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Changemakers

ICC's 55th
Anniversary Celebration

Thursday
November 14, 2024

Avenue A Club
194 Vanderpool Street,
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A MESSAGE FROM ICC LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

As we gather to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC), we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared. This milestone is more than a marker of time; it is a testament to our enduring commitment, resilience, and the profound impact we have made in the Ironbound community and Newark.

Reflecting on our history, we see how our roots were planted in a vision of a more equitable and vibrant community. Over the decades, ICC has grown from a small group of passionate advocates into a cornerstone institution that touches every aspect of life in Ironbound. Our journey has been marked by significant achievements that have transformed lives and strengthened our community's fabric.

From the beginning, advocating for affordable housing and anti-displacement has been a cornerstone of our mission. Through relentless efforts and community engagement, we have worked tirelessly to ensure that residents have access to stable homes, allowing everyone the opportunity to thrive and contribute to our community. Education is also at the heart of community empowerment. Our initiatives have opened doors for infants and toddlers, youth, and adults, creating pathways to success. From early childhood programs to adult education and workforce development, we have fostered a learning culture, equipping individuals with the skills and confidence to pursue their dreams.

The health and well-being of our community depend on a sustainable environment. We have been at the forefront of championing environmental justice, advocating for cleaner air, greener spaces, and sustainable practices. Our efforts culminated in the successful passage of the Environmental Justice Bill, which has strengthened protections for vulnerable communities, ensured greater accountability for polluters, and secured funding for green initiatives in our neighborhoods. This legislation represents a significant step forward in our commitment to creating a healthier, more sustainable environment for all residents.

Our efforts have not only improved the quality of life but also set a standard for community-led environmental action, ensuring that all residents can enjoy a healthy environment. A thriving community requires economic vitality and this is achieved through strategic partnerships with local businesses and organizations. We have fueled job creation and economic growth, providing pathways to prosperity for our residents. These partnerships have strengthened our community and created a resilient local economy.

Our accomplishments over the years have been driven by the unwavering dedication of our staff, volunteers, and supporters. Your hard work, passion, and belief in our mission have been the backbone of our success. Each program, each initiative, and each success story is a reflection of your commitment to making a difference.

As we celebrate this momentous milestone, we must also look forward with renewed determination and a clear vision for the future. We envision a community where equity and inclusion are at the forefront, ensuring that all members have access to opportunities and resources. Our devotion to environmental justice will deepen, guaranteeing that every resident enjoys clean air, safe public spaces, and sustainable resources that enhance their quality of life. We will continue to strengthen our early childhood programs, providing essential support to families so that every child has the best possible start in life. Empowering our youth through leadership development and civic engagement will be a priority, equipping them with the tools and confidence they need to advocate for themselves and their community. Civic engagement will remain a cornerstone of our efforts, encouraging active participation in decision-making processes that shape our lives and future. Finally, we will pursue additional innovative economic opportunities that prioritize small businesses and provide job training aligned with the evolving needs of our community.

We want to take a moment to congratulate our honorees, whose dedication and contributions have made a tremendous impact on our mission and the lives of those we serve. Your hard work and passion inspire us all, and we are grateful for your commitment to our community, the: Victoria Foundation, Schumann Fund for New Jersey, Maher Charitable Foundation and the representatives of our 29th Legislative District: Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin, and Assemblywoman Shanique Speight.

We encourage each of you to continue supporting our efforts in any way you can. Whether through volunteering your time, sharing our mission with others, or making a financial contribution, your support is vital to our ongoing success. Together, we can build on our past achievements and create an even brighter future for the Ironbound community and Newark.

We extend our deepest appreciation to each of you—our dedicated staff, passionate volunteers, generous donors, and steadfast community partners. Your support has been invaluable, and together, we will continue to uplift the Ironbound community and make a lasting difference.

Let us celebrate our past achievements and embrace the future with hope and determination. Here's to 55 years of progress and to many more years of making a meaningful impact!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Dave Robinson

Board President

Hazel Appelwhite

Chief Executive Officer

CORY A. BOOKER
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November 14, 2024

Ironbound Community Corporation
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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings as you gather to celebrate the Ironbound Community Corporation's 55th Anniversary Celebration. I am especially delighted to congratulate tonight's honorees – Senator Teresa Ruiz, Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin, and Assemblywoman Shanique Speight, as well as the partners involved in the “Newark Stays” Initiative – for their commitment to building a more equitable future for Newark.

Since 1969, the Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) has been dedicated to addressing the systemic causes of generational poverty and inequality and stood as a beacon of support and hope for the greater Newark area. For more than half a century, ICC has provided vital programs and services to meet pressing needs and help families thrive. As you celebrate, please know that I am grateful for your tireless work to create lasting, positive change in your community and all that you do to support and uplift your neighbors.

Again, congratulations! Best wishes for a memorable event, and I look forward to celebrating your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. A. B.', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator



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November 7, 2024

Dear Hazel,

I want to congratulate you and the entire Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) team on 55 years of dedication to families not only in the Ironbound, but throughout the city of Newark and across New Jersey.

Since its inception, ICC has fought for justice, equity and fairness. I have been grateful to witness your work firsthand when ICC proved to be an exceptional partner during our Newark Family Festival in 2022. From the domestic violence Breaking the Cycle Program, to the Home Friend Program for disabled adults, and of course information on early childhood education and other free services, ICC provided a variety of essential resources, support and information to Newark families. Most recently, ICC was also present at our Orange Family Festival in October where you shared information on NJ Family Care, home energy assistance programs, SNAP and so much more.

When I launched Nurture NJ in 2019 with the goal of making New Jersey the safest and most equitable state in the nation to deliver and raise a baby, I knew our success would depend on partners like you. Now, thanks to this organization and others like ICC, we are closer than ever to reaching our goal.

And, I am grateful that you have shown your commitment to families in a multitude of ways, including through supporting educational resources as well as programs related to health and well-being. The Ironbound Early Learning Center provides high quality early childhood education that empowers families and ensures children in the community are socially, emotionally, and intellectually equipped for the future. Further, from growing fresh produce at Down Bottom Farms and developing healthy food initiatives to advocating for environmental justice for a community that has been deeply overburdened by industrialization – ICC is working to improve the overall quality of life in your community.

Ironbound Community Corporation has truly made a difference in the city of Newark and beyond over the past five decades. It is an honor to work with leaders who are steadfast and unwavering in your commitment to creating a safe, healthy, just and nurturing Ironbound community. I know you all will continue to transform the Ironbound into a thriving and equitable neighborhood and I look forward to all that you will continue accomplish in the future.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy S. Murphy".

Tammy Snyder Murphy
First Lady of New Jersey



Master of Ceremonies

C. Lawrence Crump

Newark Municipal Council President

6:00PM

Cocktail Hour

Upstairs Lounge

Silent auction bidding begins

PROGRAM

7:00PM

Welcome

ICC Board President,

Dave Robinson

Invocation

Reverend Moacir Weirich

Introduction of MC

East Ward Councilman,

Michael Silva

Opening Remarks

Municipal Council President

C. Lawrence Crump

Remarks

ICC CEO

Hazel Appelwhite

Dinner is Served

Sr. Carol Johnston

Community

Service Award

Former ICC Executive Director,

Joe Della Fave

Senator

M. Teresa Ruiz

Assemblywoman

Eliana Pintor-Marin

Assemblywoman

Shanique Speight

Funder Awards

Newark Stays

Victoria Foundation

Presented by Khabirah Meyers,

Accepted by Stephanie Greenwood

Schumann Fund

for New Jersey

Presented by Melanie Reyes,

Accepted by Lucy Vandenberg

Maher

Charitable Foundation

Presented by Jane Mello,

Accepted by Margarethe Laurenzi

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Mayor

Ras Baraka

Introduced by Shoshanna Page

Call to Action

Ana Baptista, ICC Board Secretary

Dessert and

Closing Remarks

Music and Dancing



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Honoring our Changemakers of the 29th Legislative District with ICC's Sr. Carol Johnston Community Service Award



Senator
M. Teresa Ruiz



Assemblywoman
Eliana Pintor-Marin



Assemblywoman
Shanique Speight

In remembrance of Sr. Carol Johnston, the Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) is proud and honored to have named its first Community Service Award after her.

She was a Sister of Charity and the Director of Special Projects & Waterfront Planning at ICC, where she worked for more than 10 years. As she championed new parks along the riverfront, Carol developed strong working relationships with key partners at the time, including the: County Executive, City Planner, Assemblyman, and Councilman. These partnerships laid the foundation for progress, ultimately leading to the County and City development of Riverfront Park.

Carol also forged a significant partnership with the U.S. EPA and co-led the EPA's Community Advisory Group for the cleanup of dioxin in the Passaic River. Helping to realize the development of new riverfront parks and the cleanup of the Passaic River was part of Carol's overarching vision and passion.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Mayor
Ras Baraka



Mayor Baraka continues to epitomize the CHANGEMAKERS theme as the City of Newark's visionary and lead architect of its revitalization efforts.

Ras J. Baraka is the 40th Mayor of the City of Newark.

A native of Newark, whose family has lived in the City for more than 80 years, Mayor Baraka's progressive approach to governing has won him accolades from grassroots organizations to the White House. With a forward-thinking agenda that reduced crime to its lowest levels in five decades, addressed affordability while maintaining steady growth, lowered unemployment, returned local control of schools after more than two decades, and replaced all 23,000 known lead service lines in less than three years at no cost to residents, Baraka has defied expectations since taking office in 2014.

Mayor Baraka's futurist agenda has included the implementation of a groundbreaking partnership called Hire. Buy. Live. Newark, a program that marks the first time that any US city has sought to transform its economy by combining employment, procurement, and residential strategies.

As part of his commitment to strengthen Newark's position in the expanded technology space, the City launched LinkNWK (pronounced Link Newark). This communications network of sidewalk kiosks provides Newark residents and visitors with free, gigabit Wi-Fi, mobile device charging, phone calls to anywhere in the U.S., access to municipal services, maps and directions, and real-time local information on city streets at no cost to taxpayers or users. Additionally, broadband and Wi-Fi have been extended to city parks and recreation centers, and the City seeks to ensure that every resident has access to free or very low-cost broadband to bridge the digital divide.

Mayor Baraka is recognized nationally as a thought leader in the space of urban revitalization, and his commitment to reducing crime in Newark, reimagining public safety, tackling the city's housing crisis, and developing innovative and community-driven approaches to eliminating income inequality has solidified his status as one of the country's most progressive elected officials.

While serving as the Mayor of Newark, he also presides as the President of NJ Urban Mayors Association; Executive Board Member for NJ League of Municipalities; Co-Chair, National League of Cities Reimagining Public Safety Task Force; U.S. Conference of Mayors- Vice Chair for Ports, Transportation and Communications Committee; and Member, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Local Government Advisory Committee.

Mayor Baraka was educated in the Newark Public Schools. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and a Master's Degree in Education Supervision from St. Peter's University in Jersey City. His father, the late Amiri Baraka, was a legendary poet and playwright. His mother, Amina Baraka, is herself a renowned poet. Doting husband and father, Mayor Baraka is a published author who recently released the audible memoir "The Book of Baraka" and is well-regarded in the entertainment industry for his appearance on the Grammy-award winning album, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" in his authentic role as an educator, and for his EP "What We Want."



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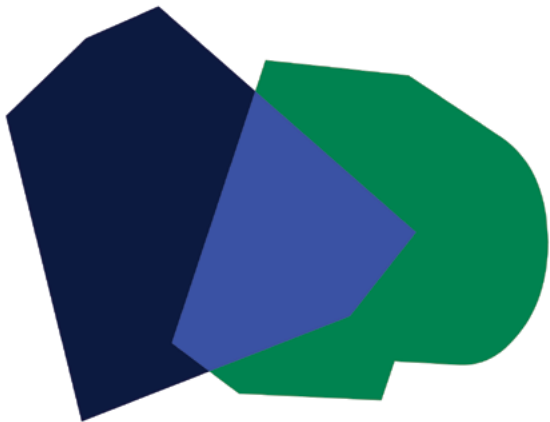
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