



Caribbean American Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)

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Caribbean American Chamber Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) To induct Business Visionaries at its Largest Business and Cultural Networking Reception

New York, NY -- The **Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)** has announced that it will induct its *Business Visionaries* at its **Annual Caribbean Christmas Business Networking Reception on Friday, December 12, 2008 – 8:00 p.m.** at The Brooklyn Public Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY.

This Annual Christmas Business Networking Reception is the largest CACCI business event of the year. It includes a VIP Business Leadership Reception at which time CACCI will recognize its newest members for their contributions and commitment to economic and community development, and visionary leadership.

CACCI President Roy A. Hastick, Sr., who will serve as convener, describes this event as a good opportunity for CACCI members and the wider business community to interact with each other and with business and community leaders. “During these challenging economic times, it is important for businesspersons to come together to network, obtain information about badly needed resources and exchange ideas about business opportunities that are available for business survival and growth, even during this economic downturn.”

As the occasion draws near, CACCI’s President looks forward to this year’s Annual End-of-Year Reception and Visionary Salute: “These are entrepreneurs who have taken the risk and accepted the challenge. We are proud to salute them as *CACCI’s New Business Visionaries* and we look forward to assisting them in furthering their business growth in areas of small business financing, certification, and other business services,” Hastick said.

The Honorary Co-chairpersons are: **Lowell Hawthorne**, President/CEO, Golden Krust; **Miguel Centano**, Vice President, Minority Affairs, AETNA; **Edmund Sadio**, Broker, Century 21 Achievers Realty; **Joy Crichlow**, Director, Con Edison MWBE Programs; **Marcia Melendez**, Owner, Flowerworks and Landscaping; **Sybil Chester**, Manager, Moet Hennessey, USA; **Rev. Hilton Smith**, Senior Vice President, Turner Construction; **Brenda Scott**, Director, Minority Affairs, Macy’s Department Stores; **Dr. Lorna McBarnette**, Chancellor, American International University; **Dennis Hawthorne**, President, Dennis Shipping Co., and **Derek E. Broomes**, CACCI’s Board Chairman.

This is also the time of year when CACCI raises badly needed funds to strengthen its operations, and to give back to the community through its *Educational Foundation*. One of the hallmarks of its *Foundation*, a 501 © 3 entity, is its *Annual Toy Distribution Drive* when toys, books and other gifts will be distributed to children ages 2 to 12, through various organizations that work with and support children and families year round.

To purchase tickets for the December 12th Business Networking Reception, or to contribute toys, books or other gifts, for information on CACCI membership, business financing through CACCI member banks, or other business related information, contact CACCI at (718) 834-4544. To access CACCI’s programs and services visit CACCI’s websites: www.caribbeantradecenter.com and www.Flatbushcatonmarket.com.