

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
IN FLORIDA, INC.



32ND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Reaping through the 2020s

WITH
FORTITUDE AND COMMITMENT
TO A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

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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 AND PURPOSES

The Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. 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.

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Message FROM CAFCI'S PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our 32nd Annual Friendship Ball. We are back in full force after the effects of COVID. Our theme for this year, *Roaring Through the 2020s with Fortitude and Commitment to a Diverse Community*, describes our ability to change and adapt. CAFCI continues to press ahead to fulfil its mission to “maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.” We are grateful to all our members, friends and supporters who continue to support the organization.

Below are highlights of some of our achievements over the past year:

- **The Student Assistance Fund Program:** The first time the award ceremony was conducted before a live audience since the outbreak of the pandemic.
- **Continued Sponsorship of Boy Scouts Troop 111 and Cub Scouts Pack 120.**
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration:** This was the nineteenth year that CAFCI, in an ongoing partnership with the Village of Royal Palm Beach, hosted the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration in Royal Palm Beach. The event was presented to both an in-person and live streamed audience.
- **Cultural Diversity Day Celebration:** This festive event returned to its pre-pandemic format with live entertainment at Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach and it was well attended. It was covered by two of our local TV stations; one of the stations featured a preview of the event several times. The coverage highlighted the founding of the organization and some of the work we are doing in the community.
- **Increased Membership Numbers:** We have attracted several new members this year who are contributing their skills and talents to the organization.
- **Individual Member Achievements:** A few of our members received recognition from outside organizations for their contributions to the community.
- **Expanded Monthly Meetings:** We now have hybrid meetings with increased turnout at the in-person location.
- **Community Outreach:**
 1. We continue to host voter education and candidate forums via zoom.
 2. Our organization was one of three location community organizations that was asked by the Palm Beach County School District to provide information, encouragement and support to this year’s batch of international teachers recruited from the Caribbean and other countries to teach in the school district.

We welcome your continued support. Thanks to all our members who volunteer in so many ways and to our supporters for your work and contributions. To our sponsors and donors, we are profoundly grateful and appreciative of your support. We will continue to be resilient and rebuild as we look to the future.

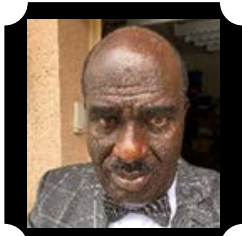
I thank my fellow board members and committee chairs for their passion and dedication to strengthening CAFCI. Thank you to all CAFCI volunteers for giving CAFCI a more visible presence in our community.

Congratulations to our Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Yvonne Wright. Your dedication, commitment and unwavering support have made CAFCI stronger.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dennis Wright

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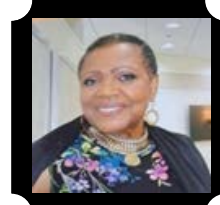
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CAFCI 2023 Committees

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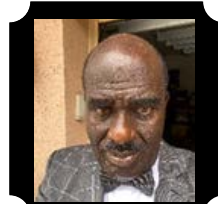
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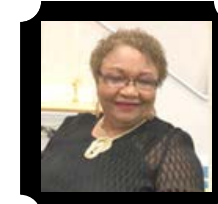
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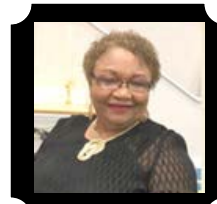
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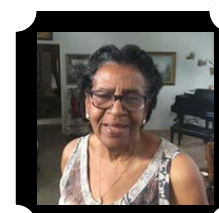
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Lauriston Simms,
Chair

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Chair



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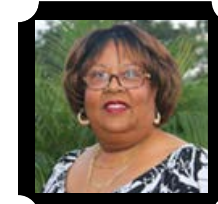
YOUTH----->



Rhona Tolan-Bernard



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Chair



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Chair



Lorianne Cabrera

The Story of CAFCI

CAFCI IS THE PROUD PARENT ORGANIZATION OF
THREE INDEPENDENT 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 120, Royal Palm Beach. All three 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.



Boy Scout Troop 111
Royal Palm Beach
Established 2003



Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Established 2004



Cub Scout Pack 120
Royal Palm Beach
Established 2006

CAFCI 2023 *Citizen of the Year*

YVONNE WRIGHT



The CAFCI 2023 Citizen of the Year, Yvonne Wright, embodies a life journey marked by unwavering commitment, compassion, and resilience. Originally hailing from Clarendon Parish, Jamaica, Yvonne moved as a young child to Kingston where she graduated from Trench Town High School. Her educational pursuits laid the groundwork for a future defined by service and dedication.

After graduation, Yvonne worked for the Jamaica Telephone Company as an operator, which is how she met her husband, Dennis. Shortly after moving to the United States and settling in Brooklyn, NY, the couple's shared aspirations led them to Connecticut, where Yvonne's care and compassion for others drew her to pursuing additional education to become a nurse. With a career spanning several decades, Yvonne's nursing skills led her to Danbury Hospital and later, Hancock Hall Nursing Home. There she was known for her painless injections and often the only person who could get residents to take their medications. She saw the residents not only as patients but regarded them and their families as friends. Seeking a schedule that aligned with raising children, Yvonne joined a Urology practice as her final position in Connecticut.

After their three children, Annita, Brian, and Melissa, had grown up and left home, and missing the warmth of her homeland Jamaica, Yvonne and Dennis relocated to Florida; there she discovered a sense of belonging and community through their association with CAFCI. Yvonne continued working as a nurse, finding herself drawn to a nursing home once again, and to medical chart review as direct patient care became too taxing.

Since joining CAFCI, Yvonne has continued to personify the organization's core values of service and unity. A steadfast member of the Relay for Life Committee amongst others, she is known for helping wherever she feels needed. She shares her culinary talents by contributing food to all CAFCI events, including her mango bread for a meeting, a pot of rice and peas for the picnic, or her famous coconut drops to sell to raise additional funds for Relay for Life.

In addition to her work with CAFCI, she is an active member at St. David's in the Pines Episcopal Church where she has helped organize many fundraisers to benefit the church and serves on the ministry which creates floral arrangements for the altar. During the pandemic, when the Feeding South Florida food program was offered in Commons Park in Royal Palm Beach, Yvonne helped distribute the bags of grocery.

Despite her busy schedule, Yvonne still finds time to spend time where she is truly at peace, in her garden. Since relocating to Florida, she has been able to focus more on growing the fruits and vegetables she grew up eating on the island and is always happy to share when the crop is plentiful.

Yvonne is a much-appreciated member of the community; and CAFCI is pleased to name her our 2023 Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Program

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
Nadine White-Boyd, Esq.**

WELCOME.....	Dennis Wright, President CAFCI & Friendship Ball Chairman
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Steve Higgins
INVOCATION.....	Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney The Village of Wellington
RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS	Fred Pinto, Mayor Village of Royal Palm Beach
CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAMAICA, MIAMI	R. Oliver Mair, Consul General

Dinner Served

GREETINGS & PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH	Fred Pinto, Mayor
THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON.....	Anne Gerwig, Mayor
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	Dennis Wright
PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR	Dr. Jean Enright, Chair Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners
TRIBUTE TO THE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN	Steve Higgins
RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS	Audrey Campbell
VOTE OF THANKS.....	Barbara Walker
RAFFLE DRAWING	Alvin Nembhard & Dennis Wright
DOOR PRIZES.....	Cindy Beckles & Audrey Smith

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STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Alexander Blackwood
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Jamir Hutchinson



**The Consulate General of Jamaica, Miami
Message
Caribbean American For Community Involvement (CAFCI)
Annual Friendship Ball 2023**

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 at your annual Friendship Ball.

As you embark on your mission of goodwill, you must look forward with a positive outlook for renewing, refocusing and refreshing of mind and spirit to continue your efforts for community development, a role you have demonstrated so well over the years as an integral group of the South Florida Diaspora.

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 generation in areas such as education, healthcare, sports and business development, and culture and entertainment. The vital role you play in Diaspora engagement continues to extend the reach and presence of our Caribbean community in our host country. For this, you must be commended.

Let us 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 applaud the members of this organization as you continue to demonstrate a spirit of resilience, strength, and courage even under the most challenging of circumstances.

On behalf of the Consulate General of Jamaica, I wish you the members and patrons of CAFCI, an entertaining and enjoyable evening as you celebrate another year of accomplishments.

One love!

Sincerely,

R. Oliver Mair, Consul General
Southern USA

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September 2023

Dear Friends,

I want to congratulate the Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc. (CAFCI) on your 34th anniversary. You help address the social, educational, and health needs of our community, while creating an atmosphere of respect and understanding among all ethnic groups.

The CAFCI's programs like Diversity Day and Student Assistance have made a great impact in our area. The wonderful work all of the volunteers continue to do is to be applauded.

Again, congratulations on all your accomplishments and best of luck with your initiatives of enriching, empowering, and impacting our area. I thank you for your continued service to our community. Please contact my office if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Lois Frankel
Member of Congress
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SENATOR BOBBY POWELL
24th District

September 16, 2023

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I congratulate the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc., (CAFCI) on celebrating its 34th anniversary this year. Your initiatives, projects and programs have consistently demonstrated your commitment to this community.

Further, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of every individual involved with this organization and the key roles that each one of you have played in making this anniversary celebration possible. Your continued collective efforts will help to shape a bright future for this organization.

As you celebrate this momentous occasion, I encourage each one of you to take pride in this achievement. Let this anniversary celebration serve as a reminder of this organization’s vital role across our region of South Florida.

Again, congratulations on reaching this milestone. I wish you continued success, growth and development as you embark on the next chapter of your journey.

Thank you for all you do!

Yours in public service,

Senator Bobby Powell
Florida State Senate – District 24



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Mr. Dennis Wright
President
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Dear Mr. Wright,

On behalf of the 650 employees at the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, congratulations to Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida for its legacy of service and commitment to our community as you celebrate your 32nd Annual Friendship Ball.

This year's Friendship Ball theme of "Roaring Through the 2020s with Fortitude and a Commitment to a Diverse Community" reflects the important work that CAFCI does each day in our community, from raising money for student scholarships to promoting cultural diversity at events throughout Palm Beach County.

Your work makes Palm Beach County a great place to live and work. Everyone at the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller wishes you continued success and all our best for the year ahead!

Regards,

Joseph Abruzzo, CFCC
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller
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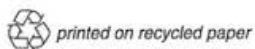


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Mr. Dennis Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright,

Warm congratulations to the Caribbean American for Community Involvement association on the momentous occasion of its 32nd anniversary. CAFCI's ceaseless dedication to philanthropic and cultural activities has cemented its role as a community cornerstone for years. Its exceptional successes place it as a beacon for other social organizations throughout Palm Beach County.

Year after year, CAFCI perpetuates its unwavering commitment to volunteer work. In doing so, it not only fosters an atmosphere of cultural plurality but also encourages our younger populace to strive for greatness. Most significantly, it markedly improves our community's living standards. Hoping for a truly unforgettable celebration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Baxter".

Sara Baxter
Palm Beach County Commission
District 6

PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA



DECLARING SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 AS CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DAY

WHEREAS, Caribbean-American for Community Involvement (CAFCI) was established for the purpose of creating and fostering better community relationships and advocating cultural and intellectual growth among residents of Palm Beach County, and;

WHEREAS, this organization nurtures amicable relations in the community and upholds a lifestyle rich in ancestral culture and traditions, and;

WHEREAS, CAFCI is celebrating its 34th anniversary at this year's Friendship Ball in recognition of their theme "Roaring Through the 2020s With Fortitude and Commitment to a Diverse Community," and;

WHEREAS, the volunteers of CAFCI are dedicated to the Student Assistance Program, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Cultural Diversity Day and the Boy Scouts of America, and;

WHEREAS, the Friendship Ball provides an occasion for its volunteers and community members to unite and identify worthy endeavors.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, assembled in regular session this 22nd day of August 2023, that September 16, 2023, in Palm Beach County, is hereby proclaimed

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement Day

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this proclamation is duly sealed, ribboned and executed by the members of this board. The foregoing proclamation was sponsored by Commissioner Sara Baxter, and upon unanimous consent of the board, the mayor declared the proclamation duly enacted.

ATTEST:

Joseph Abruzzo
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller


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August 15, 2023

Dennis Wright, President
Caribbean-American for Community Involvement, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Wright,

Congratulations on your 32nd Annual Friendship Ball and on 34 years of support, enrichment, and service to the people of our community.

As a Caribbean-American, I sincerely appreciate the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement's mission to maintain and sustain quality of life for our community. CAFCI's commitment to volunteerism, youth enrichment, and cultural traditions have cemented it as a vital part of our community.

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

Sincerely,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
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July 25, 2023

Dennis Wright, President
CAFCI
675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.
Royal Palm Beach, FL. 33411

Dear Mr. Wright,

On behalf of the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners, staff, and tenants, I congratulate the Caribbean American for Community Involvement of Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) for continuing to fulfill your purpose and mission of creating and fostering better community relationships and advocating cultural and intellectual growth among the residents of the Port District.

For more than three decades, CAFCI continues to be dedicated to endeavors that seek to improve the social, educational, humanitarian, and cultural aspirations of your members, neighbors, and associates. Thank you for investing in Palm Beach County.

Best wishes to CAFCI for a memorable Friendship Ball and successful year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jean L. Enright, Chair
Port of Palm Beach
Board of Commissioners



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July 18, 2023

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



Dear Mr. Wright:

Best wishes to the Caribbean American for Community Involvement, Inc. (CAFCI) on their 34th anniversary of excellent service to the community.

The Caribbean American For Community Involvement's continued commitment to the Western Communities by spearheading events such as the Annual Education Awareness Program, Annual Student Assistance Program, the Martin Luther King Day Celebration, and the Annual Cultural Diversity Day are to be commended. -

Your dedication to community involvement through volunteerism and support of our youth, senior citizens, and other agencies is indispensable. The mission of your organization is an asset to the quality of life in our communities.

Please accept our best wishes for a very successful year of continued excellence.

Sincerely,

Marcia Andrews
School Board Member
District 6

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A Top High-Performing A-Rated School District
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Keith A. James
Mayor

September 16, 2023

Dear Friends:

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

Since its establishment in 1989, CAFCI has actively been committed to volunteerism with special emphasis on youth and senior citizens through social engagement programs while celebrating culture and tradition.

Because of your commitment, 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



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Fred Pinto
Mayor



June 13, 2023

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 congratulate CAFCI on celebrating 32 years of Community Involvement. The commitment and contributions that your group continues to make to our community is a tremendous benefit to Royal Palm Beach. Your organization is an asset to the Western Communities and we look forward to your continued success.

Best wishes to your organization in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Pinto".

Mayor Fred Pinto
Village of Royal Palm Beach

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Mayor

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Vice Mayor

Jeff Hmara
Councilman

Selena Samios
Councilwoman

Richard Valuntas
Councilman

Raymond C. Liggins P. E.
Village Manager

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement (CAFCI) was established 32 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

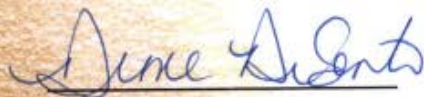
Whereas, this year's theme "Roaring Through the 2020s With Fortitude And A Commitment To A Diverse Community" provides the impetus for members and associates to continue their efforts in uniting the community through friendship and harmony with programs such as "Student Assistance Program Fund", "Dr. 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, Fred Pinto, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, on behalf of the entire Village Council, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2023, 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 16th day of September, 2023.



Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk



Fred Pinto, Mayor

Council

Anne Gerwig, Mayor
Michael Drahos, Vice Mayor
John T. McGovern, Councilman
Michael J. Napoleone, Councilman
Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman

Manager
Jim Barnes

July 24, 2023

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:

The Village of Wellington wishes you great success and congratulates you on the celebration of CAFCI's 34th Anniversary at this year's 32nd Annual Friendship Ball. This year's theme, *CAFCI: Roaring Through the 2020s with Fortitude and Commitment to a Diverse Community*.

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

For over 25 years, CAFCI has worked diligently to ensure that its member's ancestral culture and traditions survive and thrive. Lasting relationships continue to be fostered while always serving social, educational and health needs. Your active participation and volunteerism contributed greatly to the success of your organization.

As Mayor, I am thankful for all that CAFCI has done to enable Wellington to continue to fulfill its mission of building strong neighborhoods by inspiring opportunities for learning, social support and recreation. Like you, we are committed to fostering cultural diversity, equity and inclusion in our community and to ensuring that our residents are supported and recognized.

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

Regards,



Anne Gerwig
Mayor

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA
DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 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 34th Anniversary at this year's Annual Friendship Ball. The theme this year is Roaring Through the 2020s With Fortitude and A Commitment to A Diverse Community; and

WHEREAS, this organization was founded for the purpose of creating and fostering better community relationships and sustaining 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 which encourage involvement and assist in serving the social, educational and health needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the 32nd Annual Friendship Ball will be held on September 16, 2023 as Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida celebrates their success in promoting multi-cultural events that support the organization's mission, objectives and values, and their commitment to the community through scholarships, awards, and various community outreach related programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Council of Wellington, Florida does hereby proclaim September 16, 2023 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 Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 25th day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

By: 
Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk

By: 
Anne Gerwig, Mayor

A For C.A.F.C.I.

At the General Membership meeting on April 9, 2022, it was reiterated that the Home of Our Own program funding was combined with the previous capital assets funding and that the biggest challenges facing us were the cost of property that included structures and our ability to obtain financing. The agreed strategy moving forward was to:

- Acquire property that we can afford (even if it is land without a structure).
- Reduce the desired minimum acreage from 5 to 2.
- View the purchase as an investment if it is not totally what we were looking for.
- Put a trailer on a land only purchase for use as our office.



Following that meeting, we had 4 leads but no real opportunities. In March 2023 we decided to include commercial condominiums as a viable starter option. Consequently, four condominium leads in the Royal Palm Beach area were identified. Three were outside of our price range. The owner of the fourth was willing to entertain an offer from us but we were unable to follow through against another offer already made on the property. Unfortunately, our Letter-of-

Interest from a prior opportunity was no longer valid resulting in our inability to follow through with an offer.

As we continue our search, the Finance Committee is looking at funding options for the procurement and maintenance of property. These options include operating a business and working with a non-profit community funding organization to provide us with Letter-of-Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way, we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Special thanks to Marjoroe Mendez, Lauriston Simms, Genieve White, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Winston Davis and Dennis Wright who took time to visit locations and look at properties. Thanks to Barclay Varlack for identifying business opportunities and getting information for a business plan.

Participation in the Home of Our Own project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipc.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.**

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 held in bank accounts/instruments that are separate from operating accounts.

You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event to raise funds. Just send an email to cafcibellsouth.net , radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561-791-4002. To share your ideas, information on available property, land, or facilities, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAFCI ON YOUR 34TH ANNIVERSARY

Scouts BSA Troop 111 is proud to be chartered by CAFCI, our ever-constant support.

A charter organization plays a significant role in helping scouts to reach their goals. One way in which this occurs is by providing a youth development program that promotes community outreach and develops character which can support the youths' future endeavors. The charter organization volunteer represents the Troop as a member of the district committee and as a voting member of the local council. This representative is encouraged to become an active, participating member of one of the district's committees. Through twenty years of this partnership, CAFCI members have counseled, motivated, and mentored our youth. This commitment to BSA Troop 111 has helped many young men to develop into successful adults. We look forward to many more years of working together to support and promote our youth.

2023 has been an amazing year in scouting including camping, community service projects, Eagle projects and working towards advancement goals. During this past year the Troop was able to provide service to CAFCI at various flag ceremonies such as MLK and Cultural Diversity Day. These opportunities allow scouts to earn much needed service hours, develop as young citizens and become participating members of their community.

Some highlights from this year in scouting include exciting camping adventures. Scouts enjoyed the refreshing waters at Weeki Wachee spring where they saw manatees in their natural habitat. They took aim and improved their marksmanship skills at Okeechobee Shooting Sports. Scouts explored nature at the Eco Tour at Babcock Ranches. They walked laps for CAFCI members at the annual Relay for Life while celebrating cancer survivors and honoring those who have passed on. The Troop worked on Merit Badges and Rank Advancement at our local summer camp in Jupiter and in the cool mountain climate of Camp Raven Knob in North Carolina. Many enjoyed their first ever train ride as they traveled to and from this destination. Scouts collaborated on four (4) Eagle Scout projects to support several beneficiaries: a local school, camp, church, and our very own Veteran's Park. They researched, planned, mapped, buried, measured, nailed, hammered, sanded, painted, stained, and constructed amazing projects such as geocaches, a camp entry sign, benches, instruments stands and cart and parking lot re-painting.

Through the years, such unique experiences made possible by CAFCI, have inspired 55 young men achieving the highest rank in scouting, Eagle. In addition to this, the Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund has generously provided scholarships to graduating Eagle Scouts. This assistance helps tremendously with the ever-growing costs of college.

Once again, it is an honor to congratulate CAFCI, our charter organization, on this momentous occasion. Scouts BSA Troop 111 is grateful for CAFCI's inspirational model of excellence and service to community involvement. So many of the good deeds CAFCI has done are exemplified by the Scout Oath we recite at each meeting, *"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and always help other people."* Thank you CAFCI and **CONGRATULATIONS!**

CAFCI Awards Nine Scholarships to High School Students at the 30th Annual *Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony*

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) held its 30th annual Student Assistance Fund Award Ceremony on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Original Wellington Mall. Eight students each received an award of \$1,500 and one student received an additional \$500 as CAFCI's Junior Citizen awardee.

The ceremony was emceed by Leonie Escoffery, Speech professor at Palm Beach State College for 26 years. Award recipient, Ryan Rose, opened the ceremony with a beautiful instrumental rendition of the National Anthem. The ceremony was attended by the recipients' families and friends, CAFCI's family and friends, District 6 Palm Beach School Board member Marcia Andrews, Village of Royal Palm Beach Mayor Fred Pinto, Village of Royal Palm Beach Councilman Jeff Hmara, Village of Royal Palm Beach Councilwoman Selena Samois, Village of Royal Palm Beach Councilman Richard Valuntas and Port of Palm Beach Commissioner, Deandre Poole, PH.D. (Secretary/Treasurer).

The theme "Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future" was at the forefront of the evening's ceremony as each speaker and presenter acknowledged the educational and personal challenges faced by the students and congratulated them in maintaining academic excellence while giving back to the community. Village of Royal Palm Beach Mayor Fred Pinto congratulated the recipients encouraging them to keep forging ahead while remaining focused. School board member Ms. Marcia Andrews congratulated the recipients on excelling as she recalled the remarkable graduation ceremonies a few weeks earlier where she witnessed them turning their tassels signifying the next chapter of their lives. She thanked them for all they have done so far to make a difference in the world and encouraged them to put God first.



Keynote Speaker, Ijahala Pottinger

Keynote speaker, Ijahala Pottinger, a 2016 CAFCI award recipient and Brown University graduate who will be attending Columbia Law in the fall, provided a thought provoking inspirational relatable message to the recipients to motivate them as they embark on the next phase of their life. She encouraged them to look at and acknowledge their accomplishments so far, including earning the

award to help towards their future goals.

The awards were presented to the recipients followed by CAFCI member Lori Cabrera's serenading them with "I Believe".

Congratulations to these eight outstanding Palm Beach County high school seniors who received Student Assistance Fund awards for educational excellence and exemplary community and civic service.



Ferrin Student Leadership Award presented to **Jada Appolon** who will be attending Florida State University to pursue a career as a Federal Agent.



Jess & Victoria Santamaria Award presented to **Miguel Benavente** who will be attending Florida Atlantic University and intends to pursue a career as a physician.



CAFCI Award presented to **Marisha Civil** who will be attending Palm Beach State College to pursue a career as a Nurse Practitioner.



Audrey C. Martin Award presented to **Ethan Elliott** who will be attending the University of Florida to pursue a career as a computer scientist.



Amanayea Abraham Award presented to **Christy Pierre Louis** who will be attending Hillsborough Community College to pursue a career as a Forensic Medical Examiner.



Ann Johnson and Cislyn Bennett College Scholarship Award presented to **Marlana Hutchinson** who will be attending the University of Florida to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy and Health Education.



Gloria Edwards Award presented to **Ryan Rose** who will be attending Drexel University to pursue a career as an architect.



Michelle and Robert Diffenderfer Award presented to **Shia Rozier** who will be attending North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to pursue a career in Political Science and Public Relations.

Congratulations to **Ethan Elliott** who also received CAFCI's Junior Citizen award for his volunteer service to CAFCI.

CAFCI Students Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony (cont'd on next page)

CAFCI Student Assistance Fund Awards Ceremony (cont'd)



1st Row: Marcia Andrews, Deandre Poole, Ph.D., Ijahala Pottinger, Christy Pierre Louis, Marisha Civil, Jada Appolon, Shia Rozier
 2nd Row: Ryan Rose, Nadine White-Boyd, Marlena Hutchinson, Miguel Benavente, Ethan Elliott
 3rd Row: Doreen Grayson, Leonie Escoffery, Doreen Baker, Lavern Blackwood, Norma Smith-Hill

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. CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and traditions of our ancestral origins. The organization



culture and traditions of our ancestral origins. The organization

was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999. CAFCI is proud to have awarded over \$243,500.00 to 233 Palm Beach County high school seniors over the past 30 years.

For more information about CAFCI please call 561-790-4002 or visit the website at www.cafcipc.org. The video with thank-you message from the 2023 recipients and congratulatory message from past recipients can be viewed on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipc.org/2023studentassistancevideo>



Richard Valuntas, Selena Samois, Fred Pinto, Marcia Andrews, Jeff Hmara, Deandre Poole, Ph.D.

Thanks to all donors and sponsors who continue to make it possible for CAFCI to award deserving students with funds towards their studies. The list of 2023 donors and sponsors to the Student Assistance Fund can be viewed at www.cafcipc.org.

Thank you to the Student Assistance Fund Committee Members: Doreen Baker, Lavern Blackwood, Leonie Escoffery, Doreen Grayson, Norma Smith-Hill, Marva Wilks and chaired by both Junette Powell and Nadine White-Boyd, Esq.

"We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education"
 -Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Vivian & Adrienne Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

Vivian Ferrin

Subsidiary of Caribbean-American For Community Involvement, Inc.



Congratulations CAFCI

on 34 years of Service and Commitment to our Community

Our Story ... Vivian and Adrienne Ferrin were founding members of Caribbean-Americans 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 (VAMSF), a subsidiary of CAFCI, was created in 2004 to encourage and assist the youth in our community reach their goals.

Thank you to our dedicated and generous supporters. You made this possible!!!

VAFMSF AWARD RECIPIENTS

2023

Jada Appolon*

2022

Samuel Johnson▲

Wole Senat*

2021

Jonathan Farrell▲

William Gulley▲

Rachel Rose*

Conner Thomas▲

2020

Nima Aria▲

Joshua Caudill▲

Ethan Estevez▲

Kenjela Mullins*

2019

Shelby Rondeau†

Marie Ange Sintulaire*

2018

Stephanie Casting*

Abigail Estevez†

James Jean▲

Luc LaGrange▲

Cameron Whalen▲

2017

Andrew Lang▲

Carl Mohr▲

Christopher Rice▲

Hayden Ryan†

Ross Thrash▲

Hasana O'Connor*

2016

David Ademczyk, Jr.▲

Jonathan Claridge▲

Sam Cavaleri▲

Johnathan Germain▲

Holly Grundleger†

Patrizio Spagnardi III▲

Donation to SAF*

2015

Rose Bamber†

Christopher Claridge▲

Ryan Collins▲

Daniel Gouge▲

Corey Hampson▲

Joshua Marker▲

Thomas Smith▲

2014

Hunter Johnson▲

Jennifer Muscat†

Ross Pantone▲

Casey Whalen▲

2013

David Gouge▲

Brandon LaRosa▲

Rachel Wells†

2012

Ainsley Erb†

2011

Jessica DelRossi†

AJ Fandrey▲

2010

Caitlin Clements†

Bo Lint▲

2009

Alex Pantone▲

Alyssa Williams†

2008

Lindsey Hanraham†

* CAFCI Student Assistance Fund

▲ CAFCI Troop 111 Eagle Scout

† My Brother's and Sister's Keeper



THE VIVIAN AND ADRIENNE FERRIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD

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Greetings FROM OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Thank you CAFCI, for your commitment to our community. Best wishes for a successful 32nd Annual Friendship Ball!
Lavern Blackwood, President, Blackwood Consulting & Services, LLC

Congratulations CAFCI! We are proud of all the organization has achieved in the community over the last 34 years!
Ledlo "Neil" & Junette Powell

Congrats to the CAFCI organization for being consistent and intentional in making a difference in our Community.
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown

Congratulations CAFCI on 34 years of continued commitment to our community and our youth.
Winston & Rhonda Davis

Congratulations to my son on the purchase of his new home. Congrats CAFCI on 34 years of community service.
Yvonne Gray

Congratulations CAFCI for consistently contributing to the social, educational and health needs of our community. Thanks for your commitment and we are honored to be part of the Organization.
Yvonne Elliott

Congratulations to CAFCI on your continuous success and your community involvement. We commend the dedicated services of your members. Keep up the good work.
Doreen & Paul Baker

Congratulations CAFCI on 34 years of togetherness and commitment working for the community.
Johnny Davis

Congratulations to CAFCI for the many years of outstanding service to the community.
Juliette Bramwell

In loving memory of a loving and darling mother, Amy Latouche. You will always live in our hearts and shine brightly through us.
Your loving children

Thanks to CAFCI's devoted and dedicated members for your hard work in the community and beyond.
Aldin & Audrey Smith

Let's all join hands in promoting awareness of the ravages of climate change that we are leaving for our grandchildren.
Alvin Nembhard

You work so hard and push your abilities to the limit to make this success happen. Congratulations CAFCI!
Charmaine Henry

Congratulations to CAFCI for serving your community for 34 years. Your resilience is truly your strength.
Colgate & Sandra Gordon

Congratulations to CAFCI on its 34 years of hard work and commitment in the community.
Ilene Armstrong

Congratulations to CAFCI on celebrating 34 years of service in the community and beyond.
Pat Campbell, President, Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches

Congratulations CAFCI for being such an outstanding organization within the community. Keep up the good work.
Lauriston & Shauna Simms

Congratulations to CAFCI, to the Board members and all the other beloved fellow members. Thank you for your hard work and commitment.
Winsom Genus-Martin

Today, as we move against the terrible scars of war, and we go forward toward the greatest contribution of lasting peace, I ask you to keep the faith. - By Sir Winston Churchill
Hensworth Ferguson

Congratulations CAFCI on 34 years of service and excellence to our community. Wishing the Organization many more successes in the years to come.
William & Jennifer Powell

Congratulations CAFCI for 34 years of service in the community. Job well done.
Karlene Stephenson

Congratulations CAFCI on another amazing year of service in the community.
Joseph & Laxine Blackwood

Congratulations to CAFCI's team and Board members for 34 years of contribution to the community.
Pamela Fraser

Congratulations to CAFCI for 34 years of devotion to excellence in community service.
Patsy Lopez

CAFCI, you continuously prove there is strength in unity. The Caribbean Educators Association (CARE) appreciates and salutes you. One Love.
Janice Scott-Cover

Congratulations CAFCI members on your commitment to serving our community through the Organization. Thank you for your care.
Norma Thornhill

In loving memory of my dear husband TEDDY ROSE who passed away in 2009. Congrats CAFCI on 34 years of community Service.
Norma Rose

Thanks to the devoted and dedicated members of CAFCI for your 34 years of commitment to the community.
Barrington & Dawn Berry

Congratulations CAFCI Board and members for 34 Years of outstanding service to the community and beyond. Wishing you many more years of success.
Jannette Sharpe-Paul

Congratulations to my CAFCI family on 34 years of outstanding service to our community and on your 32nd Annual Ball. Your dedication and commitment to help others, not just at home but abroad, demonstrates the strength of our treasured organization. Keep up the great work.
Hon. Maxine Cheesman

Congratulations to CAFCI for your 34 years of community service and dedication. Congratulations also to the Citizen of the Year for making your community stronger.
Barbara Walker

For your devotion and excellence in the community, and for your 34 years of hard and continued success, thank you.
Doreen Baxter

Greetings FROM OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Congratulations on 34 years of Service. Job well done and Congrats to the 2023 Student Assistance recipients.
Frank & Loretta Watson

The members of Children of Helen Alliance, Inc. congratulates CAFCI on its positive contribution to the community. Wishing CAFCI continued success.
Anastasia Fevrier, Children of Helen Alliance, Inc.

Congratulations CAFCI on your commitment and determination to foster a diverse, caring community. Keep up the good work!
Radcliffe "Woody" & Nova Brown

CAFCI has been an "oasis in the desert". I am so very excited to be a part of this community.
Sheena Bouchét

Congratulations CAFCI on 34 years of togetherness working for the community!
Lukie & Claudette "Pat" Christie

Hazel, you have passed but not forgotten. We love you and may your soul Rest In Peace.
The Harris Family

CAFCI, this milestone in your history is a reflection of your perseverance, dedication and contribution to your culture as well as the community at large!
Elet Cyris

Congratulations CAFCI as you celebrate 34 years of service to the Western communities of Palm Beach County. Wishing the organization success on the Annual Friendship Ball and continued success in the coming years!
Marjorie Aiken

Thank you to the members who helped us get our "groove back" after Covid. It has been challenging, but rewarding. Keep up the great work!
Cindy Beckles, MBA, DTM

Thank you CAFCI!!!
"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"
-Galations 6:20
Thalia & Timothy Lauren

Congratulations CAFCI on a successful year from Attorney Chioma Deere with Deere Law Firm. Supporting our community with customized solutions with wills, trusts, elder law, asset protection and compassionate guidance with probate.

Chioma Deere, Deere Law Firm



Congratulations CAFCI on your 34 years of dedication, hard work and togetherness. Keep up the Good Work.
Trevor and Melrose Sangster



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND LLOYD.

I will always cherish the memories of our more than 50 years together. All of the amazing times we had traveling the world and you documenting it with your beautiful photographs which were fantastic. However, I no longer cry because it's over, but smile because it happened. You will never be forgotten. Your life partner Audrey.

Audrey Campbell



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR UNCLE LLOYD.

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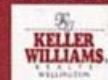
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