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OF

CITIZENS & FRIENDS OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, INC.

A 501(C3) Non-Profit Organization WELCOME YOU TO AN EVENING OF

ELEGANCE AND SPLENDOR

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP US TO

"MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE"







MISSION

Citizens & Friends of Trinidad & Tobago, Inc. founded in 1996 is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation. The mission of this corporation shall be to facilitate medical, surgical assistance and life enhancing services to needy children, provide medical supplies, equipment and training the staff at public hospitals and other Non-profit (Public) health care institutions in Trinidad and Tobago. The organization works collaboratively with trained professionals to provide services to improve the lives of children in need throughout our local community and the Caribbean.

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Dear Friends,

CFTT is constantly seeking new membership. Applications Available by visiting our website: www. Cftt.us, contacting any member, or by calling (310)762-2253.

"YOU TOO CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE"

IN LOVING MEMORY

The members of CFTT extend our condolence to the family and friends









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Easton Napier

Andre Thomas

Catherine "Debbie" Edwards

Anthony Guytan







Ray Mulunarey

Alfred Howell

Ruth Bovell



Clarence Chanman Cassie Holman Alexander Kimmie Daniels

GONE BUT, NOT FORGOTTEN

PROGRAM

7:00 PM—Guest Check In & Invited To Be Seated

7:15 PM—Opening Remarks

- President Speech
- Vice President Welcome
- National Anthems
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- Moment Of Silence For Departed Friends and Family
- Invocation—Rev Louis Chase

8:00 PM—Dinner Served (Catered By Choura Venue Services)

- Presentation of Awards

9:30 PM—Floor Open For Showtime and Dancing

1:30 PM—Event Concludes



Message From The President



Mervyn Richardson President

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A "Golden" 55th Anniversary Celebration

Fellow Nationals, former Nationals and Friends of Trinidad and Tobago. I bring you greetings from the board and members of Citizens and Friends of Trinidad and Tobago (CFTT). Furthermore, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for having the pleasure of your company this evening. Welcome to the 55th "Golden" Anniversary Celebration of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Why Golden? Well, we are all honored by the gold medal won by the men's 4X400 meter relay team at the IAAF World Championship in London.

I am sure that you will appreciate the wonderful evening we have in store for you. Let's briefly reflect why we are celebrating this occasion. On August 31st, 1962, the late Dr. Eric Eustace Williams spearheaded Trinidad and Tobago to its independence from British Colonialism and Imperialism. In recognition of this historic event we commemorate the 55th anniversary of the independence of our twin island republic nation. On August 1st, 1976, fourteen years after independence, Trinidad and Tobago became a Republic. However, each year, the "Republic Day Celebration" is held on the 24th day of September because it was on this day when parliament met to ratify the Republican Constitution.

As we continue to reflect on the astounding history of our twin islandnations we recognize the efforts made by the founders of CFTT, Mr. Shariz Khan and the late Dr. Bernard Mahabir. This year marks the 21th anniversary of the founding of Citizens and Friends of Trinidad and Tobago Inc. Mr. Khan and Dr. Bernard founded CFTT in 1996. Both gentlemen were former nationals of Trinidad and Tobago. In their efforts to bring together community and service those in need, they were supported by departed cofounders Dr. Phillip Smith and Ms. Coreen Fields, RN.

The slogan for our organization is: "You Can Make A Difference In A Child's Life". Therefore, it is imperative that we build our membership roster with the Millennial generation. They are the individuals who are changing the work place and the world. I urge you all to join with us in upholding the legacy of the founders of the organization. CTFF's mission is to provide medical care to indigent children with serious health







challenges in Trinidad and Tobago and within the Greater Los Angeles area. By your financial support and/or becoming a member of CFTT you join in the shout, "Yes we can". Please visit our Website at: www.cftt.us . You will find more detailed about our non-profit, 501C-3 corporation.

In conclusion, as we celebrate our 55th Anniversary of Independence and the gold medalists outstanding achievement at IAAF World Championship Games. I believe it is incumbent on me as President to celebrate your "Act of Kindness". On behalf of the board and members, thank you for supporting our fundraising "Shoe Drive". May the Grace, the Love and the Peace of God Bless us all. Enjoy the evening.

Sincerely, Mervyn Richardson President, CFTT





United States of America

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The Star Spangled Banner Lyrics By Francis Scott Key 1814













Trinidad and Tobago

National Anthem

Forged from the love of Liberty In the fires of hope and prayer With boundless faith in our destiny We solemnly declare.

Side by side we stand Islands of the Blue Caribbean Sea, This our native land We pledge our lives to thee.

Here every creed and race find an equal place, And may God bless our nation

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> The National Anthem of Trinidad and Tobago Lyrics and Music By Pat Castagne 1962





Master and Mistress of Ceremony

Vincent Bain Samuel & Denice Wint

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COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Micah Nesbitt



My name is Micah Nesbitt. I was born and raised in Carson, California. I'm the only child of Michelle Allen and Clement Nesbitt. I received my earlier education at Leapwood Elementary school. After graduation, I relocated to Hawthorne. I graduated Leuzinger High school on June 8th, 2017.

While growing up I always had a good sense of humor and always performed at family gatherings. I participated at CFTTs events by doing two skits, twisty and twirly with my close cousin Irvin Samuel. I also participated with BASC, winning their ugly sweater contest and I once played one of the prime ministers of Barbados in a BASC play.

Now that I've completed high school, I will pursue my dream of becoming an entertainer. My future goal is to have a successful YouTube channel that will bring laughs and joy to others. My career path will begin this fall at El Camino College in Torrance. Later, I plan to transfer to a university which specializes in animation and graphic design.

English poet, John Donne famously wrote, "No man is an island" with that I'd like to thank, Michelle Allen, Clement Nesbitt, Jackie Moultrie, Lydia Nesbitt Samuel, Vincent Samuel, and Christaley Nesbitt for giving me all the support and unconditional love throughout the years and helping me become the person I am today.







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COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Malik Branche



Malik Branche attended North High School from 2014 to June 2017. He excelled in Mathematics and during this time decided that he would like to continue his education in the business field. During his high school years, Malik actively participated in the following clubs: Hispanic Cultural Club, Young Black and Educated Club and the Do Something Club.

He also spent several hours per week volunteering at Edison Elementary School assisting teachers with coursework preparation. Malik also volunteers to feed the homeless on some weekends.

Malik enjoys watching and playing soccer. He was captain of his soccer team through American Youth Soccer Organization and played 2 years of varsity soccer in high school.

Malik graduated from North High School in June 2017. He is a highly motivated student with a passion and drive for helping others. He will be attending El Camino College for two years and hope to transfer to one of the UC University with a major in business finance.

COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Courtney Mierez



My name is Courtney Morgan Mierez and I am 27 years old. In May of 2017, I received my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Sports, Entertainment and Hospitality Management. I am currently the Event Concierge and Administrative Assistant for Hyatt Regency Long Beach. I am also the cofounder of the Los Angeles Legacy Project which mentors inner city youth using media arts. I have a sincere passion for caring for others so they can be their best.





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COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Anita Christina Bastian



Anita was born on January 27, 1983, on the beautiful island of St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Due to her mother's illness, Anita was raised by her aunt and grandmother at a young age. While in their care, she learned the importance of respect, hard work, and faith in God. Anita loved spending time with her family and friends especially during holidays and special occasions. One of her favorite moments were going horseback riding which she enjoyed going with her beloved father.

In June of 2000, Anita graduated from the St. Croix Central High School where she received her high school diploma. Several weeks after graduation she accepted a summer internship at the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority. At the completion of the internship, one of her managers referred her for a contract position working in the Electrical Distribution department as a Clerk Dispatcher where she accepted.

From there she enrolled at the University of the Virgin Islands where she hoped to earn a degree computer information systems. A few years after she was hired permanently in the Water Distribution department where she gained lots of work experience and tremendous work ethic. However, between juggling a full course load and long crazy work hours, she decided to put her education on hold promising to return and complete her studies. Over ten years had passed, and Anita became frustrated with the direction her career path was heading. She sought other opportunities within the company, but after countless job interviews and disappointing letters, Anita soon realized the importance of a college education. She needed to rebrand herself and change the course of her career path to become more marketable in today's workforce. In January 2014, Anita enrolled at Ashford University where she majored in Business Administration. After many long days and countless sleepless in January 2017, she completed her studies and recently attended the recent 2017 Spring Commencement in San Diego, CA.

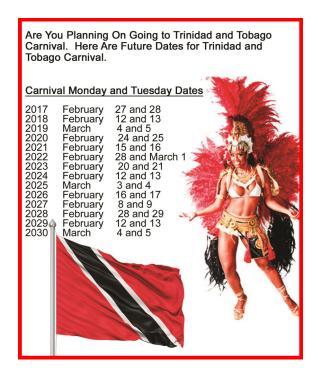
Anita now sees the future much more different than she did ten years ago. She is hoping to start her Master's in Business Administration this fall and is ready for the challenge. If you were to ask her for advice on making a change and starting over, she would say, "I now understand the importance of a college education. Having quality work ethics will only get you so far especially how fast our society has changed. A degree separates you from the rest because it shows that you have invested in yourself and your brand as a knowledge professional ready to get the job done."

COREEN FIELDS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Dr. Amanda Napier



Dr. Amanda Napier is a medical school graduate in the Class of 2017 at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago - Faculty of Medical Sciences. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Irvine and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Southern California. She hopes to specialize in Family Medicine.

Dr. Napier was born in Los Angeles and grew up in a diverse Caribbean family of Trinidadian and Jamaican heritage. Her academic journey could not of been possible without the support of both her parents, to which she dedicates all her success. For the next year, Dr. Napier will be doing her one year medical internship in Trinidad at the Port of Spain General Hospital, where she will rotate in the fields of Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Internal Medicine, and General Surgery. After her internship, she plans to return to California to pursue a residency program in family medicine.





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To the left are photos of 5 year old Cerebral Palsy patient Jeremiah James being fitted with his bilateral foot orthosis provided by CFTT

Other Children We Have Helped In The Past

Shamika Ali was in need of a corneal transplant surgery on her left eye and CFTT provided monetary assistance to pay for the surgery in Trinidad that was succesful.

Adam Samaroo of Chaguanas, 3 years old, was diagnosed with ventricular septal defect (a hole in the heart) and was taking less than half his prescribed formula. At 8 months old, Dr. Alexander of Mount Hope Hospital referred him to Jacksonville Hospital in Miami for corrective surgery that allowed Adam to return to a normal life. CFTT pledged \$3,000 to assist in covering the cost.

Kareem Aimes needed an auto-conjunctival transplant on his blind left eye. He traveled to and stayed at The Ronald McDonald House in Los Angeles. He was operated at the Hollywood Hospital by Dr. Jonathan Song, both of whom volunteered their services. Expenses were paid by CFTT and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

Simone Ragonath of Piarco, was born with several defects. She had no anal passage and a hole in her heart. CFTT and The Gift of Life Foundation funded her medical attention and successful surgery at the Schneider's Children Hospital in Hyde Park, New York.



CFTT Supported, Assisted, and Congratulates Marilyn Lloyd In Feeding The Homeless and Hungry.



CFTT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Gregory Douglas



Gregory Stanley Douglas, was born July 21, 1958, in the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago to the parents of Laurestina and Eureka Douglas. Currently married to Jacqueline Annmarie for 33 years; from this union, they have five (5) children and three (3) grandchildren. Gregory spent his earlier years as an Invasive Cardiovascular Technician, now retired he pursued his lifelong dream of being a Designer craftsman in Pyro graphic fine artist

Being such a skilled designer in Pyro graphic art, in 2014 Gregory was selected by Los Angeles Art Association for membership, out of a pool of 200 artist, competing for two (2) spots.

Along with being a member of the Los Angeles Arts Association (LAAA); Gregory is also member of Trinidad and Tobago Arts Society, Director of Five Rivers All Arts Center in Trinidad and Tobago; West Indies.

CFTT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Graham Goddard



Graham Goddard (Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad on April 12, 1982) is a Trinidadian visual artist known for exploring creativity through various artistic mediums including painting, music, site-specific installations and mixed media. Goddard is the first Trinidadian in history to exhibit at the Skirball Museum and has been featured at the California African American Museum twice. His artwork has also been exhibited in numerous art galleries throughout the United States and abroad.

Goddard is also the founder of www.AllPublicArt.com, a social media platform and mobile app for artists and art enthusiasts, which assists in the discovery of artwork in public spaces and provides a photo-sharing and e-commerce component for people to sell or purchase art related items. AllPublicArt.com is currently one of the leading platforms merging art with technology and received a valuation of 2.3 million dollars in February, 2017.

CFTT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Keron Adams



Keron Adams is a native of Trinidad and Tobago, currently residing in Los Angeles, California. As a young adult growing up in Trinidad, Keron was always a proactive leader in sports and many small business ventures. It seemed as if he was born with a strong determination for success. He migrated to the United States 2005 and worked hard to achieve his goal of being a college graduate. He graduated from

Pittsburg Technical Institute in 2007 with a Science degree in information technology and a concentration in network security and computer forensics.

Now an educated, determined and goal oriented man, he moved to Los Angeles in pursuit of greater accomplishments. It was his move to Los Angeles in 2007 that sparked the beginning of his legacy.

He has always had a profound love and passion for his Caribbean culture. In 2010 he started Regulaz Entertainment, a non-profit organization, solely for charitable, educational and cultural entertainment purposes. The start of this venture allowed him to work alongside many well-known Caribbean and international Celebrities, Artist, DJs, public figures and many city officials. Regulaz Entertainment, allowed him to build substantial relationships and gave him the confidence needed to continue sharing a part of his Caribbean heritage with the world. His continued love for culture and diversity, only fueled his goal of starting a Caribbean Carnival in the heart of Hollywood, California. He noticed the cultural diversity present in the Los Angeles area, but also noticed the absence of celebrations of that cultural diversity. With that in mind, he wanted to introduce an innovative concept to the city of Los Angeles. He thought, "How amazing would it be to bring together the many cultures, to one place at one time to celebrate the one thing that we all have in common yet it makes us all unique; Culture and diversity.

He did just that in 2012 when he started the first annual Hollywood Carnival, now branded, The Los Angeles Culture Festival, "expressing the cultures of culture and freedom of the world as one people."



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Congratulates Trinidad and Tobago On 55 Years of Independence It all started as a dream, followed by hard work, consistency and a dedication. Keron and his team continues to work hard to raise cultural awareness. The Carnival is now in its 6th year and continues to grow tremendously each year. The festival has attracted many local and international celebrities, some of the world's top DJs, artist, 5000 parade participants and over 10,000 spectators.

It's only the beginning Keron says, His goal is to make Hollywood Carnival the best carnival in the United States. He plans on accomplishing that goal by living and mimicking the business philosophy: "I believe in asking important questions: is there another way? What if, Why can't We? Success doesn't come from just spending more money, it comes from taking a fresh approach to what you already have."

Determined, dedicated, and consistent describes Mr. Keron Adams. With those qualities, he is destined for greater accomplishments and is on a path to creating a momentous legacy.



A Special Thank You To All Those Who Donated New And Slightly Used Shoes To This Year's Shoe Drive

CFTT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (GUEST OF HONOR) Professor Frank De Gourville



Professor Frank DeGourville was born in Trinidad, W.I. in a small southern town called Siparia. He migrated to the United States of America in 1969 and lived in the small town of Hartford, Connecticut.

While in Hartford, Professor DeGourville continued his devoted martial arts training under the guidance of Master Muhammad Shabazz.

In 1976, Professor DeGourville relocated to Los Angeles where he elevated his training in martial arts to a higher level. Finally, in 1978 the Professor opened a martial arts studio with his business partner Sam Sherman.

The Professor competed in many karate championship tournaments winning both California and Nevada state championships. His dedication to training in martial arts afforded him many opportunities such as working with the Los Angeles Police Department as a Line Reserve Officer for 23 years and becoming one of the first Certified Arrest and Control Self-Defense instructors.

Professor DeGourville received a PhD. MA.D.Sc and was inducted in the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2011 under Dr. Jim Thomas. He now dedicates his teaching and knowledge to training at-risk inner-city youth through the Rampart Police PAL Program as well as the Challengers Boys and Girls Club in South Central Los Angeles.

Because of the discipline and more advanced nature of his designed martial arts training, over 60 percent of his black belt students have been awarded scholarships to IVY LEAGUE colleges throughout the USA. Professor DeGourville's program is used as a vehicle to promote good physical health and wellness both mentally and spiritually to all his students.



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The Jamaican Soccer Team Congratulates
Trinidad & Tobago In
Celebrating 55 Years Of Independence





CFTT has three wheel chairs for donation, one motorized and two manual. If you know of any underprivileged person 18 or under, please let CFTT at (310)762-2253.





CFTT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (GUEST OF HONOR) Amentha V. Dymaliy



A graduate of UCLA in film studies and English, Amentha Viola Dymally was born July 27, 1934 in New York, New York to the late Vivian Viola Manley (a hat check girl at the famous Savoy Ballroom in Harlem and later a retired seamstress) who migrated from North Carolina, and the late Alban Isaacs (a retired mailroom clerk at the prestigious Research Institute of America), an immigrant from Trinidad, West Indies.

Before being legally adopted by her mother's husband the late Charles Wilkes (a retired postal worker), affectionately know as Daddybugs, Amentha spent her early years with her Trini grandmother, Mrs. Isaacs about whom she has written and is seeking production funding for a screenplay, "The West Indians." As a little girl, Amentha and her parents lived in Harlem on 127th Street and St. Nicholas where she played on the stoop with her childhood friend the late California State Senator Teresa Hughes.

In the mid 1940's when she was ten years old, Amentha's mother and Aunt Ethel made the bold decision to leave Harlem, NY, without Daddybugs, and travel by train to sunny Los Angeles, California where Amentha took root and attended catholic and public schools and became best friends with Nellie. When it was time for Amentha and Nellie to enter high school, the girls travelled to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia to attend St. Francis de Sales, an all girls Catholic boarding school which sat atop a hill over looking the James River in Castle Rock. Amentha finished her last year of high school and graduated from Fremont High in Los Angeles.

Upon graduation from high school Amentha began working for the telephone company and started attending Los Angeles City College (LACC). She became a cheerleader and soon met the late Mervyn M. Dymally who was attending California State University, Los Angeles that shared a campus with LACC. Intrigued by his accent and her stunning beauty, Mervyn and Amentha discovered their shared Trini heritage, married, purchased a home in the West Adams Historical neighborhood (where she still resides to this day), and had two beautiful and brilliant children – Mark and Lynn. Amentha put her college studies on hold to work full-time to help Mervyn bring his brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews to the United States to pursue educational opportunities and the American Dream along with financially assisting Mervyn's

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and the American Dream along with financially assisting Mervyn's mother in Trinidad to build a home with modern conveniences. More significantly, before divorcing. Amentha supported and is responsible for Mervyn's initial efforts to become a Black American political icon.

In the early 1960's, Amentha pursued her dreams of becoming an actor. Successful in her own right, Amentha's Hollywood career began with roles in "Sweet Jesus, Preacher Man" (1972), "Letters From Three Lovers" (ABC, 1973-74) and the drama "Coma" (1978). She went on to act in "Son Rise: A Miracle of Love" (1978-79), "Ally McBeal" (Fox. 1997-2002) and "Any Day Now" (Lifetime, 1998-2002). She also appeared in "The District" (CBS, 2000-04) and acted in the drama "Baby Boy" (2001) with Tyrese Gibson. More recently, she played a feature role in a TV One movie "Welcome to the Family" (2015) and will appear in Marlon Wayans's new sitcom "Marlon" on NBC (August 2017). She has an extensive and impressive theatre repertoire and has performed the lead role in the Delaney Sisters story "Having Our Say" which toured the country at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Amentha has received several NAACP theatre awards for Best Supporting Actress in "Neva's Tale" and "Steal Away."

An advocate of higher education, at the age of forty, when her children were away at college, Amentha returned to college and achieved her life long goal of earning a Bachelors of Arts degree. Having never remarried, at the age of 83 yrs., Amentha is still vibrant and active in the arts, has exceptional Trini/American culinary skills, and is the proud grandmother to Miva, Christian, and Cameron, great grandmother to Xavier, and big sister to Rodney, Bertram, Paula, Nadine, Wayne, Deidre, and the late Anthony.







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Trinidad And Tobago Received A Gold Medal In 4x400 Men Relay At The IAAF Games In London



Trinidad & Tobago Winning The Gold Medal at WOPA With An Outstanding Drumming Performance In The Instrument Category





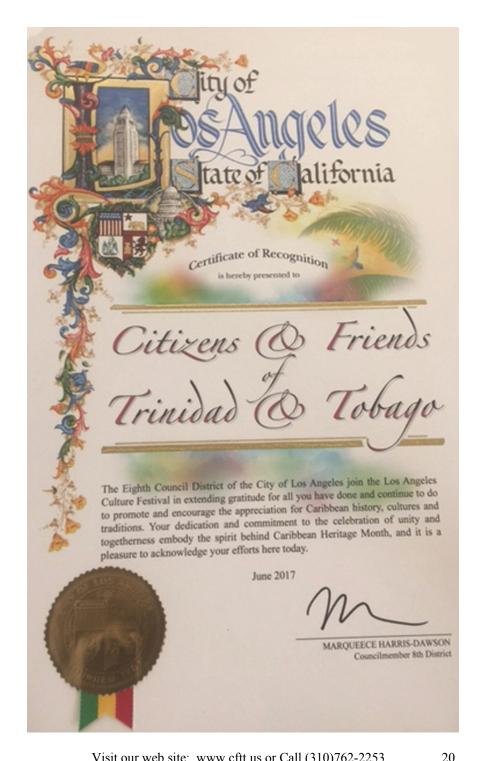
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Corey K. Stacker
Emily Hampton

Ingrid Cherrington
Louraine "Kereene" Duntin
Lybrya Kebreab
Lydia Nesbitt Samuel
Raenelle Krystal Duntin
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Non profit Caribbean Organizations receiving awards from the City of Los Angeles at the Caribbean Heritage celebration month. CFTT was assigned the duties of making this possible.





RECOGNITION TO CFTT FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO