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### ***Stamford NAACP to Host Its 2011 Annual Freedom Fund and Awards Dinner***

STAMFORD, CT – The Stamford NAACP will be hosting its Annual Freedom Fund and Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 3, 2011. This year's dinner will be held at the Stamford Plaza Hotel, 2701 Summer Street in Stamford. A reception will begin at 6 pm and dinner will begin at 7 pm.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Benjamin Foster, Jr., a distinguished practitioner of public school administration and human services management. In addition to lecturing at several colleges, Dr. Foster is the author of **Looking for Payoff: A New Schooling for African American Inner-City Youth**, in which he explored the dropout problem. He has published several articles on the social condition of African Americans including the highly cited "*The Case for Vouchers*" which appeared in the **Black Scholar**.

Honorees this year include: Khairi Fortt for the Geri Anderson Youth Award; Dudley Williams for the Dr. Dorothy Height Education Award; Nicholas Katzenbach for the Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Civil Rights Award; The Fellas for the Dr. Joyce Yerwood Community Service Award; 100 Black Men of Stamford, Inc. for the W. E. B. DuBois Community Organization Award; GE Foundation, Inc. for the Darwin Davis Corporate Award; Pitney Bowes, Inc. for the Madame C.J. Walker Corporate Award; and Rev. Kate Heichler for the Dr. Samuel L. White Religious Award.

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