

## Acknowledgement

The Board of Directors of **Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc.** extends their sincere gratitude to the Supporters, Honorees, Volunteers, Models and to all who have joined us tonight to make this evening a memorable one. We thank you for taking this journey with us and look forward to your continued support as we strive to empower Long Island's youth and their families.

### A special thank you to:

Members of tonight's Youth Creative Expression Team  
and their parents

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Arts \* Fashion \* Culture as Solutions for 21st Century Life Challenges and Pitfalls



## Celebrating the Creativity of our Youth

### Honoring:

Rev. Patrick Daymond \* Ms. Margarita Grasing \* Mr. Don Ryan  
Ms. Dale Flashner \* The Late Dr. Gary Rachlin \* Ms. Madeline Quintyne

### Showcasing:

The Creative Genius of Long Island's Youth

## Fundraising Gala & Wearable Art Presentation

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013**

**Leonard's of Great Neck**

**555 Northern Blvd., Great Neck New York**

## Message from Madona Cole-Lacy

### Founder

"I believe arts education in music, theater, dance, and the visual arts is one of the most creative ways we have to find the gold that is buried just beneath the surface. They (children) have an enthusiasm for life, a spark of creativity and vivid imaginations that need training—training that prepares them to become confident young men and women."



– Richard W. Riley, Former US Secretary of Education

**"Luckily for us, the road to empowerment is paved with the gift of enlightenment and an abundance of the opportunity for education, if only we can make ourselves open to the process".**

Madona Cole-Lacy, MA Ed., Founder: Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc.

Your Time For Creative Empowerment Inc. came about as a result of a EUREKA moment which caused me to see how I could combine my passion for offering art-based programs and activities that address personal development, creative solutions and cultural enrichment; and my desire to make a positive impact on the lives of children, adolescents and families. I saw how I could provide creative tools to help them come up with solutions of their own to life's challenges and pitfalls with which they are dealing.

Our use of the arts fashion and culture, which everyone relates to on some level, helps us connect with our participants on a meaningful level. That in turn makes it a natural vehicle for them to identify, develop, and implement long-lasting solutions of their own.

Aside from my selfish passion for the creative process, I must share with you another factor that motivates me. The damaging effects of the alarming increase of complicated and destructive issues that our youth, parents and community members are dealing with today, suggests to me that eventually no one will be exempt from this unfortunate trend. It is for this reason that we formulate awareness-raising programs and activities. We raise awareness of the need for a better understanding of modern technology; highlighting its virtues and its down side, when abused or misused. We do this with full awareness of the negative role it plays in the demands that today's lifestyle brings with it to the home and community!

It is my hope that you get to experience, tonight, a sampling of what Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc. was set up to do in a manner that will cause you to join us in our quest to make a difference in the lives of Long Island's youth and families.



*Ms. Margarita Grasing*

Ms. Margarita Grasing is an experienced executive with comprehensive knowledge in the non-profit sector. She has dedicated over 34 years in service to the Hispanic community of Long Island. Her work has included developing and supervising housing counseling programs, scholarships for young adults, senior citizen and after school programs. Throughout her career she has displayed an ability to restructure failing programs, improve productivity and raise necessary funds. Ms. Grasing has incorporated skilled leadership, team building, and creative vision to improve organization missions. She is decisive and results driven. Prior to assuming the leadership of the Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre. Ms. Grasing served as Executive Director of the Hispanic Outreach Program of the Village of Rockville Centre, from 1979 to 1984. Ms. Grasing attended Hunter College in New York and Sacred Heart Academy, in Havana, Cuba.



*Madeline A. Quintyne*

A dedicated Public Servant. Born in Harlem, N.Y. and raised in Amityville, Long Island. She graduated from Amityville Memorial High School, received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Salem College in Salem, West Virginia and will receive her MSW from Stony Brook University in 2014. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree she became a case manager for a NY State agency that addressed the needs of senior citizens, she went on to hold many other social service positions. She is an active member of the Bethel AME Church in Copiague and is a life member of the Central LI branch of the NAACP. She was inspired by her father whose motto was "Unity in the Community" Irwin S. Quintyne and is inspired daily by her mother Delores Quintyne, who is a social activist in her own right. Madeline continues to provide service as the Chairperson of the NACEC-CDC that provides economic development and revitalization for the North Amityville Community.

## Background Information



*Mr. Don Ryan*

Mr. Ryan is a product of the Hempstead Public Schools and holds a BA from Adelphi University and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. He taught for 33 years and was the director of Youth Employment at Hempstead High School. Don also served as Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for 25 years. However what Don is most known for is his coaching of Hempstead youth basketball teams which he traveled throughout the US and the world. Don coached and taught "Dr. J" Erving, Rob and Brandon Moore of NFL fame and many other key figures in the US today. Don is also a Trustee of the Village of Hempstead, and sits on the Leadership Training Institute Board of Directors and the Salvation Army Advisory Council for Nassau County, along with a host of others. Don has received numerous awards for community service and was featured twice in Newsday: LI Master Teachers. Don sums up his philosophy thus "I coach life, not just basketball."



*The Late Dr. Gary Rachlin*

Dr. Rachlin was the Director of Medical Education for Plainview Hospital from 2001 and in 2002 he became the director of the Family Practice Residency Program. He was a graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Peninsula Hospital. Along with his many accomplishments, Gary was the two time recipient of the NYCOM "Teaching in Excellence" award. He leaves behind two children, family and countless friends. His smile, charm and compassion will be truly missed. Contributions in memory of Gary Rachlin may be sent to FAAN: The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network at [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org)



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### **Facts about Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc.**

Not-For-Profit certificate obtained from New York Department of State in August 2012

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Founded by art educator, textile artist and fashion designer; Madona Cole-Lacy, M.A. Ed., with the support and consultation of her husband; James A. Lacy, LCSW, a highly experienced not-for-profit administrator and psychotherapist

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An outgrowth of the free voluntary community service initiatives conducted through Madona Cole-Lacy's for-profit venture, My Time has Come programs, including the annual Self-Empowering Workshop for College Bound High School Students. The Annual College Bound Self-Empowerment Workshop is now incorporated into this organization's program offerings.

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### **Mission Statement**

To empower children, adolescents and parents of all race, creed and socio-economic status from secular and faith-based communities in the Long Island area. This empowerment is accomplished through the use of art, fashion and culture as mechanisms to improve interpersonal relationships and avoid pitfalls that are unique to life in the 21st Century. Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc. specifically identifies and effectively develops healthy problem-solving, enhances personal development and increases cultural sensitivity.

## Program

Cocktail Hour ..... Music by James Lacy, Vocalist/Guitarist  
Donna Winfield, Vocalist  
Tim Dorsey, Musician  
Introduction of MC .....James Lacy  
Greetings & Welcome.....Madona Cole-Lacy

### Invocation & Blessing of Food

**Youth Creative Expression** ...Jasmine Gobourne - Dance

Dinner .....Joshua Dikerson - Saxophone

### Youth Creative Expressions

Jasmine & Briana Gobourne-Dance

**Celebration of Honorees**.....Rev. Patrick Daymond  
Ms. Dale Flashner

**Youth Creative Expression**..... Michael Desir - Poetry

**Celebration of Honorees**.....Mr. Donald Ryan (Don Ryan)  
The Late Dr. Gary Rachlin - Dr. Bruce Zitkus

**Celebration of Honorees**.....Ms. Margarita Grasing  
Commissioner Madeline Quintyne

**Wearable Art Presentation Finale** featuring -Your Time To...

Silent Auction Results

Raffle Drawing

Vote of Thanks

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*Rev. Patrick Daymond*

A highly sought after preacher, teacher, and workshop facilitator. Rev. Daymond was ordained as a Pastoral Resident at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago beginning in 2005. There he was active in various areas of ministry, specially community outreach and mission. In 2006, he was called to be the pastor of Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church of Chicago. There he created a number of compelling ministries, including the nationally and many others. Rev. Daymond holds a BA degree in Political Science from Davidson College in NC, a Masters of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ and he is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Garrett Theological Seminary and the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University. His focus tract of study is African American Congregational Leadership. recognized "Barbershop Rap Monitoring Program"



*Ms. Dale Flashner*

Dale Flashner is a graphic designer / educator and Director of the Graphic Design Program of the Department of Art and Art History at Adelphi University where she has been teaching since 1985. Dale supervises the running of Adelphi's in-house design studio whereby senior design majors are servicing outside clients and solving diverse real-world graphic problems. In addition, Dale is the coordinator of the department's internship program and serves as technology liaison. She also maintains ties with alumni by organizing exhibitions of their professional works. Dale received a BS in Fine Art from the University of Bridgeport and an MA in Art from Adelphi University. Creative Cups, a thought-provoking art exhibition and fundraising event to benefit and support the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program, emerged as her way of make a difference in the fight for a cure. She and many others have participated in this fight by decorating bras as art showing their "creative empowerment"