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NTAC GALA 2026

A SALUTE TO NYC NONPROFITS &
THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY SERVE

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NTAC: STRENGTHENING NYC NONPROFITS



The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC), also known as “The Clinic,” is a strategic partner and advisor to philanthropists, foundations, government and political entities, public institutions, grassroots nonprofits, and faith-based organizations working to strengthen low-income and service-starved communities.

NTAC has built a portfolio of experience and best practices, giving focus to grassroots endeavors and capacity building for community-centered nonprofits. By strengthening nonprofits and nurturing networks, NTAC has customized trainings and hands-on guidance, designed to empower volunteers, staff, management and board-level nonprofit practitioners.

NTAC’s portfolio includes a comprehensive list of essential components for sound nonprofit services and effective philanthropy. Through workshops, dialogues, forums, and events we are known for our learning-circle environments where participants are able to learn alongside their peers and expert presenters on topics such as:

- infrastructure capacity and development
- opportunities for expansion
- program evolution and development
- fundability and strategic development
- targeted networking strategy
- marketing and communication
- community engagement and development

For more than 30 years, NTAC has helped ensure that the people closest to community challenges and those positioned to invest in solutions are equipped to lead community change.

NTAC: LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



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NTAC's Board of Directors is honored to host this special evening alongside our Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Rev. Dr. Valerie Oliver-Durrah.

For 19 years, this gala has been more than a celebration. From its beginnings along the Brooklyn waterfront to the cherished tradition it has become today, this evening has served as a moment to pause, reflect, and shine a light on the grassroots leaders, nonprofit organizations, faith institutions, and community champions whose work uplifts, empowers, and transforms neighborhoods across New York City.

We intentionally gather in June, a month that also recognizes Caribbean American Heritage, because the story of New York cannot be told without acknowledging the rich cultures, communities, and contributions that continue to shape Brooklyn and our city. It is also an opportunity to publicly affirm the magnitude of our collective impact and bear witness to what is possible when community, purpose, and partnership align.

As NTAC marks more than 30 years of service, the NTAC remains as relevant today as it was when it first began because the need for trusted community-based leadership has never been greater. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the people and organizations who continue to strengthen the heart of New York City every day.

NTAC: ABOUT OUR FOUNDER

STRENGTHENING THE ARMS OF THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. Valerie Oliver-Durrah is a faith-rooted strategist, philanthropic advisor, and founder of the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC), widely known across Brooklyn as “The Prophet of Nonprofits.” Her life’s work has centered on strengthening the arms of those who serve—quietly equipping clergy, women leaders, and communities of color with the tools, structure, and confidence needed to build lasting institutions. Rooted in a deep belief that leadership is about service rather than spotlight, Dr. Durrah began her journey as a young educator in Memphis, where she first discovered her gift for seeing possibility in people and communities. Through her studies at University of Memphis and New York Theological Seminary, she developed a ministry that merges faith and strategy, becoming a trusted “minister to ministers” and a quiet force behind countless successful organizations and leaders.

In 2002, Dr. Durrah founded NTAC at her Bedford-Stuyvesant dining room table to address the lack of technical assistance available to African American, Caribbean, immigrant, and women-led nonprofits. What began as a humble effort grew into a respected institution that has strengthened hundreds of organizations through leadership coaching, strategic planning, board development, and community-centered convenings. Known for her behind-the-scenes leadership style, she has spent decades offering late-night encouragement to pastors, guiding nonprofits through crises, and helping leaders transform vision into sustainable impact. Her workbook, *Lead Me, Guide Me*, reflects her enduring commitment to equipping women clergy with both spiritual and practical leadership tools, while initiatives such as the Ruth & Naomi Awards, Faith & Finance Convening, and Black Judges and Black Girls/Boys in Conversation continue to uplift voices and stories too often overlooked.

Dr. Durrah’s influence spans faith communities, philanthropy, government, and cultural institutions throughout New York City and beyond. She has advised the NYC Office of Faith and Community Partnerships, served for more than three decades as the first African-American trustee of the Brooklyn Historical Society, and has been recognized as a Brooklyn Black History Maker. Deeply rooted in Brooklyn, she also helped lead the effort to rename her family’s block Jackie Robinson Way, preserving local history and legacy for future generations. Today, alongside her daughter, Brooke Remel Oliver Durrah, she continues building NTAC’s future while mentoring the next generation of women leaders and community stewards. Through every boardroom, pulpit, march, and gathering, Rev. Dr. Valerie Oliver-Durrah remains committed to the work she was called to do: strengthening communities, uplifting leaders, and building structures that allow legacies to endure.

NTAC: FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



Welcome to NTAC's 19th Annual All-White Gala—our signature celebration and a heartfelt Salute to New York City's Nonprofits and the Neighborhoods They Serve.

As we gather under the stars tonight, I'm reminded of something I've shared often: **"Community-based and faith-based organizations have taken on major participation in our country's social services. Financial resources and organizational capacity are key to their success. Relationships between funders and nonprofits, between programs and the communities they are to serve, have never been more important."**

These words guide the work of NTAC every day. For over 30 years, we've walked alongside grassroots leaders, faith institutions, and local change agents—helping them strengthen their missions, expand their capacity, and deliver vital services.

Tonight, we celebrate the nonprofits, visionaries, and community builders whose service continues to strengthen our city. Thank you for the work you do, the lives you touch, and the trust you place in us as your partners.

Let's continue to build together—with purpose, with love, and with an unwavering belief in the power of community.

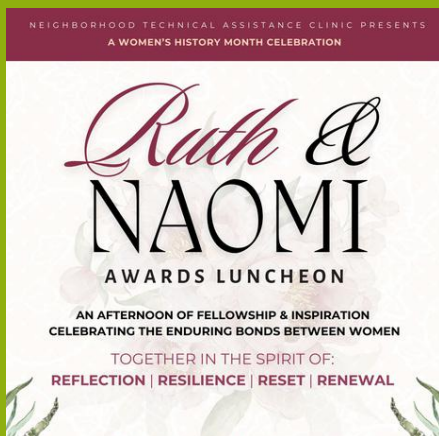
With deep gratitude,
Rev. Dr. Valerie Oliver-Durrah, Founder & CEO

NTAC: SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

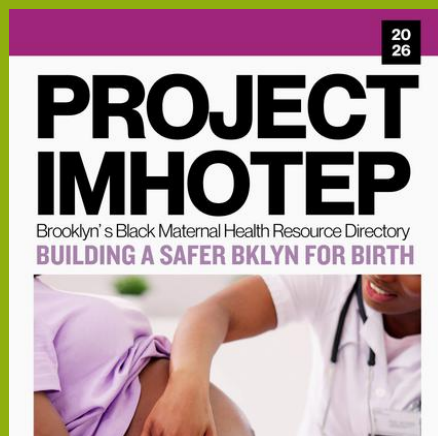
Affectionately known as "The Clinic"—the place where nonprofits heal—NTAC has long served as a trusted resource for mission-driven organizations and grassroots leaders. Through training, technical assistance, strategic partnerships, and capacity-building support, NTAC equips those on the front lines with the tools they need to grow, sustain, and thrive.

Proceeds from tonight's gala help advance programs that strengthen individuals, organizations, and communities. From cultivating women leaders and mentoring the next generation of girls, to advancing Black maternal health, expanding financial literacy, fostering civic engagement, and building stronger community partnerships, NTAC remains committed to addressing today's challenges while preparing tomorrow's leaders.

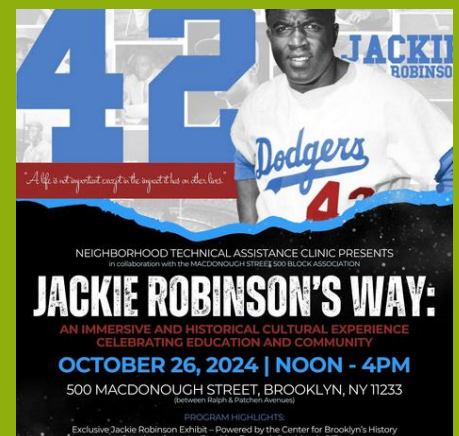
Every investment in NTAC is an investment in stronger neighborhoods, healthier families, informed communities, and resilient organizations.



Women in Leadership



BKLYN Black Maternal Health



Community Engagement



Faith & Civic Conversations



Women, Girls & the Future



Community Protocols



Financial Literacy

NTAC: HONORING LEGACIES SINCE 2008

YEAR	SALUTING NEW YORK CITY'S LEADERS, NONPROFITS, AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY SERVE
2026	Mrs. Harriet Michel – Nonprofit & Philanthropic Executive <i>First Black woman to lead the NY Urban League; former President of the National Minority Supplier Development Council</i> Mrs. Gwendolyn Towns – Educator, Community Advocate & Civic Leader <i>Longtime Brooklyn civic advocate and partner in public service alongside former Congressman Edolphus Towns</i>
2025	Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Daughtry – Pastor of The House of the Lord Church & Community Advocate
2024	Dr. Adelaide L. Sanford – Vice Chancellor Emerita, NYS Board of Regents & Champion for Educational Equity Hon. Charles Peeples (Posthumous) – Former NYC Department of Education Executive Director
2023	Hon. Hazel Dukes – President NAACP New York State Conference & Legendary Civil Rights Leader
2022	Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry, Sr. – Presider Emeritus of The House of the Lord Churches & Revered Activist
2021	Hon. Annette Robinson – Former NY Assemblymember & Longtime Brooklyn Legislator and Community Advocate Dr. Mildred Clarke – OB-GYN Physician, One of Brooklyn's first A/A women physicians to own a private practice Hon. Betty Staton – NYS Judge & Attorney, Founding partner in one of New York State's first Black women-led law firms
2020	GALA POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19
2019	Coreen Simpson – Founder of the Black Cameo & Internationally celebrated Jewelry Designer and Cultural Entrepreneur
2018	Hon. Edolphus "Ed" Towns – Former U.S. Congressman, serving Brooklyn in Congress for over 30 years
2017	William "Bill" Howard – Former President of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association & Cultural Preservationist
2016	Mayor David N. Dinkins – Former Mayor of New York City & New York City's first Black Mayor Jackie Lewis – Founder, Jackie's on the Reef & Created one of Jamaica's best-known wellness destinations
2015	Dr. Marcella Maxwell – Educator and Champion of Social Justice Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin – Former CEO of Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies & Anti-poverty Leader
2014	Helen B. Lucas – Former Grand Dame, Revered community matriarch and civic leader
2013	Rev. Dr. Eleanor Moody-Shepherd – Former VP of Academic Affairs at New York Theological Seminary H.E. Dame Louise Lake-Tack – Former Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda & Distinguished Women Statesperson Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus – Grenadian Dentist, Diplomat, and Community Advocate
2012	Dr. Roscoe C. Brown Jr. – Renowned WWII Tuskegee Airman (pilot), historian, and educational leader Dr. Ismay Taylor – Former Educator, dedicating decades to student development and learning (NYS / St. Kitts & Nevis) Winston Wellington – Developer & Founder of Travellers Beach Resort in Negril, Jamaica & Tourism Leader
2011	William L. Freeman (posthumous) – Community Leader, honored for a Legacy of Service and Leadership Charles J. Hynes – Former Brooklyn District Attorney, serving for more than two decades Honorable Darryl C. Towns – Former NYS Assemblymember, advocating for housing equity and economic development
2010	Jennifer Jones Austin – A Fourth-Generation Faith, Civic & Social Justice Leader Debi & Hal Jackson – WBLS Radio Personalities & Iconic voices in Black radio and media Dr. Marco Mason – Medical Sociologist & Panamanian Activist for public health and culture

Since 2008, NTAC has proudly recognized an extraordinary cadre of Lifetime Achievement honorees whose vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service have created enduring legacies. Their contributions continue to strengthen New York City, influence the nation, and inspire generations throughout the diaspora to lead, serve, and follow in their footsteps.

NTAC: GALA PRODUCERS' MESSAGE



YOU ARE THE REASON WE GATHER

For nearly two decades, this gathering has served as our unofficial kickoff to summer—a moment to celebrate the people and organizations whose service strengthens NYC every day. While tonight may appear effortless, it is the culmination of months of planning, countless conversations, and a shared commitment to honoring those who give so much to others.

Like many NTAC initiatives, this evening was born where community is built—on Brooklyn stoops, around kitchen tables, in fellowship halls, at community events, and through conversations with neighbors, faith leaders, nonprofit changemakers, and everyday people working to make their communities better. In truth, many of our best ideas do not begin in meetings; they begin where neighbors, leaders, and dreamers come together to imagine what is possible.

This gala is no different. What you see tonight is a reflection of those relationships and the communities that inspired this celebration. It is inspired by the people who show up every day to serve, advocate, lead, and create change.

As a mother-and-daughter team, we share a commitment to honoring those whose work often happens behind the scenes, yet whose impact is felt across every borough of this city. Their leadership reminds us that meaningful change is built through service, persistence, partnership, and a willingness to show up for others.

It is our privilege to recognize this year's honorees and celebrate the enduring power of community, leadership, and collective action.

NTAC: 19TH ANNUAL GALA PROGRAM

NTAC GALA 2026

A SALUTE TO NYC NONPROFITS & THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY SERVE

6:00P	GUEST ARRIVAL & COCKTAIL RECEPTION BUFFET DINNER • OPEN BAR • PHOTO BOOTH <i>Steelpan Interlude featuring Johnny Gomes</i>
6:45P	OPENING CEREMONY <i>Musical Selection featuring Charisa, The Violin Diva</i> <i>Invocation by Bishop Carlos Jesse</i>
7:00P	WELCOME REMARKS FROM NTAC LEADERSHIP <i>Board Chair, Rev. Sylvia Kinard, Esq.</i> <i>Vice Chair, Rev. Dr. Kanyere Eaton</i> <i>Founder & CEO, Rev. Dr. Valerie Oliver-Durrah</i>
7:15P	2026 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY <i>Program Highlights</i> <i>Honors Presentation</i> <i>Lifetime Achievement</i>
8:30P	CONVERSATION & COMMUNITY DESSERT RECEPTION • MUSIC • FELLOWSHIP <i>Music by DJ Netty</i>
9:30P	CLOSING REMARKS & BENEDICTION <i>Rev. Dr. Valerie Oliver-Durrah</i> <i>Bishop Carlos Jesse</i>

NTAC 2026: HONORING IMPACT

NTAC proudly recognizes organizations whose leadership and commitment to service continue to expand opportunity, strengthen institutions, and improve lives throughout New York City.

Together, they represent the very best of corporate, nonprofit, and labor leadership.

ORGANIZATIONAL HONORS

CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

BNY

Conor Donohue, Vice President, CRA Officer

Celebrated for its commitment to community investment, advocacy,
and inclusive innovation.

NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

Sesame Flyers International

Curtis Nelson, Executive Director

Recognized for empowering youth through education, leadership development,
and cultural enrichment.

LABOR INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR

Local 100, Transport Workers Union (TWU)

Honored for advancing economic opportunity, workplace dignity,
and advocacy for working people.

NTAC 2026: HONORING FAITH IN ACTION

NTAC proudly recognizes faith leaders and frontline champions whose commitment to service extends beyond the walls of their institutions and into the heart of community transformation.

Their work reminds us that meaningful change begins with those willing to lead, serve, and act.

FAITH & CIVIC LEADERSHIP

FAITH LEADER OF THE YEAR

Bishop Carlos Jesse

Distinguished for more than three decades of ministry, community leadership, and service bridging faith, civic engagement, and public life.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD

COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY CHAMPION

Jennifer A. Clarke-Craig,
Healthcare Education Project

Advancing health equity, expanding access to preventative care, and promoting healthier communities.

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY CHAMPION

Dr. Judith Naraine
Volunteers of America–Greater New York

Strengthening communities through domestic violence awareness, survivor support, and advocacy.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CHAMPION

Joanne Clayborne
Local 372
NYC Board of Education Employees Union

Protecting NYC's children and families through dedicated public safety advocacy.

WORKFORCE EMPOWERMENT CHAMPION

Lisa Bobb
Local 371
Social Service Employees Union

Empowering workers, advancing advocacy, and uplifting working families.

NTAC 2026: HONORING LEGACIES

NTAC has proudly recognized extraordinary leaders whose vision, service, and commitment have created lasting legacies.

Their contributions continue to shape the communities we’ve built and serve.

LEGACY ARCHITECTS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mrs. Harriet Michel

National Minority Supplier Development Council, Former President and CEO

Revered for advancing minority business development and economic equity nationwide.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mrs. Gwendolyn Towns

NYC Public Schools, Retired Educator

Esteemed for enriching generations of students and communities through education and service.

INSTITUTIONAL LEGACY AWARD & BROOKLYN HISTORY MAKER AWARD

Dr. Patricia Ramsey

Medgar Evers College, City University of New York (CUNY), President

Distinguished for building a transformative legacy of educational excellence, student success, empowerment, and social justice.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



SESAME FLYERS INTERNATIONAL CURTIS NELSON



NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

For more than three decades, Sesame Flyers International has empowered young people through education, leadership development, cultural enrichment, and community engagement.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Curtis Nelson, the organization has become one of New York City's most impactful youth development organizations, serving thousands of young people and families each year.

Serving more than 7,000 young people annually, Sesame Flyers International provides academic support, mentoring, counseling services, workforce readiness programs, and opportunities that help young people realize their full potential. The organization's commitment to Afro-Caribbean culture and heritage has also helped generations build pride in their identity while strengthening connections to community.

Through innovative programming and a steadfast commitment to service, Sesame Flyers continues to create pathways to success while uplifting families and strengthening neighborhoods.

NTAC proudly recognizes Sesame Flyers International and Curtis Nelson for their leadership, vision, and enduring commitment to empowering the next generation.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



BNY CONOR DONOHUE



CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

For more than two centuries, BNY has helped shape the financial landscape while demonstrating the critical role institutions can play in strengthening communities. Through strategic investment, community partnerships, and a commitment to expanding opportunity, BNY continues to support initiatives that expand opportunity, strengthen neighborhoods, and foster long-term economic growth.

Under the leadership of Conor Donohue, Vice President and CRA Officer, BNY has advanced efforts that connect resources to neighborhoods, nonprofits, and community-based organizations working to create meaningful impact. Their work reflects a belief that strong communities are built through collaboration, investment, and shared responsibility.

Beyond financial services, BNY's commitment to community engagement, economic mobility, and inclusive growth continues to create opportunities for individuals, families, and organizations throughout New York City and beyond.

NTAC proudly recognizes BNY and Conor Donohue for their leadership, partnership, and continued commitment to investing in stronger communities and expanding opportunity for all.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



BISHOP CARLOS JESSE



FAITH LEADER OF THE YEAR

For more than three decades, Bishop Carlos Jesse has dedicated his life to ministry, spiritual leadership, and service to others. Guided by faith and a deep commitment to community, he has become a trusted source of encouragement, compassion, and hope for countless individuals and families.

Throughout his years of leadership and community engagement, Bishop Jesse has worked to bridge faith and action—extending his leadership beyond the pulpit and into the broader community. Through mentorship, outreach, and pastoral care, he has helped strengthen lives, support families, and inspire others to serve with purpose and integrity.

His enduring commitment to faith-centered leadership reminds us that ministry is not only about preaching, but about showing up for people in moments of need, celebration, challenge, and growth.

NTAC proudly recognizes Bishop Carlos Jesse for his distinguished service, spiritual leadership, and unwavering commitment to uplifting communities through faith.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

**DR. JUDITH
NARAINÉ**



BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD

For more than two decades, Dr. Judith Naraine has dedicated herself to supporting vulnerable individuals, strengthening families, and advocating for survivors. Through her work with Volunteers of America–Greater New York and her extensive community involvement, she has become a respected voice for compassion, healing, and empowerment.

Her commitment to domestic violence awareness and survivor support has helped raise visibility around critical issues while connecting individuals and families to resources, services, and pathways to safety.

Her advocacy extends beyond survivor support to broader efforts focused on community wellness, public safety, and strengthening vulnerable families. Grounded in service and driven by purpose, she continues to advocate for those whose voices are too often unheard.

Through her leadership and outreach, Dr. Naraine demonstrates how advocacy can create lasting change—one person, one family, and one community at a time.

NTAC proudly recognizes Dr. Judith Naraine for strengthening communities through survivor advocacy, awareness, and service.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



HEALTHCARE EDUCATION PROJECT

**JENNIFER A.
CLARKE-CRAIG**



BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD

Jennifer Clarke-Craig has dedicated her career to helping communities access the information, resources, and support needed to live healthier lives. Through her work with the Healthcare Education Project, she has become a trusted advocate for health equity, preventative care, and community wellness.

A respected educator and outreach leader, she has worked tirelessly to increase health literacy, promote early intervention, and empower individuals and families to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.

Her efforts continue to address disparities that disproportionately impact underserved communities while expanding access to education, screenings, and preventative care.

Through partnerships with healthcare providers, labor organizations, and community stakeholders, she has helped connect communities to services and opportunities that improve outcomes and strengthen public health.

Jennifer's commitment to education, advocacy, and service demonstrates the powerful role trusted community voices play in advancing healthier communities for all.

NTAC proudly recognizes Jennifer Clarke-Craig for advancing health equity and strengthening communities through education, outreach, and advocacy.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



LOCAL 371 LISA BOBB



BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD

Lisa Bobb has dedicated her career to empowering others through advocacy, mentorship, and public service. Drawing upon her experience in social services, workforce development, and union leadership, she has become a trusted advocate for workers and the communities they serve.

Throughout her career, Lisa has helped individuals navigate challenges, access opportunities, and find their voices. Through her leadership with Local 371, Social Service Employees Union, she has championed worker empowerment, member engagement, and the belief that strong communities are built when workers are informed, supported, and equipped to succeed.

Whether advocating for employees, mentoring future leaders, or strengthening connections within her union and community, Lisa continues to demonstrate the transformative power of service-driven leadership and collective action.

NTAC proudly recognizes Lisa Bobb for her commitment to worker empowerment, advocacy, and community leadership.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



LOCAL 372 JOANNE CLAYBORNE

BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD

Joanne Clayborne has built a life defined by service. As an educator, counselor, chaplain, union advocate, and community leader, she has dedicated herself to supporting, mentoring, and protecting others throughout every stage of her career.

Grounded in faith and guided by a deep commitment to public service, Joanne has spent decades helping individuals and families navigate life's challenges while advocating for the well-being of her community. Through her leadership with Local 372, NYC Board of Education Employees Union, she has continued that commitment by amplifying the voices of workers whose contributions help keep New York City's schools and communities safe.

Today, her advocacy on behalf of crossing guards reflects a broader legacy of service—helping protect New York City's children and families while elevating the voices of those who safeguard them every day.

NTAC proudly recognizes Joanne Clayborne for her lifelong commitment to service, community leadership, and public safety.

NTAC: 2026 HONOREE



LOCAL 100 TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION



LABOR INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR

For generations, the Transport Workers Union (TWU) has served as a powerful advocate for the working people who keep New York City moving. Through collective action, workforce advocacy, and a steadfast commitment to fairness and dignity, TWU has helped secure stronger protections, safer workplaces, and greater opportunity for workers and their families.

Built on a foundation of solidarity and service, the union has long championed the rights of transportation workers while advancing policies that strengthen public infrastructure, workplace safety, and economic mobility. Its influence extends far beyond the workplace, helping strengthen the communities where its members live and serve.

TWU's enduring commitment to worker empowerment and community well-being demonstrates the vital role organized labor continues to play in creating a more equitable and prosperous future.

NTAC proudly recognizes the Transport Workers Union for its leadership, advocacy, and unwavering commitment to working people and the communities they help sustain.

NTAC: 2026 HONORS



HARRIET MICHEL

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Throughout a distinguished career spanning philanthropy, government, and business development, Mrs. Harriet Michel has helped transform the landscape of economic opportunity for minority-owned businesses in New York City and across America. Her leadership has opened doors for countless entrepreneurs while helping reshape conversations around supplier diversity and economic inclusion.

A trailblazer in every sense of the word, Mrs. Michel became the first Black woman to lead both the New York Urban League and the National Minority Supplier Development Council. Her work has strengthened institutions, expanded opportunities, and created pathways for generations of minority business leaders seeking access, growth, and success.

Beyond her historic achievements, Harriet Michel's legacy is defined by her commitment to empowering others. Through mentorship, advocacy, and visionary leadership, she has demonstrated that economic equity is not simply a business objective—it is a community imperative.

NTAC proudly recognizes Harriet Michel for a lifetime of leadership, service, and unwavering dedication to expanding opportunity and advancing economic equity nationwide.

NTAC: 2026 HONORS



GWENDOLYN TOWNS



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

For decades, Mrs. Gwendolyn Towns has exemplified the values of service, education, faith, and community leadership. As an educator, mentor, civic advocate, and trusted community voice, she has devoted her life to uplifting others and strengthening the institutions that help neighborhoods thrive.

Her influence can be seen in the generations of students she helped guide, the families she encouraged, and the countless community initiatives she supported throughout Brooklyn and beyond. Grounded in faith and driven by a commitment to service, Mrs. Towns has long understood that meaningful leadership begins with investing in people.

Alongside her lifelong commitment to education, she has remained deeply engaged in civic and community life, helping build connections between residents, institutions, and public service. Her example continues to inspire those who believe that lasting change is achieved one relationship, one family, and one community at a time.

NTAC proudly recognizes Gwendolyn Towns for her enduring legacy of education, service, and community leadership.

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MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE DR. PATRICIA RAMSEY



INSTITUTIONAL LEGACY & BROOKLYN HISTORY MAKER

Few leaders embody the transformative power of education as profoundly as Dr. Patricia Ramsey. As President of Medgar Evers College (MEC), she has strengthened one of Brooklyn's most important institutions while expanding opportunities for students, families, and communities that have long looked to the College as a pathway to advancement.

A scientist, educator, and visionary leader, Dr. Ramsey has guided MEC through a period of remarkable growth and achievement. Under her leadership, the institution secured the largest grant in its history and continues to advance a mission rooted in educational excellence, access, empowerment, and social justice. As the College's first woman president and first scientist president, she has helped shape a future that honors the institution's legacy while preparing the next generation of leaders.

Her leadership extends far beyond the campus. Through partnerships, advocacy, and a steadfast commitment to community engagement, Dr. Ramsey continues to strengthen the connection between education and opportunity throughout Central Brooklyn and beyond.

NTAC proudly recognizes President Ramsey and Medgar Evers College for their enduring commitment to educational excellence, community empowerment, and transformative leadership.

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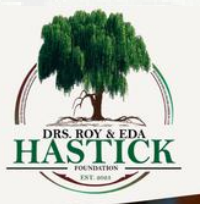
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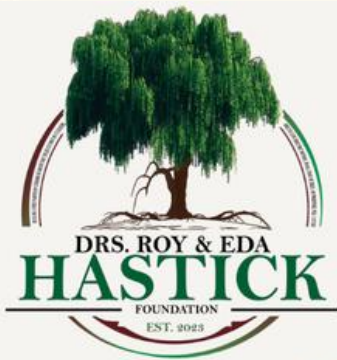
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We are grateful for your wisdom, your sacrifices, and the legacy you continue to shape each day.

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We are grateful for your partnership and for helping create experiences that honors the extraordinary leaders, organizations, and communities we celebrate year after year.



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CELEBRATING THE HEART OF OUR WORK

NTAC's Board of Directors extends its heartfelt appreciation to our extraordinary team of volunteers. Your generosity, dedication, and unwavering commitment make it possible for us to carry out this work throughout the year.

Behind every successful program, event, and initiative is a group of individuals willing to give their time, talent, and energy in service to others. Your willingness to show up, lend a hand, and support our mission has strengthened NTAC and the countless organizations, leaders, and families we serve.

The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic proudly recognizes four remarkable volunteers whose commitment, reliability, and spirit of service help advance our mission every day.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation, we acknowledge:



Sharman Blake



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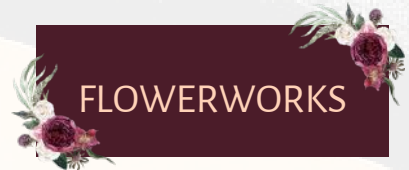
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The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic extends heartfelt thanks to all who made the 19th Annual All-White Gala a night to remember. NTAC Galas have been proof that when communities come together, extraordinary things happen.

To our honorees, thank you for your leadership, courage, and commitment to community. Your work uplifts neighborhoods, empowers families, and reminds us of what's possible when purpose meets passion.

To our sponsors, partners, and donors, your generosity makes our mission real. Because of your support, NTAC can continue to serve as a clinic where nonprofits—and the communities they serve—grow, heal, and thrive.

To our Board of Directors, volunteers, and event team, your dedication ensures the success of this annual celebration. We are stronger because of your time, talent, and heart.

And to every guest, thank you for showing up, dressing in white, and standing in solidarity with grassroots change agents across our city.

As we look toward the future, we remain inspired by the resilience of our neighborhoods, the brilliance of our nonprofit sector, and the enduring power of service. Together, we will continue building stronger communities, expanding opportunity, and creating lasting impact for generations to come.

As we close this chapter and look ahead to an exciting milestone, we invite you to join us next year as NTAC celebrates its 20th Annual Gala—two decades of honoring leadership, strengthening communities, and championing the organizations that make New York City stronger.

Thank you for being part of the NTAC family.



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