

Toya Williford, Program Officer, Independence Community Foundation

Toya Williford is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, came to New York to attend Cornell University, and moved to Brooklyn in 1996. As Program Officer at ICF, Toya is responsible for grants relating to economic development, community revitalization and community-based planning. Toya has spent her entire career in public service, including the Regional Plan Association. She serves as member of her Community Board, and actively volunteers with several community organizations. She is receiving special recognition for developing the ICF Women's Network. The purpose of the Women's Network is to provide a forum for women in leadership roles to share best practices. **Presenter: Valerie Oliver-Durran**

The Community Capacity Builder Awards are presented to individuals who support projects on the front lines of neighborhood life, in appreciation for their interest in and commitment to our communities. The following are past awardees:

Cesar J. Claro, Richmond County Savings Foundation; Betsy Dubovsky, S.I. Bank & Trust Foundation; Kanyere Eaton, The Sister Fund; Seth C. Edwards, JP Morgan Chase; Lucy Friedman, The After-School Corporation; Penny Fujiko Willgerodt, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.; Marilyn Gelber, The Independence Community Foundation; Erica Hunt, Twenty-First Century Foundation; Sunita Mehta, Funders Concerned About AIDS; Alton S. Murray, Public Affairs, Con Edison; Lisa Philp, Global Foundations Group, JP Morgan Private Bank; Stuart Post, Program Officer, Independence Community Foundation; Ben Rodriguez-Cubenas Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Kevin Ryan, Program Officer, New York Foundation; Fazana Saleem-Ismail, Robin Hood Foundation; Debra Smallwood, Con Edison; Marianne Teta, Verizon; Guy Vickers, President, The Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation; Alfonso Wyatt, Fund for the City of New York; Elwanda Young, United Way of New York City; Antonia Yuille Williams, Con Edison.

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The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) is a registered nonprofit organization, serving the needs of philanthropic individuals and organizations in their efforts to develop support and maintain effective community-based and faith-based programs. We also serve non-profits wishing to improve programs and organizational capacity for addressing the needs of low-income and service-starved neighborhoods. We provide consultation, strategic direction and management, technical assistance and forums for increasing substantive outcomes in all these areas of human and financial investment.

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With Kate Sullivan, Co-anchor 

AWARDEES

Ben Esner, Independence Community Foundation

Linetta Gilbert, The Ford Foundation

Kenneth D. Merin, Charles Hayden Foundation

Patricia Swann, New York Community Trust

Angie Wang, New York Women's Foundation

Phyllis White-Thorne, Con Edison

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The **Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic**, in consultation with Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Staten Island Borough President James P. Molinaro, College of Staten Island President Marlene Springer, Rev. Dr. Gary Simpson, The Association of Black Foundation Executives and the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers is pleased to announce the accomplishments of committed Community Capacity Builders with the 2007 awards. NTAC President **Valerie Oliver-Durrah** is very proud to acknowledge the continued sponsorship of **The Independence Community Foundation** and **Marilyn Gelber**.

This is the fifth year we are honored to have **Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz** join us for our Community Capacity Builder Awards Ceremony at Concord Baptist Church of Christ. Our gratitude also to our host, **Rev. Dr. Gary Simpson** a constant leader in faith-based and economic development participation in Brooklyn's future.

We are proud to welcome **WCBS-2 Co-Anchor, Kate Sullivan** as this year's Mistress of Ceremonies. Her commitment to coverage of community-based endeavors in Greater New York is a valued contribution in recognizing the work of our honorees.

Ben Esner, Deputy Director, Independence Community Foundation

As overseer of ICF's grant making in the areas of community economic and workforce development, education, and early childhood initiatives, Ben Esner has led the Foundation's participation in the New York City Sectors Initiative, the Child Care and Early Education Fund and the Pre-School Collaboration for Inclusion. Throughout his work, he demonstrates leadership in supporting asset creation for low-income sectors, and nonprofit financial management and governance to promote accountability and transparency in community-based philanthropy. Mr. Esner also serves as Vice President and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation and is a founding board member of Leadership Prep Charter School, also in Bedford Stuyvesant. **Presenter: Colvin Grannum, President, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration**

Linetta Gilbert, Senior Program Officer, The Ford Foundation

Linetta is a nationally recognized leader in advancing faith-based community work and rural philanthropy. She leads the Community Philanthropy, Race and Equity in the American South Initiative, and the US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership. She advises the Ford Foundations investments in the Gulf Coast region of the US. She has served as a Lead Consultant to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Neighborhood Transformation "Making Connections" Initiative. At the Ford Foundation, she has supported efforts to stimulate African American Giving Circles. Among a long list of board memberships, national and local, Ms Gilbert serves the Association of Black Foundation Executives, Grantmakers for Children/Families and Youth, the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers and the Council on Foundations. **Presenter: Kanyere Eaton, Executive Director, The Sister Fund, Black Women for Black Girls**

Kenneth D. Merin, President and CEO, Charles Hayden Foundation

The Charles Hayden Foundation promotes the mental, moral and physical development of children and youth ages five to eighteen. Under Ken Merrin's leadership the Foundation has taken a comprehensive youth-serving approach in New York City and Boston, in supporting institutions and programs that reach low-income youth most at risk of not reaching their full potential. To this he brings broad and substantive life experience. He has worked for the United States Congress, served as New Jersey's Commissioner of Insurance, has been a partner with New York and New Jersey law firms and served as an infantry officer in the United States Army, and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. **Presenter: Isis Sapp-Grant, Founder/Executive Director, Youth Empowerment Mission**

Patricia Swann, Program Officer, New York Community Trust

Patricia Swann's grantmaking responsibilities cover the areas of Community Development, Civic Affairs, and Technical Assistance. She also serves as a board member of Brooklyn Workforce Innovations, a job training affiliate of the Fifth Avenue Committee. Prior to The Trust, Pat directed an economic development programs in Red Hook/South Brooklyn and in Manhattan, and served on the staff of the Manhattan Borough President's Office under Borough President David Dinkins. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Pratt Institute Graduate School of Architecture and Planning and she is a recipient of a Revson fellowship at Columbia University. **Presenter: Cesar Claro, President, Staten Island Economic Development Corp.**

Angie Wang, Director of Programs, New York Women's Foundation

Though she hails from California, New York City has benefited significantly by Angie Wang's commitment to people in crisis. She currently oversees New York Women's Foundation's cross-cultural grantmaking for women and girls initiatives. Before joining the NYWF, Angie directed national grant programs at the September 11th Fund to victims and dislocated workers in New York and Washington D.C. At Safe Horizon she focused her attention on domestic violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault. In her free time Angie serves as a board member for both the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families and Peoples Production House, which offers media literacy training and production skills to underserved youth. **Presenter: Cecilia Clarkeews, Executive Director, Sadie Nash Leadership Project**

Phyllis White-Thorne, Manager of Public Information Con Edison

Phyllis manages Public Information with community and government leaders and not for profit organizations for Con Edison in Brooklyn. She has also managed strategic partnerships at Con Edison's Corporate Headquarters, creating strategy for the Company's support of public education initiatives, as well as Corporate Volunteer Program. Her passion is to support the education and the development of others, and assist them in achieving their goals in living purpose-driven lives. Fittingly, Phyllis has received Con Edison's *Living our Values Award*, which is the highest award given to employees, the Harlem Y's *Black Achievers in Industry Award*, and Channel Thirteen/WNET New York's Community Leadership Award, among others. **Presenter: Arthur H. Niles, Vanguard Urban Improvement**

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