



*Neighborhood Leadership
Training Program*

Class 2003

GRADUATION

July 1, 2003

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Academy of Arts Lecture Hall

The Learning Corridor

Hartford, Connecticut

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Dear friends,

It has been our honor and pleasure to help guide the 27 members of this year's Neighborhood Leadership Training Program. Together, we traveled to some amazing places. Along the way, we made some awesome discoveries, about each other and ourselves.

We believe the Members of the 2003 class have learned many of the skills necessary to initiate and direct revitalization efforts in their neighborhoods. LGH and its team of consultants provided training in such areas as running effective meetings, resolving conflict, working with the media and public speaking. Now that they have completed the program, we expect these graduates will work with their Neighborhood Revitalization Zone to tackle neighborhood problems like crime, housing, and traffic.

Just as importantly, however, we believe these individuals will continue to learn and grow. We sense in them a genuine desire to become all they can be, and to share their gifts so that others in Hartford and beyond may benefit. As they do so, they inspire us to learn, to serve and to pursue our own hopes and dreams for the capital city. They do this because that's what leaders do!

Please join us in saluting the leaders we recognize this evening!

Sincerely,

Ted Carroll
President

Jeannette Rivera-Dieppa
Program Assistant

July 1, 2003
Commencement Exercises for the Inaugural Class

5:30 pm ----- Reception

6:15 pm ----- Program Begins

Opening Remarks ----- Ted Carroll, President
Leadership Greater Hartford

Keynote Salute ----- Marilyn Rossetti
Member Hartford Court of Common Council

A Video Tribute to the Class ----- Jeannette Rivera
LGH Program Assistant

Reflections ----- Class Members

Presentation of Pins and Diplomas ----- Joseph Barber and
Edie Lacy, Co-chairs, Community Economic
Development Committee, Hartford 2000 and
Glenn Geathers, Project Manager, Hartford
Economic Development Commission

Closing Remarks ----- Ted Carroll

7:15 pm ----- Dessert and Coffee

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Ann-Marie Adams

31 Owens Street
Hartford, CT 06105
673-5993



Carlos Bonett

117 Plain Drive
East Hartford, CT
06118
723-1069

“My vision for Hartford is to see an integrated city with the same opportunities for all its residents and without problems of security and extreme poverty.”



Mary Cahill

257 Lawrence Street
Hartford, CT 06106
525-7784

“As a Hartford leader, I commit to “serve” the city to the best of my ability. I also want to carry the message that “there is no place like Hartford.”



Michele Calhoun

25B Judson Street
Hartford, CT 06120
547-1660

“My vision for Hartford is legislation that supports the healthy development of children. I believe healthy children eventually become effective leaders if they share their talents and strenghts.”



Barbara Dennis

173 Kenyon Street
Hartford, CT 06105
523-8752

“As a Hartford leader I commit to being involved in programs that are committed to the mission of reducing the rate of teen-age births and the health care for children particularly reproductive health care of teens.”



Garfield Gunter
10 Willow Lane
Bloomfield, CT 06002
242-8335

“My vision for Hartford is to see all the different Hartford communities coming together and collaborating to make Hartford one of best cities to live in.”



Chastity R. Hamilton
35 Sumner Street C-3
Hartford, CT 06105
524-9301

“Leadership is at best meaningless, and at worst dangerous, without the representation and active participation of members of the neighborhood, city and state!””



Beverly Henriques
111 Clover Street
Windsor, CT 06095
547-*1212



Celestino Jimenez Sr.
110 Babcock Street
Hartford, CT 06106
216-0781

“My vision for Hartford is to empower residents by providing more job opportunities.”



Emily Kerr
13 Enfield Street
Hartford, CT 06120
293-1057

“My vision for Hartford is for it to be #1 in the nation and a place free of drugs, drive-by shootings and fear for our children as they play outside.”



Alan Looper

One Gold Street
Unit 12C
Hartford, CT 06103
524-9767

“ My vision for Hartford is to create a balanced, vibrant cultural urban center based around a unique identity while making the city the center of Connecticut living once again”



Elsie Mata

250 main Street #523
Hartford, CT 06106
522-4888 Ext. 6246

“My vision for Hartford is to see Hartford unit peacefully to achieve common goals while continuing to cultivate the beauty of which distinguishes its citizen.”



Linda Moore

189 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106
297-0233

“ My vision for Hartford is that all people of Hartford become like-minded in all areas of life that affect in good or bad ways”



Maria I. Negron

1013 Maple Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114
947-0760

“ As a Hartford leader, I commit to empower people and to educate them in all areas, especially the importance of voting.”



Marcia Nahounou

13 Hill Farm Road
Bloomfield,CT 06002
679-4431

“ Leadership is demonstrating your convictions to others in such a way that they get an electric charge that makes them convert.”



Rachael Otero
31 Annawan Street
Hartford, CT 06114
722-6349

“As a Hartford leader, I commit to keep empowering residents to make our city the place to be.”



Neftali Rivera
49 Ashley Street
Hartford, CT 06106
560-1824

“As a Hartford leader I commit to lift up this city before God’s throne, to encourage others to build a better place to live and to guide other to find solutions and new opportunities



Judith Rodriguez
37 Franklin Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
232-7353

“As a Hartford leader, I commit to encourage, motivate, inspire, influence and support our kids which are our future .”



Mattlyn E. Rodriguez
277 Bellevue Street
Hartford, CT 06120
478-4983

“As a leader, I commit to being an active participant in the educational development of our school-aged children.”



Nilda E. Santana
38 Roosevelt Street
Hartford, CT 06114
296-7916

“As a Hartford leader, I commit to work to improve our city and its neighborhoods to make “Hartford’s Rising Star” shine.”



Celestino Jimenez, Jr.
112 Babcock Street
Hartford, CT 06106
478-6974

“Leadership is inspiring a shared vision.”





S. Joan Talley

41 Lorraine Drive
Tolland, CT 06084
875-1627

“My vision for Hartford is for there to be no separations between the neighborhoods and downtown. We were once a city and taken as a whole, we can be seen as a force to be reckoned with.”



Annie Walton

6 Dillon Road
Hartford, CT 06112
522-2473

“Leadership is to make others feel comfortable, confident and to empower others to have input in whatever goals they are trying to accomplish.”



Devon Walton

269 Bellevue Street
Hartford, CT 06120
525-0865

“My vision for Hartford is to empower the people of our community and to bring back our community police officers who know our names and who keep our streets safe.”



Deborah Williams

244B Park Terrace
Hartford, CT 06106
951-3042

“As a Hartford leader, I commit to working with as many people as I can to make a group – not an individual - effort to improving the city.”



Edward Wojtowicz

55 Newton Street
Hartford, CT 06106
233-7636



Rhonda Woods

246 Lyme Street
Hartford, CT 06112
279-9620

“ Leadership is establishing a relationship with people, public and private, and establishing collaborations among NRZs, community organizations, merchants and co-operatives.”



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