. on their 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Annual Friendship Ball. Your programs in our community address the social, educational, and health care needs, while providing an atmosphere of respect and understanding among all ethnic groups.

Your organization continues to enrich the lives of people throughout Palm Beach County. The focus on both younger and older neighbors continues to be so important here where we all live.

Again, I offer my congratulations and thanks for your past accomplishments and your continuation of hard work to enrich, empower and impact people here every day.

Have a wonderful evening and please contact my office if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lois Frankel Member of Congress FL-22<sup>nd</sup> District

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## SARA BAXTER Vice Mayor

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#### August 13, 2025

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#### Greeting from Commissioner Sara Baxter

It is my honor to join in celebrating the 34th Annual CAFCI Friendship Ball and to congratulate Caribbean-American for Community Involvement (CAFCI) on 36 years of dedicated service to our community.

This year's theme, "Bridging Generations: Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of Community Service," is a beautiful reminder that the legacy of service is built one act of kindness, one moment of leadership, and one partnership at a time. CAFCI has been a shining example of how a committed organization can strengthen bonds, uplift neighbors, and open doors of opportunity for all.

From supporting our youth through the Student Assistance Fund Program, to hosting meaningful cultural events that bring people together in understanding and unity, CAFCI continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of District 6 residents. Your efforts remind us that when we honor our history and invest in the next generation, we truly build a stronger future.

On behalf of the residents of District 6, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to CAFCI's leadership, members, and friends. May this evening be a joyful celebration of all you have accomplished, and a stepping stone to even greater achievements in the years ahead.

Warm regards,

Sara Baxter

Vice Mayor, Palm Beach County County Commissioner, District 6

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May 19, 2025

Dennis Wright, President Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc. 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Dear Mr. Wright,

Congratulations on 36 years of CAFCI's unwavering commitment to cultural heritage, education, and civic engagement that enriches the fabric of our Palm Beach County community.

There is much to celebrate at the 34th Annual Friendship Ball, a powerful reflection of unity, pride, and the enduring strength of Caribbean-American contributions to our shared future.



As a Caribbean-American, I sincerely appreciate the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement's commitment to leadership and creating meaningful opportunities to bring people together in the spirit of friendship and service. Your work inspires and uplifts our community, and I am proud to stand with you in support.

My heartfelt gratitude for your contributions to the people of Palm Beach County and best wishes for an incredible event.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS

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Dear Dennis Wright,

On behalf of the Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners and staff, it is my pleasure to extend our support for Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) and your 34th Annual Friendship Ball.



CAFCI's ongoing efforts to honor Caribbean heritage, celebrate cultural diversity, and uplift our community are truly commendable. Your mission reflects the values we proudly share at the Port of Palm Beach.

As CAFCI celebrates another year, we applaud your decades of service and the positive impact you've made throughout the region. Wishing you all the best in the year ahead!

Sincerely,

Dr. Deandre Poole

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June 16, 2025

Dennis Wright, President Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc. 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite 134 Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is with great honor that I extend congratulations to the Caribbean American for Community Involvement, Inc. (CAFCI) on its 35th anniversary of the Annual Friendship Ball.

The steadfast dedication of CAFCI in the Western Communities, notably through the facilitation of influential events such as the Annual Education Awareness Program, the Annual Student Assistance Program, the Martin Luther King Day Celebration, and the Annual Cultural Diversity Day, deserves commendation.

The commitment to community involvement realized through volunteerism and support of our youth, senior citizens, and other agencies, is invaluable. The organization's mission stands as an asset to the enhancement of our community's quality of life.

I wish you continued excellence and success in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Marcia Andrews

Marcia Andrews School Board Vice Chair District 6

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Jeff Hmara Mayor

July 31, 2025



Mr. Dennis Wright, President Caribbean-Americans for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. 675 Royal Palm Boulevard, Room 134 Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

#### Dear Dennis:

I would like to extend my congratulations to the CAFCI organization as you celebrate 36 years of outstanding community involvement. Your unwavering commitment and the contributions you've made over the years have significantly enriched our community and continue to be a tremendous asset to Royal Palm Beach.

The positive impact your organization has had on the Western Communities cannot be overstated, and we are truly fortunate to have you as a part of our vibrant community. Your dedication to service is inspiring, and I look forward to seeing the continued success and growth of CAFCI in the years to come.

Best wishes for a successful and impactful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hmara, Mayor

Village of Royal Palm Beach

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement (CAFCI) was established 36 years ago for the purpose of creating and fostering better community relationships and advocating cultural and intellectual growth among the people of the Palm Beaches; and

Whereas, this organization is dedicated to endeavors which seek to improve the social, educational, humanitarian and cultural aspirations of its members, neighbors and associates; and

Whereas, this year's theme "Bridging Generations: Celebrating the Past, Present and the Future to Community Service" provides the impetus for members and associates to continue their efforts in uniting the community through friendship and harmony with programs such as "Student Assistance Program Fund", "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration", "Cultural Diversity Day", "Sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 111" and "Cub Scout Pack 120" and various other community outreach programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Hmara, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, on behalf of the entire Village Council, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2025, as

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DAY

in the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, and urge all residents to join in saluting the contributions of this organization to the community.

Signed and Sealed this 20th day of September, 2025.

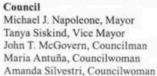
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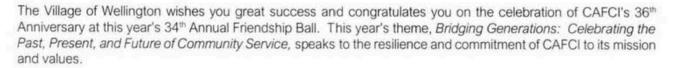
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August 12, 2025

Mr. Dennis Wright, President Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc. 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134 Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Dear Mr. Wright:



Wellington's Council sincerely appreciates all of the hard work and continued commitment shown by the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc. (CAFCI) in Palm Beach County's Western Communities and is proud to support the organization's mission to create and promote cultural diversity in our communities.

For over 30 years, CAFCI has worked diligently to ensure that its members' ancestral culture and traditions continue to survive and thrive, fostering lasting relationships while always serving the social, educational, and health needs of the community.

Wellington is thankful for all that CAFCI has done to enable us to continue to fulfill its mission of building strong neighborhoods by inspiring opportunities for learning, social support, and recreation. Wellington is committed to fostering cultural diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community and ensuring that our residents continue to be supported.

It is our sincere hope that Wellington has an opportunity to work with CAFCI on future opportunities and projects within the community to help enrich the lives of our residents.

Regards

Michael J. Napoleone

Mayor

#### A PROCLAMATION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 AS "CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN FLORIDA, INC. (CAFCI) DAY" IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

WHEREAS, Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida (CAFCI) is commemorating and celebrating their 36th Anniversary at this year's Annual Friendship Ball. The theme this year is: Bridging Generations: Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of Community Service.

WHEREAS, this organization was founded to create and foster better community relationships and sustain a quality of life consistent with ancestral culture and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida is committed to volunteerism and dedicated to creating an atmosphere of respect by promoting events that encourage involvement and assist in serving the social, educational and health needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the 34th Annual Friendship Ball will be held on September 20, 2025 as Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida celebrates its success in promoting multicultural events that support the organization's mission, objectives and values, and commitment to the community through scholarships, awards, and various community outreach related programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, Wellington, Florida's Council hereby proclaims September 20, 2025 as "Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) Day" in the Village of Wellington and urges all residents to join them in acknowledging this organization for its contributions to the community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 23rd day of July, 2025.

ATTEST:

Chevelle D. Hall, Village Clerk

WELLINGTON, FLORE

Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor



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Keith A. James Mayor

September 20, 2025

#### Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of West Palm Beach, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 34th Annual Friendship Ball hosted by Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, in Florida, Inc (CAFCI).

Congratulations CAFCI on your 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary; I commend you for your commitment and volunteerism with youth and senior citizens through social engagement programs while celebrating culture and tradition.

Thank you for your dedication and civic involvement; you are helping build and sustain a healthier and stronger community.

Best wishes for a memorable event.

Yours in service,

Keith A. James

Mayor



Mr. Dennis Wright
Caribbean American for Community Involvement (CAFCI)
675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR DOUGLAS A. LAWSON

August 8, 2025

Dear Mr. Wright,

On behalf of the City of Riviera Beach, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Caribbean American for Community Involvement (CAFCI), as you celebrate your Annual Friendship Ball.

As you continue your vital mission of goodwill and service, you exemplify a positive outlook, inspiring us all to renew our commitment to community development. Your enduring efforts have played a crucial role in the growth and wellbeing of the South Florida Diaspora, and we are grateful for your unwavering dedication.

This evening, we applaud the remarkable participation and support of our Caribbean nationals and friends of the Diaspora. Your contributions to key areas such as education, healthcare, sports, and business development are truly meaningful and have been instrumental in building a stronger, more vibrant community. The dedication you have shown to extending the reach and presence of our Caribbean community in our host country is commendable. We applaud the members of CAFCI for demonstrating a spirit of resilience, strength, and courage, especially during challenging times.

Let us use this time for a period of reflection and thanksgiving, planning for the future with a shared commitment to work together. By strengthening our foundation as a community, we can move forward to achieve greatness and overcome any hurdles we may encounter along the way.

As you celebrate this year of accomplishments and rekindle friendships with associates and loved ones, I wish you and all the members and patrons of CAFCI an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Douglas Lawson

Mayor, City of Riviera Beach

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In August 2024 we were presented with an opportunity to purchase a condo unit but unfortunately, we were unable to close the deal due to the lack of ready funds or letter of commitment for a mortgage. This incident magnified the need for our organization to be able to show a more significant steady stream of income which is needed to obtain a commitment letter.

Consequently the Finance committee sought and received approval from the Board to pursue the set-up and operation of a business to address this issue.

Barclay Varlack spearheaded and assisted us in identifying business opportunities and gathering the information for a business plan and setting up a for-profit corporation.

Due to health reasons, Barclay has been unable to continue providing us with his assistance at the level needed to drive the effort forwad. We remain in need of someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us in doing so.

By having a steady stream of income, the goal is to have a non-profit community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or Credit so that when an opportunity arises, we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Other options under consideration include the purchase of a larger commercial building and subletting the remainder. To that end, we are also looking for someone with experience of managing properties to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

Participation in the Home Of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipbc.org and click on the "Home Of Our Own" tab or call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. We have made it easier to participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.

You can also assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event to raise funds. Just send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net, radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.791.4002. To share your ideas and/or information on available property, land, or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344 or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

Please note that funds designated for the Home Of Our Own project cannot be used to supplement lease payments or used for any other purposes than acquiring property that will serve as CAFCI's "Home." These funds are kept in bank accounts and financial instruments that are separate from operating accounts.



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### CAFCI HONORS STUDENTS AT 32nd Student Assistance Fund Awards Geremony

Philosopher G. K. Chesterton wrote, "Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." The members of Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) share this belief and have enshrined, as part of their mission, a commitment to investing in the education of the youth in our community. On Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Portuguese American Cultural Society of Palm Beach County, CAFCI celebrated the educational achievements of 14 outstanding Palm Beach County high school seniors at its 32nd Annual Student Assistance Fund Award Ceremony.

Each student received Student Assistance Fund awards for educational excellence in the amounts of \$1,500.00 (named awards) or \$1,000.00 (CAFCI Awards). Reinforcing the theme of the event, "Empowering Youth & Investing in our Future," CAFCI members are proud that the organization has donated over \$274,500 to 255 Palm Beach County high school seniors since the inception of the Student Assistance Fund initiative.

The Student Assistance Fund Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Student Assistance Fund. See the 2025 "ThankYou" flyer posted on CAFCI's website at https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram. The 2025 awards ceremony video with congratulatory messages from past recipients as well as pictures from the ceremony can be viewed on CAFCI's website (https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram).



DAVID DUVAL FAMU/Florida A&M University **Audrey Martin Award** 



**ABRIANNA EVANS** Palm Beach State College Amanayea Abraham Award



LORENDIE EXAVIER Florida Atlantic University Gloria Edwards Award



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**DEJA PATTERSON** Palm Beach Atlantic University Genieve White Family Award



LAUREN PERSAUD-SINGH Palm Beach State College **CAFCI Award** 



DIEDRIANA PLUMMER Southern California Institute of Architecture CAFCI Award



**KENORDIA REYNOLDS** Palm Beach State College **CAFCI Award** 



**RAYVEN RICHARDS** Palm Beach State College Ferrin Student Leadership Award



**ELIZABETH ROBLES** University of Florida **FPL Award** 



**NINA-SIMONE SIMMONDS** FAMU/Florida A&M University

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CHRISTINE THOMPSON Penn State University Michelle & Robert Diffenderfer Award



**NIA WATSON** University of Central Florida **FPL Award** 



**NICHOLAS WATSON** Curry College **CAFCI Award** 

## Student Assistance Fund Award Recipients WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SAF) HAS BEEN AWARDING FUNDS TO DESERVING PALM BEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GOING ON TO COLLEGE FOR 34 YEARS. SOME OF THESE RECIPIENTS ARE NOW BUSINESS OWNERS, ACCOUNTANTS, STATISTICIANS, LAWYERS, DOCTORS, ENGINEERS, AND ENTERTAINERS. MEET FOUR OF OUR PAST RECIPIENTS.



#### RACHELLE ALCIN 2024 Award Recipient

Rachel Alcin completed her first year at Florida International University. Her career goal is to become a Lawyer.

After completing her first semester in December, she was somewhat surprised that her transition into college life and higher difficulty courses was not as challenging as she had feared. Her second semester was a little more difficult as she was taking more than one class that demanded much time to read books and long articles, as well as write essays discussing the material. Unfortunately, her grandmother passed away from cancer in March adding a personal stress on top of the academic one. She found the motivation to continue working on her assignments amidst that difficult time, especially since she was not just away from home, but further away from her extended family in New York where she resided. Luckily, she had a small but impactful support system on campus who showed her compassion and understanding. This experience revealed to her that she was stronger than she believed, and that when it comes to mental wellness, deadlines are less important than completing tasks on your own time.



#### LONCEY ELIE 2019 AWARD RECIPIENT

Loncey Elie graduated from Bethune Cookman University in December 2024 with her Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership while playing on the tennis team. She is currently working as a nurse with hopes and aspirations to one day becoming a medical doctor.

Loncey is an avid tennis player which she finds helps her to grow in many aspects. She had the opportunity to play tennis at Bethune Cookman University which she could not decline because it aligns with her passion. Therefore, in order to play for the tennis team, she selected a degree in Masters in Organizational Leadership because it combined leadership skills and all the other pertinent qualities that she needed to possess in order to be an effective leader in whatever organization she wanted to be a part of. Through this Master's Degree Program, she learned how to handle several ethical issues, how to interact with her peers, and be of good service in whatever leadership position she aspired to be a part of. She was able to defend her thesis successfully when it came to speaking about nursing burnout in healthcare settings and how to reduce this situation to avoid this issue from escalating in the healthcare environment.



#### KATE DEVINEY 2022 AWARD RECIPIENT

Kate Deviney recently completed a summer legal internship at an engineering firm in Austin, Texas, where she supported corporate counsel on compliance and international contract matters.

A senior at Florida State University majoring in Political Science with a minor in Spanish, Kate is preparing to apply to law school this fall, with plans to begin her legal studies in 2026. Over the past year, she was selected as a 2025 Social Science Scholar, inducted into the Garnet and Gold Key Leadership Honorary, and named March's "Outstanding Student of the Month" by the FSU Department of Political Science. She also continues to lead and serve her campus community by teaching a pre-law group course for first-year students, serving as Vice President of External Affairs for the Women in Pre-Law Society, and completing more than 700 hours of verified community service.

Kate credits CAFCI for not only helping to make her college journey possible but for providing years of unwavering support and a deep sense of Caribbean belonging. "Thank you, CAFCI, for the endless years of encouragement and for reminding me that no matter how far I go, I carry my Caribbean community with me."



#### DANIELLE NELSON 2021 AWARD RECIPIENT

Danielle Nelson is currently in her last semester of a Master's programme in Contemporary Art Curation.

After graduating within three years with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing from Florida State University, Danielle is now attending Glasgow School of Art in Scotland, and will be graduating in November, following the completion of her first solo exhibition, "Artist Alley". Going forward, she plans on building an art practice in Performance Arts and aspires to work at a large institution like MoMA (Museum of Modern Art) or The Met (Metropolitan Museum of Art) and collaborate with artists internationally.

# Congratulations CAFCI On Your 36th Anniversary

#### SCOUT TROOP III



Dear CAFCI,

On behalf of Scouts BSA Troop 111 we would like to congratulate CAFCI on 36 years of excellence in serving the Western communities and beyond. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and partnership as our Charter Organization.





CAFCI's dedication and generosity make a lasting impact on the youth we serve. Because of your commitment, we are able to offer programs that foster leadership, development, and service to others. Your belief in and support of our mission helps our adult volunteers to shape future leaders.





We recently celebrated our 62nd Scout earning the highest rank of Eagle. Together, the Troop and CAFCI have worked to make these individual Scout goals a reality. Our youth have been witness to the good works of CAFCI members whose community-minded actions set a high standard for citizenship.





We are especially honored to participate in the meaningful events you sponsor including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Cultural Diversity Day, and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. These experiences not only allow our scouts to give back to the community, but also help them grow in understanding, respect, and civic responsibility.





CAFCI, we thank you for your dedication, your vision, and your commitment to nurturing our youth to fulfill their role in the world. From providing meeting space to supporting our events and activities, your role in our success is deeply appreciated. It is a privilege to be part of your extended community, and we look forward to many more years of partnership.



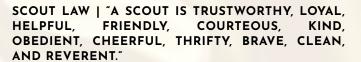
We would like to personally thank two of your distinguished members, Dr. & Mrs. Winston Davis for graciously allowing us to store our camping trailers and host a variety of Scout events on their private property affectionately known as "Camp Davis"







Zulema Grieser Troop III Committee Chair Ryan McNally Troop III Scoutmaster



SCOUT OATH | "ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO MY BEST, TO DO MY DUTY, TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY, AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW, TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES, TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT."

## Congratulations CAFCI for 36 Years of Service and Commitment to our Community.



#### THE VIVIAN & ADRIENNE FERRIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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It is our obligation to encourage, reach out and assist our youth in reaching their goals.

- Vivian Ferrin

Our Story ... Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin were founding members of Caribbean-American for Community Involvement (CAFCI) where they served on the Board and in many Committee capacities. Among the numerous contributions, under Vivian's leadership and Adrienne's service on the committee, the CAFCI Student Assistance Program was created which continues today. Their activism on various Village Boards, Hospital Boards, Advisory Councils and Non-Profit Organizations, led Vivian to an appointment to the Royal Palm Beach Village Council in 1998 and re-election in 1999, with Adrienne always as his right hand. The Caribbean community is very proud of this trailblazer, for he is one of the first Jamaicans to hold political office in South Florida. In May, 2006 the Village of Royal Palm Beach dedicated a park "The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Park" in his honor. Vivian and Adrienne truly cared about their community and served with honor and integrity. "The best way to honor them is by emulating some of their virtues in our own lives, virtues such as a sincere caring for family, friends and the community.

The Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund (VAFMSF), a subsidiary of CAFCI, was created in 2004 to encourage and assist the youth in our community to reach their goals.

#### VAFMSF AWARD RECIPIENTS

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## Queetings from our members & friends

In loving memory of our dear mother, Gloria Cranston, who went home to be with the Lord in July 2024. We will cherish you in our hearts forever.

Love you so much Mom. 🛡 🛡 🛡 Arleen Evans, Dorothy Thompson & Doreen Baker

Congratulations CAFCI on 36 years of dedicated community service. We are proud to be associated with this Organization. We wish you all the best as you continue your good work. Paul and Doreen Baker

Congratulations CAFCI on 36 years of outstanding community service. Best regards to all our members!! Jannette Sharpe-Paul

Thanks CAFCI for your commitment to our community over the past 36 years. especially your support of our youth! Wishing you all the best for 2026! Junette and Neil Powell

CAFCI, your 36-year community presence is laudable. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to have been a part of your success for 29 years. Barbara Walker

Congratulations CAFCI on achieving 36 years! Best wishes for a job well done and many more years of continued service to the community Aldin and Audrey Smith

We salute CAFCI for its resilience and unwavering commitment to the community. Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Barrington and Dawn Berry

Congratulations to CAFCI board and committee members for 36 years of active work and dedication to the community! Joseph and Laxine Blackwood

Congratulations to CAFCI board and members for 36 years of outstanding service to the community and beyond! Wishing you many more years of success. Grace Episcopal Church

Women

Congratulations CAFCI on 36 years of excellent community service! Continue to be an outstanding organization. Henworth and Lena Ferguson

your continued good works in the community and beyond. May you continue to be blessed.

Congratulations to CAFCI for

**Audrey Campbell** 

Congratulations CAFCI on thirty-six years of unwavering dedication and service to the community!

Barbara Gordon

Congratulations to CAFCI for your continued good works in the community and beyond. May you continue to grow and excel.

> Shawn and Claudette McPherson

Thank you CAFCI for your commitment to the community and beyond for 36 years. All the best for many more years of service.

Lauriston and Shauna Simms

Congratulations to CAFCI on 36 years of successful and impactful community service. Keep up the good work. Trevor and Melrose Sangster

Congratulations CAFCI on celebrating 36 years of service in the community and beyond. Wishing CAFCI continued success.

Pamela Fraser

Congratulations to CAFCI for being such an outstanding organization within the community for 36 years. All the best for many more years of success.

Delcie Clarke, President Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches

Heartfelt congratulations to CAFCI for 36 years of excellent work and total support to the community. Your dedication is deeply appreciated. Best wishes for your continued success. Annette Edmon

Congratulations and thank you to CAFCI for your service to our community for 36 years. We look forward to your continued successful ventures. Juliette Bramwell

Congratulations CAFCI on 36 years of resilience, dedication, unwavering service and strong commitment to the community. Jean Garvey

Congratulations CAFCI on another amazing year of service to the community and beyond. Happy 36th! Karlene Stephenson

We are honored and blessed to be a part of CAFCI attaining 36 incredible years of community service. Congratulations! Wishing the organization continued success for many years to come.

Jennifer Powell-Pittman and William Pittman

In appreciation of CAFCI's decades of community service, with special thanks to those members with many years of dedication to its many activities.

V. Alvin Nembhard

for many years of continued service to the community.

Myron Edwards

Congratulations CAFCI on

achieving 36 years! Best wishes

Congratulations CAFCI on another year of outstanding community service and support. Happy 36<sup>th</sup>! Johnny Davis

Congratulations to CAFCI on thirty-six years of unwavering dedication and service to the community!

Patsy Lopez

We are so proud to have been a part of all 36 years of CAFCI's unwavering dedication and service to the community. Wishing continued growth and success on all future endeavors. Winston and Rhonda Davis

Congratulations CAFCI on 36 years of dedicated community service! Your impact, compassion and commitment inspire us all. Here's to many more years of success! Dennis and Yvonne Wright

The Wilks Family congratulates CAFCI's 36 years of celebrating the past, present, and future of community service. Thank you for providing a bridge for generations to serve our communities. Marva Wilks

Congratulations to CAFCI on 36 years of successful community service. May you continue to grow in all your endeavors.

Colgate and Sandra Gordon

Congratulations CAFCI on reaching this significant milestone. May your good work continue to flourish.

Charmaine Henry

Congratulations CAFCI Board and members for 36 years of outstanding service to the community and beyond. Wishing you many more years of success. Liscent "Millie" Hampton

## Greetings from our members & friends

Congratulations to the 2025 Student Assistance Fund award recipients. Congratulations to CAFCI on our 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Genieve White

Congratulations to CAFCI on 36 years of successful and impactful community service. Keep up the good work! **Elet Cyris** 

Since September, 2024, we lost CAFCI members who were dear friends and loyal supporters. Gone but not forgotten.



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CAFCI is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. It functions as a resource center and information clearing house for individuals of the Caribbean-American community. The organization's annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

## in CAFCI

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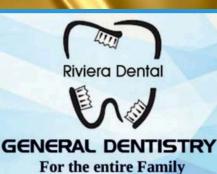
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