



# NAACP Stamford

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***Jack Bryant, President of the Stamford Branch NAACP  
Receives Good Samaritan Award  
at the Yerwood Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hearts Ball***

STAMFORD, CT – On Thursday, June 23, 2011, the “Friends of Yerwood” Advisory Group hosted its second annual Hearts Ball Event. This event’s prime focus was to honor people that have exemplified extraordinary community service in the areas of education, law enforcement, performing arts and religion throughout Stamford and Fairfield County. The primary goal for this event is to celebrate decades of community service and dedication throughout the Yerwood Center, the Stamford Community, and Fairfield County.

**Jack Bryant**, President of the Stamford Branch NAACP, received the **Good Samaritan** award for his service to the Stamford community. During his tenure with the Stamford NAACP from Youth Advisor to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to his current role of President, a partnership with the 100 Black Men, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Stamford Alumni Inc. and the Stamford NAACP Youth Council created an S.A.T. Preparation Course in conjunction with the Princeton Review. This partnership offered S.A.T. Prep Courses to students at a reduced cost. Also during this time the Mighty Stamford NAACP Community Youth Choir was born. A group of 50 youth started singing at local churches and venues. Their talent was recognized by churches outside of Connecticut as the choir began traveling the East Coast ministering in song.

Under his leadership as President, the Stamford NAACP in conjunction with its mission as a “reactive” organization has also become a “proactive” organization. “*The Law and You*” Workshop was born with the objective of improving the relationship between our youth in the community and the police department. Under the leadership of Jack Bryant the Stamford NAACP has become a vital organization within the community it serves dealing with Education, Health, Housing and Criminal Justice issues.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

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