



A Better Chance of New Canaan, Inc.

presents

ABC...It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- Jackson Five

Celebrating the 70's

2005 Fundraiser Event

Charity Auction



About ABC of New Canaan

A Better Chance Inc. is the oldest, largest and only national program providing academically talented minority children with access to some of our nation's finest college preparatory schools, both private and public. For over thirty-six years, ABC's mission has been unchanged: to substantially increase the number of well-educated minority youth capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society.

Sixty-seven percent of ABC scholars are African Americans, twenty-four are Hispanic, seven percent are Asian and two percent are Native American. One third of ABC scholars are from families living at or below the poverty line. All ABC scholars are selected from the top ten percent of their junior high classes and have a grade point average of at least 3.55.

There are over 8,000 ABC alumni. Many are alumni of the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Brown, Columbia and Wesleyan and have gone on to careers as diverse as Managing Director of Morgan Stanley, former treasurer of the State of Connecticut, and the first African-American Municipal Court Judge elected in Arkansas.

This year New Canaan celebrates 32 years of participation in A Better Chance, Inc. New Canaan selects promising ABC scholars to attend New Canaan High School. During the academic year, the students live in a house owned and maintained by A Better Chance of New Canaan, Inc. The house accommodates up to 8 male students, house parents and tutors. On Sundays and for one weekend per month ABC scholars join their local host families. The ABC scholars are encouraged to become an integral part of the New Canaan community and many volunteer their time to local charitable organizations.

"With a little help from my friends..."
- The Beatles

Special Thanks

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Silent Auction Item 26	Value	\$1200
"Our House" Crosby Stills Nash Young	Minimum	\$400
	Increments	\$25

Take your family or friends for a Hamptons get-away! Spend four nights and five days in a charming 3 bedroom cottage in Oologues. Splash in the pool or spend your time at a private beach club, minutes away. (No weekends July or August)

Donated by Henry and Sara Fitzpatrick

Silent Auction Item 27	Value	\$75
"Mockingbird" Carly Simon/James Taylor	Minimum	\$25
	Increments	\$5

Have you heard? Tequilla Mockingbird has the best Mexican food in New Canaan! Relax over a wonderful dinner for two.

Donated by Paul & Susan Hank

Silent Auction Item 28	Value	\$500
"Do Ya Think I'm Sexy" Rod Stewart	Minimum	\$125
	Increments	\$25

A smile says it all and you can brighten your pearly whites with an at-home bleaching tray. The package includes all of the accessories to make it as easy as ABC or 1,2,3!!

Donated by Dr. Peter Bortick

Silent Auction Item 29	Value	\$100
"Running On Empty" Jackson Brown	Minimum	\$20
	Increments	\$10

Re-charge and rejuvenate with 4 figure method classes at the Go Figure Studio, in New Canaan.

Silent Auction Item 30	Value	Priceless
"Oh What A Night" Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons	Minimum	\$75
	Increments	\$10

Laugh thru the night with your friends at the "Late Night With Conan O'Brien Show." 4 tickets donated by NBC Universal.

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