

**Community Dinner  
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# *20<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Dinner*

November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear

We invite you as members of our community to join us, representatives of local churches, businesses and community organizations (a.k.a. the Community Dinner Committee) to become involved in contributing to this annual celebration of our community's diversity-- with your time. Now and more than ever, we as a community must find ways to live together in harmony and learn to appreciate one another's cultures and traditions, particularly during these difficult economic times. The Community Dinner encourages people from all sectors of our community to join together to share a meal, enjoy entertainment and meet other people from our community we would not normally encounter socially.

In April 2016 at the 19th Annual Community Dinner, thanks to local support and participation, close to people from many cultures and socio-economic groups shared a meal and musicale. Feeding so many people and all of our entertainers is a daunting task-and we need YOUR help. Our culturally diverse group of local restaurateurs will again be preparing the main meal and coordinating the menu together with the Community Dinner Committee. At the April 2016 Community Dinner, because of the participation of many local restaurants, organizations, churches and volunteers, we were able to underwrite close to 50% of the tickets, allowing people in need to sit at the table. We need your help to make the same happen at the 20th Annual Community Dinner to be held on April 30th, 2017. For your information the Community Dinner was awarded a National League of cities Cultural Diversity Award in March 2014. This indeed was a great honor.

\*Sign up your organization to become part of our community team which, for the past twenty years, has made this important community building event a reality.

\*There's more to the dinner than just a meal. It is the outcome of many diverse groups-like yours- coming together over time, talking about each other's lives and problems and pulling together as a team for the sake of our greater community. Our aim is to include as many groups as possible-and that means yours!

\*We ask that your organization respond to this letter as soon as possible. Please GET INVOLVED! Our greater community will benefit.

To respond or if you have any questions, please contact the Dinner's Co-chairperson, Nerys Levy at 919-932-1533 or at [rilevy@mindspring.com](mailto:rilevy@mindspring.com). Please visit our website at <http://communitydinner.org>, where we have photographs of previous dinners and many articles. We are also able to take donations via our website. We look forward to your participation and to hearing from you SOON!

Sincerely,

Nerys Levy and Mildred Council (Mama Dip)  
Co-chairs, Community Dinner Committee  
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