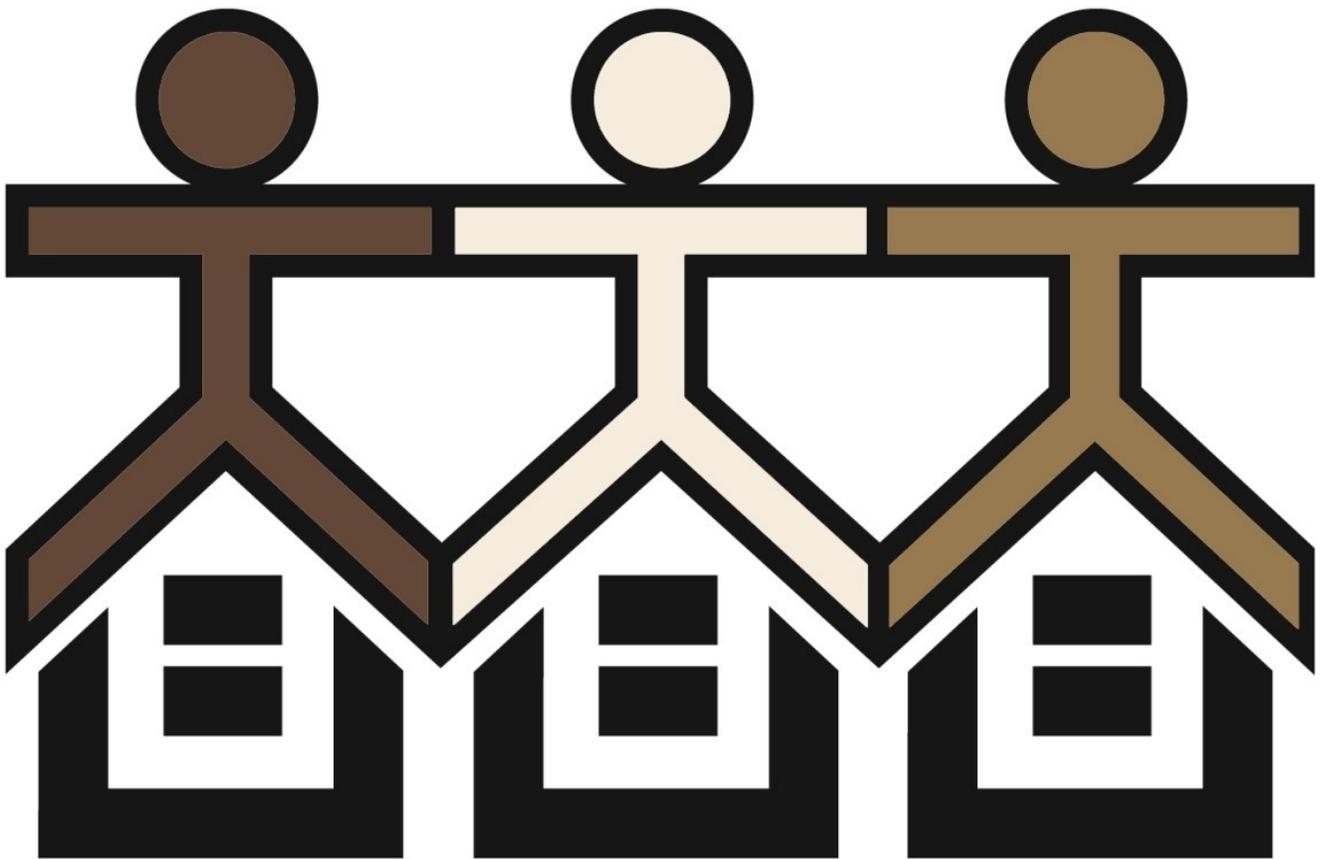


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50th Gala



Long Island
Housing Services, Inc

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Long Island Housing Services, Inc.

PROGRAM

Hors d'oeuvre 5:00-6:00pm Music by Ahmad Ali
Slide show retrospective
Cash bar open

Introductions 6:00-6:10pm
Welcome from LIHS' Board President Connie Lassandro
Welcome from Gala Committee Co-Chair Jennifer Martin, Esq.

Opening Blessing 6:15pm Rev. Jeanne Baum

Buffet 6:15-8:15pm

String Trio 6:15-7:15pm

Honorees Presentation 7:15pm-8:15pm
Ian Wilder, Esq., LIHS' Executive Director, Master of Ceremonies

Frederick K. Brewington, civil rights super attorney

Claire Greene and Joseph Greene, Jr., LIHS' builders

(Accepted by Barry Greene and Nicole Greene Christensen)

Maxine D. Wilson, PhD., LIHS' builder

Closing Blessing 8:15pm David Berenbaum

Dessert 8:15-9:00pm

Raffle & Auction 8:45pm

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in celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding.
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raise awareness and advocate for justice.

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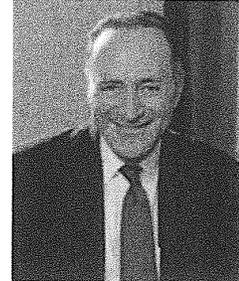
Maxine D. Wilson, PhD.

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October 2, 2019

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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I send my warmest greetings as you gather with the Long Island Housing Services, Inc. (LIHS) to celebrate its 50th Anniversary Gala.

Fifty-one years ago, when the Fair Housing Act was passed, the goal was to make fair housing a reality to all. Long Island Housing Services, founded a year after, has worked tirelessly in challenging all illegal housing discrimination on Long Island. LIHS efforts in educating and assisting Long Island residents regarding housing rights is vital in continuing the historic mission of the Fair Housing Act and so I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contributions of this organization, its staff, leadership and supporters.

Additionally, I would like to take this time to recognize tonight's honorees: civil rights attorney, **Frederick K. Brewington**; Fair Housing organizer/advocate, **Maxine D. Wilson, PhD.** and posthumously, **Claire and Joseph Green**. I applaud these honorees for their compassion and devotion towards helping the LIHS achieve its mission.

Again, on behalf of all Long Islanders, I thank the Long Island Housing Services for your contributions in advocating and protecting fair housing for all. Best wishes for a fantastic evening!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Schumer".

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



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October 2, 2019

Dear Friends:

It's a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Long Island Housing Services.

For fifty years, the Empire State has been privileged to have Long Island Housing Services as a vital resource for Nassau and Suffolk Counties. I'm proud to commend the organization's leadership, partners, and volunteers for your unwavering commitment to eliminating unlawful housing discrimination and promoting decent and affordable housing through advocacy and education. Because of your tireless dedication, countless individuals and families are experiencing a better quality of life on Long Island, and I'm grateful for your exemplary efforts.

I'm honored to congratulate this year's distinguished honorees and thank them for their leadership and positive impact. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend my gratitude for their efforts in helping promote racial and economic integration and equal housing opportunity throughout Long Island.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful celebration and many more years of success.

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October 2, 2019

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Long Island Housing Services. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of this organization and the 2019 Award Recipients.

Long Island Housing Services has established a distinguished record of excellence as a civil rights agency advancing the Fair Housing agenda and challenging discrimination on Long Island.

This wonderful organization is worthy of the esteem of Nassau County for its years of selfless service to the community, which has made a permanent and positive impact on us all.

I would like to congratulate this evening's guests of honor, civil rights attorney Frederick K. Brewington, Maxine D. Wilson, PhD and posthumously Claire and Joseph Green.

On behalf of the residents of Nassau County, I wish to extend best wishes for an exciting and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Curran".

Laura Curran
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October 2, 2019

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Long Island Housing Services 50th Anniversary Gala.

For five decades, LIHS has been an invaluable organization on Long Island. Their commitment to advancing the Fair Housing agenda and challenging discrimination is commendable and I have seen first-hand how they have helped so many of our residents. LIHS has been integral in facilitating fair housing advocacy, fostering social responsibility, and aiding disadvantaged citizens secure safe, affordable and welcoming housing throughout Long Island and the New York region. Thank you LIHS for the tremendous work you do.

Additionally, I would like to take this time to congratulate tonight's honorees, civil rights attorney, Frederick K. Brewington and LIHS' builders, The Greene Family and Maxine D. Wilson. Their commitment to advancing the mission of LIHS is extraordinary, this recognition is well-deserved.

On behalf of the 1.5 million residents of Suffolk County, thank you for organizing this wonderful celebration and I look forward to our continued friendship.

Enjoy the festivities!

Sincerely,

STEVEN BELLONE
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Best Wishes!

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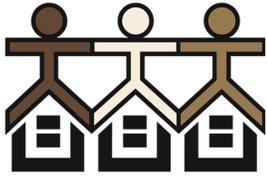


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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Long Island Housing Services, Inc., we welcome you all to the Gala celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Long Island Housing Services Inc. The passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 marked a significant step in the fight against segregation and the struggle to achieve equitable housing opportunities. Long Island Housing Services has been at the forefront of enforcing the Act on Long Island in order to realize an aspiration of the Civil Rights Movement to secure and promote the right of all people, regardless of race, sex, age, family status, religion, national origin, or disability, to choose where to live. We have come far but we still have a long way to go to reach this goal, the lives of all of us who live on Long Island have been enriched by the work of LIHS and others in the promotion of civil rights in housing.

To highlight our 50 year history we honor Frederick K. Brewington civil rights super attorney, Maxine D. Wilson consummate Fair Housing organizer/advocate and posthumously, Joseph Greene, Jr. and Claire Greene for their vision and years of dedicated service. Also with us tonight are former LIHS Executive Directors, current and past Board of Directors, and Staff Members. Each in their own special way has contributed in this organization's efforts to make housing on Long Island affordable, equitable and free from discrimination. Thanks to all of you.

In addition to the serious lack of housing options in all communities, discrimination is still a pervasive problem faced by many in their housing search especially because of race, ethnicity, gender, income source and children. Seniors, young professionals, college students and the economically disadvantaged are among those who face significant challenges trying to secure affordable, safe, and inviting housing on Long Island. In 2019, discrimination should not be an additional hurdle for those looking for homes.

Please join us in demanding and supporting equal and fair treatment for all. Your time, your monetary contributions and your support of our agency can make a tremendous impact on the quality of life of your fellow Long Islanders.

Sincerely,

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All the Above & Beyond Efforts of the
Honorees, present & past
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Claire & Joseph Greene, Jr.
Maxine D. Wilson, PhD*

and

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Dear Friends of Long Island Housing Services,

On behalf of Long Island Housing Services (LIHS), I want to thank you for joining us this evening to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Long Island Housing Services and some of the heroes who have helped us pursue civil rights in housing.

To me, our mission is to realize the American Dream of living where you want free of senseless restraints. We remove barriers that never should have been there in the first place. When we are able to clear the path for people to have the freedom of choice that they should have had all along, that makes us joyful!

The purpose of this Gala is to celebrate the bringers of that joy. Long Island Housing Services has had many notable victories in our pursuit of an inclusive Long Island. We are gathered to celebrate those who crafted justice. The people and organization that we honor today believe in the promise of the U.S. Constitution's Preamble to create "a more perfect union." They are not dreamers though, they are doers.

This year's honorees showcase both Long Island Housing Services' mission and its history. **Frederick K. Brewington Esq.** has been well-recognized as a preeminent civil rights lawyer on Long Island whose litigation has helped re-shape our home into a more just place. Long Island Housing Services is fortunate to have Mr. Brewington as a member of its Advisory Council.

Joseph Greene and Claire (nee LeMonier) Greene are actual and spiritual founders of Long Island Housing Services. Out of their own experience of housing discrimination, they worked with a core group to form an organization to help others similarly situated, and to eventually form Long Island Housing Services.

Maxine D. Wilson, PhD. has been recognized for her work in the community to make Long Island a more equitable and just place. She worked alongside Long Island Housing Services on fair housing issues and individually on the local, state, and national level on issues of justice.

Thank you again for helping us celebrate and for your generosity.

Sincerely,

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Dearest Claire and Joe,

The legacy of your message and courageous actions endures and inspires all of us.

Always, Margarita

AMC Transfer Inc would like to congratulate the Long Island Housing Services for celebrating 50 years of being in business. Thank you for all your accomplishments and your amazing efforts to assist the Long Island community.

We would also like to congratulate all the honorees Maxine D. Wilson, Claire and Joseph Greene and especially our hometown friend Frederick K Brewington. All of your efforts and dedicated service for all of these years is remarkable. We appreciate all the time, effort and drive that all of you have given all of these years in service. It is truly remarkable.

**Community Advocates salutes
LIHS and Fred Brewington**

Marge Rogatz, Pres.

Our Honorees:



FREDERICK K. BREWINGTON is the principal of The Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington in Hempstead, New York. Mr. Brewington earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany in 1979 (with honors) and a Juris Doctor degree from Northeastern University School of Law in 1982. He is admitted to the Bars of the states of New York and New Jersey, as well as the United States Supreme Court, United States First and Second Circuit Courts of Appeal, United States District Courts of New Jersey and the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York. He is a prominent member of the New York State and State of New Jersey Bar Associations, National Employment Lawyers Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Nassau County Bar Association, the National Police

Accountability Project as well as other local and regional associations.

Mr. Brewington has served tirelessly as the “People’s” lawyer and a powerful promoter of our nation’s highest values. With his expertise in civil rights litigation, he has successfully challenged the “at large” voting system in the Town of Hempstead and worked on preventing future unconstitutional and discriminatory purging of voters from the voting rolls. Mr. Brewington challenges other discriminatory practices as well—with a sustained focus on issues such as affordable housing, community revitalization, employment and civil rights, the environment and, especially, voting rights and fair representation in government. He labors against injustices through litigating, writing, lecturing, and through building relationships of encouragement among citizen organizations.

Among his accolades, Mr. Brewington is the recipient of the Leadership in Law Lifetime Achievement Award from *Long Island Business News*, the Haywood Burns Award from the New York State Bar Association Committee on Civil Rights, the Abraham Krasnoff Courage and Commitment Award from ERASE Racism, the Diversity in Business Award from *Long Island Business News* and the William Gitelman Award from the Nassau Lawyers Association, Long Island, Inc. He has appeared on the Long Island Press PowerList consistently, was a guest speaker and panelist at the DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Conference in New Orleans, to discuss the handling of emotionally-charged issues involving police misconduct and most recently as a speaker in Race Matters, A National Police Accountability Project CLE Seminar in St. Paul.

Mr. Brewington is an adjunct professor at Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Touro College. He has had articles published in *The National Bar Association Magazine*, *The Amsterdam News*, *Black Westchester* and the Amistad Long Island Black Bar Association’s e-newsletter. He has also been a volunteer football coach in the Malverne School District for over 30 years and is happily married to Reverend Adrienne Brewington, a former attorney, who is now the Senior Pastor of the Babylon United Methodist Church.

Our Honorees:



MAXINE D. WILSON, PHD is a passionate community servant with the ability to motivate and inspire individuals to share her passion for serving others. With her ongoing quest for equality and justice, she has been able to promote significant, positive changes in communities and individuals through advocacy, empowered by compassion.

Dr. Wilson takes a civically based approach to community building with over 20+ years' experience in various high-profile leadership positions championing strategic and operational solutions. She has undertaken monumental challenges, including a fourteen year legal battle against housing discrimination, fighting for fair housing and social justice; resulting in a settlement. Realizing serious abuses involving a network of discriminatory, racist, fraudulent, and unscrupulous real estate developers, builders, brokers, and finance companies, Dr. Wilson staunchly refused to accept improper terms and treatment. Instrumental in her efforts was the support and technical guidance provided by Long Island Housing Services, as well as in-depth coverage through Newsday.

Dr. Wilson remained steadfast in her values and commitment to her family and the many other hard-working families aspiring to achieve homeownership and seek equity. She was not deterred by governmental interference, pronouncements of insufficient proof, threats of family harm or attempts to bribe her indifference. Constitutional and Civil Rights were at stake. Unwillingness to disallow further race discrimination, fraud, government inertia, veiled and apparent threats of harm are some of the untold obstacles faced which only served to strengthen her resolve to seek justice. Her determination and tireless efforts to winnow the truth, organize, discover and build evidence ultimately led to a successful challenge in Federal Court in a 400-member class action affecting 257 homebuyers in Long Island and Staten Island.

Dr. Wilson is a reliable and resourceful visionary who resists status quos and limitations pushing to find solutions to whatever challenges and obstacles she faces. She has represented community discrimination and fair housing issues nationally presenting alongside the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) to the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, DC. She has also been a champion for these issues in various regulatory and legislative forums nationally including, New York State, the Suffolk County Legislature and the Town of Brookhaven.

Solidifying her commitment to advocacy and to a life-long service based on personal and professional experiences, she has received numerous awards including, the NCRC National Person of the Year, The Tri-State McDonald's "Big Mac" Award for Outstanding Community Service, Longwood School District's Certificate of Recognition - Weed and Seed Committee, Town of Brookhaven's Certificate of Appreciation for Community Service, and the New York State's Award of Excellence.

Our Honorees:

Pioneers in Long Island's Fair Housing History



In the fight for Fair Housing, the service, dedication and commitment **CLAIRE GREENE AND JOSEPH GREENE JR.** provided to Long Island over the course of 35+ years cannot be measured. In 1967, a young African-American couple, with five children in tow, sought to move to Smithtown to live the American Dream of home ownership. For the children, compared to their Queens neighborhood, Smithtown was more of a rugged forest than a suburb; to the couple it was a new day for their family. Their dream was worthy of necessary sacrifices such as Mr. Greene commuting to work in Brooklyn at 3AM to help secure and improve family options and opportunities.

Their dream was deferred by almost two frustrating and painful years due to setbacks and mortgage lending difficulties fueled by unlawful discrimination.* The developer, after the Greens were already in contract and the money had changed hands, learned that the buyers were African-American. Attempts were made to deny the family and prevent them from moving into the property. Situated in a cul-de-sac, the developer feared the area would turn into a "ghetto" and disrupt profitability. The Greens had to threaten to sue to get him to work on the house; they would not be deterred by any machination of the banks or developer-seller. Other less staunch individuals would have given up. With wonderful support from Mrs. Greene's associations [some of which became lifelong family friends], especially from the League of Women Voters, the Greene family's move was successfully made in 1969!

This experience and the discrimination that continued to affect the family paved the way for the Greens' steadfast commitment to further Fair Housing. What was once known as Suffolk Housing Services eventually became Long Island Housing Services [LIHS], Long Island's premier and principal private, non-profit Fair Housing agency. Mrs. Greene played a major role as an original Board member and eventually President of the Board. Mr. Greene was working behind the scenes assisting with possible scenarios on ways to defeat discrimination in housing and heading his large family.

After Mrs. Greene passed away at a too young age, Joe, as he was fondly known, took the mantle and became more involved on the front lines instead of behind the scenes. Mr. Greene's service to LIHS was an homage to his wife, as well as a way for him to give back to his community. His was the token African-American family of Smithtown and, rather than live in shadow, he used this to be a beacon for people of color who want a choice in where they live. He became a member of the Board of Directors of LIHS, using his behind the scenes knowledge and then eventually became President of the agency. In 2005, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution giving Joseph Greene, Jr. the newly created, life-long title of "President Emeritus". The Greens' courage to protest, together with their altruistic determination, goals, vision and leadership, helped to shape, create and sustain Long Island Housing Services to do the essential work it does today.

* Coincidentally, in the wake of the tragic, nation-changing assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Federal Fair Housing Act was unanimously passed by Congress on April 11, 1968. Outlawing discrimination such as the Greene family suffered, the Act provided alternate means to challenge discrimination, without requiring Federal Court costs, in addition to the Civil Rights Act of 1866.

Our Honorees:

Biography from the children of Joseph Greene and Claire (nee LeMonier) Greene

SmithHaven Ministries to Long Island Housing Services

Our parents, **JOSEPH GREENE AND CLAIRE (NEE LEMONIER) GREENE** moved into Smithtown in 1969 soon after our youngest brother, Harlan was born. He was their 5th child.

Though we were unaware of this at the time, George Pettingill, the person representing Hillside Terrace Estates was delaying the completion of the building of the house that our parents had commissioned and had already begun to pay for.

Decades later, we learned that the initial discussions with the developer had been done by telephone because the distance was great. Additionally, lawyers had met. Bankers met lawyers. They all met each other, but the developers hadn't met Mr. and Mrs. Greene until it was time to close on the deal.

An African-American family with five children as the first owners of a home in a new development was, in 1968, seen as an impediment to profits. Therefore, the developer dilly dallied. Our parents had to go to court to force them to complete the house in a timely fashion. After all, four children needed to be settled, acclimated and in school by September.

It was our mother, Claire Greene that engaged in the initial discussions with the developer. (Though thoroughly engaged, Dad was working and not available during business hours.) There was no way that the developers could have ascertained our "race" by speaking with Mom. She always spoke as a knowledgeable, articulate, decisive woman. The developers, upon meeting our parents were gripped by the fear that comes from racial animus and our parents had to use the law to correct their behavior. They eventually were forced take the developers to court. They were successful.

Annoyed and always ready to engage the community to make corrections, Claire Greene went on to meet other women around her who were equally annoyed, many of whom were in the League of Women Voters.

Together, this band of women among them, Barbara Cromeyn, Harriet Varady, Sharon Kunz, Stella Baker, Cathy Nilsen, Trudy Gaus, Elaine Hammer, and many more, created and supported the Smith Haven Ministries. They rented a space at the relatively new SmithHaven mall, across from McCrorys. They helped so many people who were, discriminated against, abused in housing, get the relief that they deserved by fighting for the rights that we all are born with.

Eventually, this group, along with their supporters, formed Suffolk Housing Services and later Long Island Housing Services. They sent people (Including members of the "Greene Gang") out to real estate brokers and apartment complexes to test compliance with fair housing laws. Because the "isms" were so rampant and prevalent, Long Island Housing was able to rack up legal victories for fair housing on Long Island for all.

Our parents have left that seed in each of us to pursue justice wherever we are. As their children we seek justice in education, eldercare, healthcare, medical research and nutrition. For the Long Island community, Long Island Housing Services has flowered into an organization that has and continues to work for fair housing for all. We are proud to have had such outstanding parents and honored that you are recognizing their quiet but powerful contribution to justice on Long Island.

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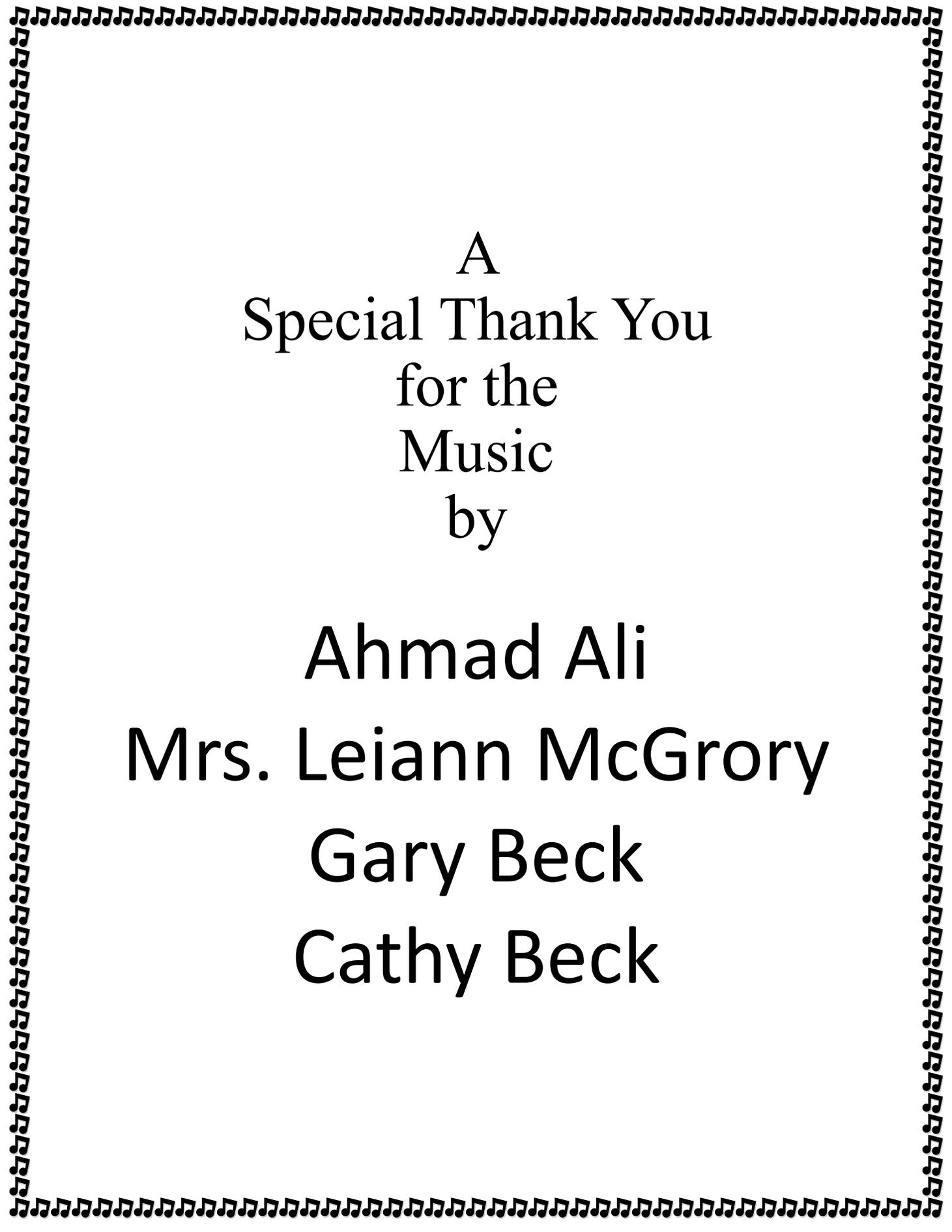
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Our Musicians:



Raised in a diverse community on Long Island, N.Y., **AHMAD ALI** was exposed to a wide variety of Soul and Jazz at home. The desire to play an instrument started young. He would put rubber bands on shoe boxes and try to make music. As a child he would sing whatever was on the radio with the family. His Mom sang with choirs in her youth, and Dad would play Drums with his Uncles, 'The Mitchell- Airs. "Both Grandfathers were Musicians, his Mother's Dad played keyboards, among other instruments, his Father's Dad played valve trombone, but passed away at an early age (Poisoned by a jealous Woman). The Family Loved music, some of his fondest memories are of seeing many greats

at the Apollo, and singing La La Means "I Love You" to his mother, as Eddie O-Jay played it on the radio. In middle School and Jr. High, he sang with the school Chorus. As a teen the desire to play guitar was strong. He had to wait till he got a job, to buy his first guitar. Months later his mom seeing the desire and commitment bought him an electric guitar. A year and a half later he was playing in night clubs with some of long islands top Party bands. Music being music he even played for local churches.

His Father would get angry because the churches didn't pay him because being Muslim, he wasn't baptized. He played on any way because of his love of music and his friends. Many of his neighbors were Hispanic, and he spent many a beautiful afternoon jamming with them in their yards, congas and cool drinks on a hot weekend. As time moved on various experiences were collected, his friends told him they had seen him on TV when Eye Witness News 7 in New York featured a group he worked with, called "Premonition" in a story about a con man who ripped them off, they filmed the group and set them up with a recording session with Don Kirschner at his Associated studios in Manhattan.

As things didn't pan with that group he found himself working with a hand full of rock bands (more guitar oriented). By his late twenties he laid his guitar down and started a family. Ten years later he started back at it. Soon he ran into his old friend from Premonition, and got back in. In conjunction with a team he started producing all kinds of entertainment events. Their rhythm section backed up all kinds of artist doing several styles of music from classic oldies Club music, Caribbean music, and more.

This work led to more such as being stage manager for Protocol when they opened up for Will Downing at the Paramount theatre. Also meeting and working with Soul 4 Real as their musical director on their tour of London, Amsterdam, Bulawayo and Harare in Zimbabwe. He also doubled as Road manager for their back up band, Blusyde. He had the honor of playing on Soul 4 Real's album "Heat" where he actually plays on more tracks than are credited to him. But once you hear the sound of his guitar you will know it on the rest of the tracks.

This is when the opportunity to work in the award winning "Perfect Pair Studios" came, where the halls are adorned with gold and platinum plaques and Grammys from artist like Lauren Hill, Biggie Smalls and many more. He also worked with the Blackwood Band and James Brown Impersonator "Black Velvet" (AKA Daptone recording artist, Charles Bradley), when they opened for "Blue Magic" at the Brownsville Recreation center.

AHMAD ALI has since been working with various local groups, The Gordon Hurley Big Band, Ahmad + Kim Tetrault Combo, Blues States, Jazz on the Half Shell, Island Jazz Express, Snap, The Ahmad Ali Trio, and more, a journey thru His web site www.AhmadAliMusic.com , will show where and when.

His love for Radio and community activism comes to fruition in his work at WBAI 99.5 FM in NY and streaming at WBAI.org were he has been heard over the last decade. You can now hear his show “Café Ali” on alternating Wednesday mornings on WUSB Stony Brook, 90.1 fm and streaming at www.WUSB.fm . Involvement with several progressive activist organizations led Him to run for County Executive in his home of Suffolk. The Green Party of Suffolk wanted to make a Statement. His hopes are to make positive changes in the world. The people of the world need tangible progression. This also has led him to Reiki. As an Advanced Practitioner, it is incorporated into the Music and the Message of performances and Radio.

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String Trio



MRS. LEIANN MCGRORY is currently the orchestra director for grades 7-12 in the Island Trees School District. Her groups performs around the community for many events and have performed at the NYSSMA Majors Festival for the past 14 years. She also is the drama director for the High School drama and musical. Mrs. McGrory received her Bachelor of Music degree from the Crane School of Music, SUNY at Potsdam with a major in Music Education, Minor in Music Business and a Special Concentration in Special Education Music where she studied violin with John Lindsey. She earned her Masters’ in Music Education from the Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College. Mrs. McGrory has been an active member of LISFA holding such positions as Chairperson for numerous divisions, Secondary Vice-President, and President. She also is an active member of Nassau Music Educators Association where she has chaired every division. Mrs. McGrory has worked with the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, and is an active certified NYSSMA Adjudicator. She has an active private studio and performs with various groups on Long Island.



GARY BECK currently performs as principal cellist of the Massapequa Philharmonic and Plaza productions. He recently performed with the Park Avenue chamber symphony at Carnegie Hall and performed at the premiere of the movie Maid of Honor at the Ziegfeld theater. He has performed in over 100 theater productions including for Theatre 3, Hofstra, Gray Wig productions, Engemann theater and Gateway theater. He currently teaches Orchestra in North Merrick.



CATHY BECK has been performing on Long Island for over 30 years. She has been principal violin for such productions as Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island, Plaza Productions, and Gateway Theatre. She has performed with among others Joe Piscopo, Gene Pitney and Linda Eder. She has been teaching music in Freeport for 30 years.

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Barbara Hargrave Cromeyn :

Claire Greene and I were members of the Smithtown League of Women Voters. We were the Housing Committee and studied local housing issues. Through our work we heard of the Housing group at Smithaven Ministries and decided to volunteer there.

At the housing office of Smithhaven Ministry, we answered phones dealing with a myriad of housing problems. Sometimes we even met with clients. At that time Ann Louttit was the director of the housing group.

There I met Margarita Logan who was volunteering and we became fast friends. We established a housing board which Claire and I were asked to be part of.

The board needed someone to represent our housing component of Smithhaven Ministry, to the Ministries board. I don't remember whether I was drafted or volunteered! I reported to the Ministries our housing groups efforts and accomplishments.

It was a difficult time, as it is now, with opposition to any kind of housing issue. BUT we moved forward.

As time passed we realized we needed to become a sole entity and worked to incorporate as SUFFOLK HOUSING SERVICES.

Smithaven was a great beginning for us now we became our own entity.

Claire Greene was President of the board. Sadly my dear friend Claire was lost to cancer at much too young age. Her husband (also dear friend) Joe Greene took over as President.

We continued with many wonderful directors such as David Berenbaum, Sam Miller, Michelle Santantonio & now Ian Wilder.

My daughter Alexandra suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury in 1987. I had to step back a bit from everything. After 22 months in a rehabilitation hospital she returned home, as she needed constant assistance I would often take her to board meetings, so many past board members know Alexandra.

Suffolk Housing Services became Long Island Housing Services to accommodate all of Long Island's housing issues. I will not enumerate all of our accomplishments as they are well known.

As time passed, and I aged, I realized a new set of board members was needed with a youthful outlook. So after MANY years I stepped down but will always support Long Island Housing Services.

Harriet Varady:

Harriet went by the Human Rights Commission to see about a housing idea. She already did testing for the Human Rights Commission. So she met with Fredricka Gilroy, a minister from the US Presbyteria, & Ann Louttit. They met in a car outside where they were building the Smithaven Mall. The Presbytery wanted to have a Ministry in the market place. They wanted a housing component to their Ministry. So these were the seeds of what is now LIHS, Harriet went on to be an active board member & was a tester when needed.

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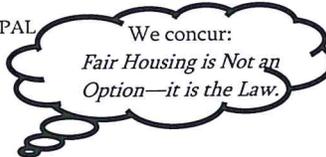
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