

THE
CARVER
FOUNDATION OF NORWALK
80TH ANNIVERSARY
GALA

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018



CARVER
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"Building Lifetime Achievers"

PROGRAM



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● EVENING PROGRAM ●

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Welcome by Gala Co-Chairs

Performance by Gabby Pierre-Louis

DINNER AND PROGRAM

Video Greeting by Carver Kids

Invocation

Celebrating 80 Years

Novelette Peterkin, Executive Director

We Are Carver

Angela Reyes and Kenneth Shuler

Dinner

A Carver Perspective

Kimberly Duhart, Carver Scholar

Live Auction & Paddle Raise

CHILD OF AMERICA AWARD

Sean Combs, Honoree

Chairman & CEO, Combs Enterprises

Presented by Ray Dalio

Founder, Bridgewater Associates

In Closing

Diana Napier, President, Carver Board of Directors

DESSERT RECEPTION

THE CARVER FOUNDATION OF NORWALK 80TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

FRIDAY, MAY 11
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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Carver's 80th Anniversary Gala! We are honored to co-chair this year's event, celebrating the life-changing work of the Carver Foundation of Norwalk. This evening, we acknowledge Carver's success in "Building Lifetime Achievers" with our wholehearted support and cheers. We also gather this evening to recognize Sean Combs with the Child of America award.

Thank you to our wonderful Gala Committee for so freely giving their time, energy and creativity to make this evening possible and so very special. We appreciate your leadership and countless sacrifices for the benefit of the Carver community!

Funds raised this evening will directly benefit Norwalk young people working hard each day to advance their academic careers. Carver is building confidence, skills, and resiliency in children, and empowering their parents to be their effective advocates. You may never meet the Carver youth you are supporting, but your support is positively altering the futures of many young lives. We can never thank you enough for all that your generosity means to our Carver families.

We look forward to sharing with you this evening the stories, dreams and hopes of our youth and of our many programs that are fueling their success and inspiring them to achieve their academic and life goals.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Novotny
Gala Co-Chair



Stephanie Thomas
Gala Co-Chair



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May 11, 2018

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our gala committee, and our staff and volunteers, thank you for joining us as we celebrate our 80 years of service and have the profound privilege of honoring Mr. Sean Combs with our Child of America award.

This gala is a true celebration of our past, present, and future. We honor those who helped establish the organization in 1938. We thank those who are building our innovative and effective programs that continue to expand throughout Norwalk's schools. It is also a time to glimpse into our future and deliver a compelling charge to those who will help us continue to positively impact Norwalk's youth and their families.

In the spirit of celebration, we would like to acknowledge each of you for making this a most memorable event for years to come. We extend a special thanks to our gala sponsors. Your very generous contributions are invaluable to the Carver community and will be invested to reach ever more young people with life-changing tools and opportunities.

We are proud of Carver's accomplishments over the past 80 years and recognize that we could not have delivered on our mission without the support of our many generous donors and volunteers, steadfast government allies, capable program partner providers, inspired staff, and visionary Board of Directors. We look forward to your continued partnership in helping the Carver community grow and thrive for the benefit of Norwalk's young people.

Yours truly,



Novelette Peterkin
Executive Director

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May 11, 2018

The Carver Foundation of Norwalk
7 Academy Street
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Dear Friends:

As Mayor of the City of Norwalk, it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to Carver's 80th Anniversary Gala. This evening is also a tribute to Sean Combs, this year's recipient of the Child of America Award. This is truly a special moment for Norwalk.

Since its inception, the Carver Foundation of Norwalk has been tireless in its pursuit of advancing the academic and professional careers of Norwalk's young people. Carver is built on a foundation of shared ideals and achieving excellence and integrity in everything they do. Today, Carver is Norwalk's largest provider of after school programs for middle and high school students, and the largest provider of summer programs serving K through 9th grade students. Carver infuses high expectations, academic rigor, and healthy relationships into its youth development approach to instruction. Carver provides support that recognizes individual strengths, needs, and learning styles.

I commend you all for your generous support of Carver's important work. Congratulations to everyone who helped make Carver what it is today. May this still be the early years of Carver's great impact on the lives of Norwalk's youth and their families.

Very truly yours,

Harry W. Rilling
Mayor

May 11, 2018

Ms. Novelette Peterkin
Carver Foundation of Norwalk
7 Academy Street
Norwalk, CT 06850

Dear Novelette, Board Members and Friends of the Carver Center:

Thank you for inviting me to your annual Child of America Dinner. It is a great pleasure to join with you tonight and welcome our special guests, both of whom have reputations that precede them.

Ray Dalio is a successful and well-known individual in the financial industry, but the stories of Ray you hear less of are his activities as a philanthropist. His work to improve the lives of the less fortunate in Connecticut should be praised and imitated.

Sean Combs is a world-renowned entertainer and entertainment executive, and is a household name. I think I speak for everyone when I thank you for your many charitable works and offer a warm welcome to our wonderful community.

Carver has selected an honoree as unique as Carver itself. I am proud to speak of all of the good work that you do. Keep it up!

Sincerely,

Bob Duff
Senate Majority Leader

THE CARVER FOUNDATION OF NORWALK
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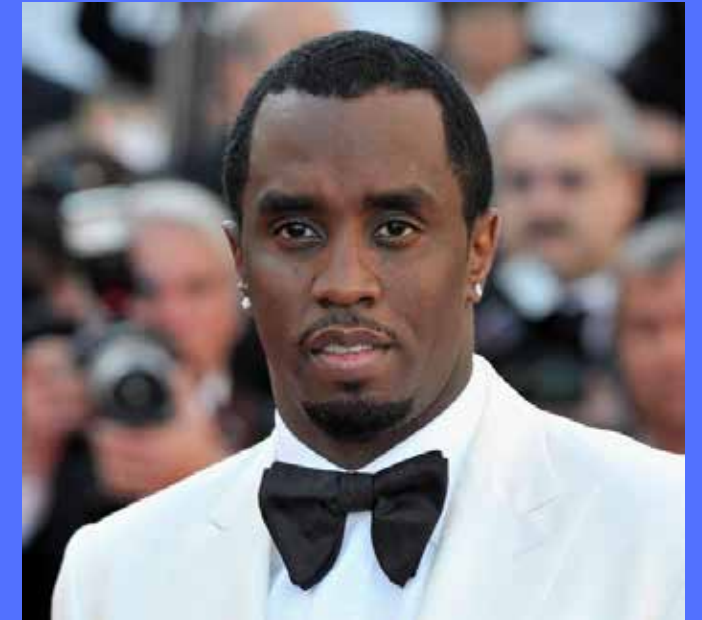
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Sean Combs

Child of America Honoree

Sean Combs is the definition of a mogul and an inspiration to Carver youth. As the Chairman and CEO of Combs Enterprises, he has a diverse portfolio of businesses and investments covering the music, fashion, fragrance, beverage, marketing, film, television, and media industries with companies such as Bad Boy Worldwide Entertainment Group, Sean John, Combs Wine & Spirits, AQUAhydrate, The Blue Flame Agency, REVOLT Films and REVOLT MEDIA & TV.

Mr. Combs has always applied the same drive and entrepreneurial spirit that has defined his entertainment and business success to his philanthropic work and political activism. He led the response to the crisis in Flint, Michigan, pledging one million bottles of water along with a long-term commitment to provide water to Flint citizens until the issue is resolved. He raised more than \$2 million for New York City public schools and children suffering from HIV and AIDS by competing in the New York City Marathon. He has supported organizations including the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), the Boys & Girls Club, and others that create opportunities for young people. And, he has served on the board of the Hip Hop Action Network and rallied millions of young people to register to vote and vote during the 2008 election through his Vote or Die project. In 2016, Combs also announced that he was launching a charter school in Harlem. In the same year, Combs also donated \$1 million to Howard University to establish the Sean Combs Scholarship Fund. Mr. Combs' philanthropy continues and is something Carver honors with its annual Child of America award.



Past Honorees

Past Child of America Award recipients include Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Roger Wilkins; Geoffrey Canada, former President and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone; Cynthia Thompson, National Chair of The Girl Scouts Of America; James Comer, the Maurice Faulk Professor of Child Psychiatry at Yale; Helene Gayle, CEO of CARE; The Reverend Dr. James A. Forbes, the Senior Minister Emeritus of The Riverside Church in New York City; Debo P. Adegbile, then the Director of Litigation, NAACP LDF; Dr. Marlen Bodden, Legal Aid Society and author; Morris "Mo" Pleasure, American composer, producer, multi-instrumentalist; and Richard Whitcomb, President Emeritus of St. Luke's School.

ROBBIE GORDY AUCTIONEER



Robbie Gordy is an Associate Vice President and Auctioneer at Christie's New York, where he works on the development and presentation of the auction house's most prestigious and high profile consignments.

Robbie's recent work has included the notable collections of gallerists Ileana Sonnabend and Nina Castelli Sundell; London art dealer Leslie Waddington; President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan; groundbreaking Asian art dealer Robert Hatfield Ellsworth; legendary comedian Joan Rivers; financiers and businessmen such as John C. Whitehead and Edgar M. Bronfman; and the upcoming landmark sale of the estate of David Rockefeller. A Fulbright Scholar and graduate of London's Courtauld Institute of Art, Robbie studied nineteenth-century European painting and sculpture, as well as international Modern and Contemporary art, before joining Christie's London salerooms. In addition to auctioneering Christie's sales, Robbie is an enthusiastic Charity Auctioneer who has worked with numerous philanthropic, civic, and cultural organizations across the United States. In the past three years alone, Robbie has raised over \$25 million for charitable causes.



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Carver is Norwalk's largest provider of after school programs for middle and high school students, and the largest provider of summer programs serving K through 9th grade students, operating in 10 Norwalk schools and the Carver Community Center.

This academic year, Carver is serving 3,819 unduplicated individuals: 1,323 students in after school and summer programs, 164 students in college, and 2,332 people in community programs.

Carver's after school Youth Development Program operates in eight locations: the Carver Community Center, Norwalk Public Schools' four middle and two high schools, and Side By Side Charter School.

LIFETIME ACHIEVERS



Carver provides a special after school program for the 5th grade students at Brookside and Tracey Elementary Schools.

Carver provides Freshman Summer Success Academies for graduated 8th-grade students transitioning into 9th grade at Norwalk and Brien McMahon High Schools. Carver provides a Summer Middle School Transition Program for 5th-grade students transitioning into Norwalk's four middle schools.

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**Jacqueline Novotny
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the 2018 Gala Committee, and
everyone here tonight for
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believers, and achievers.

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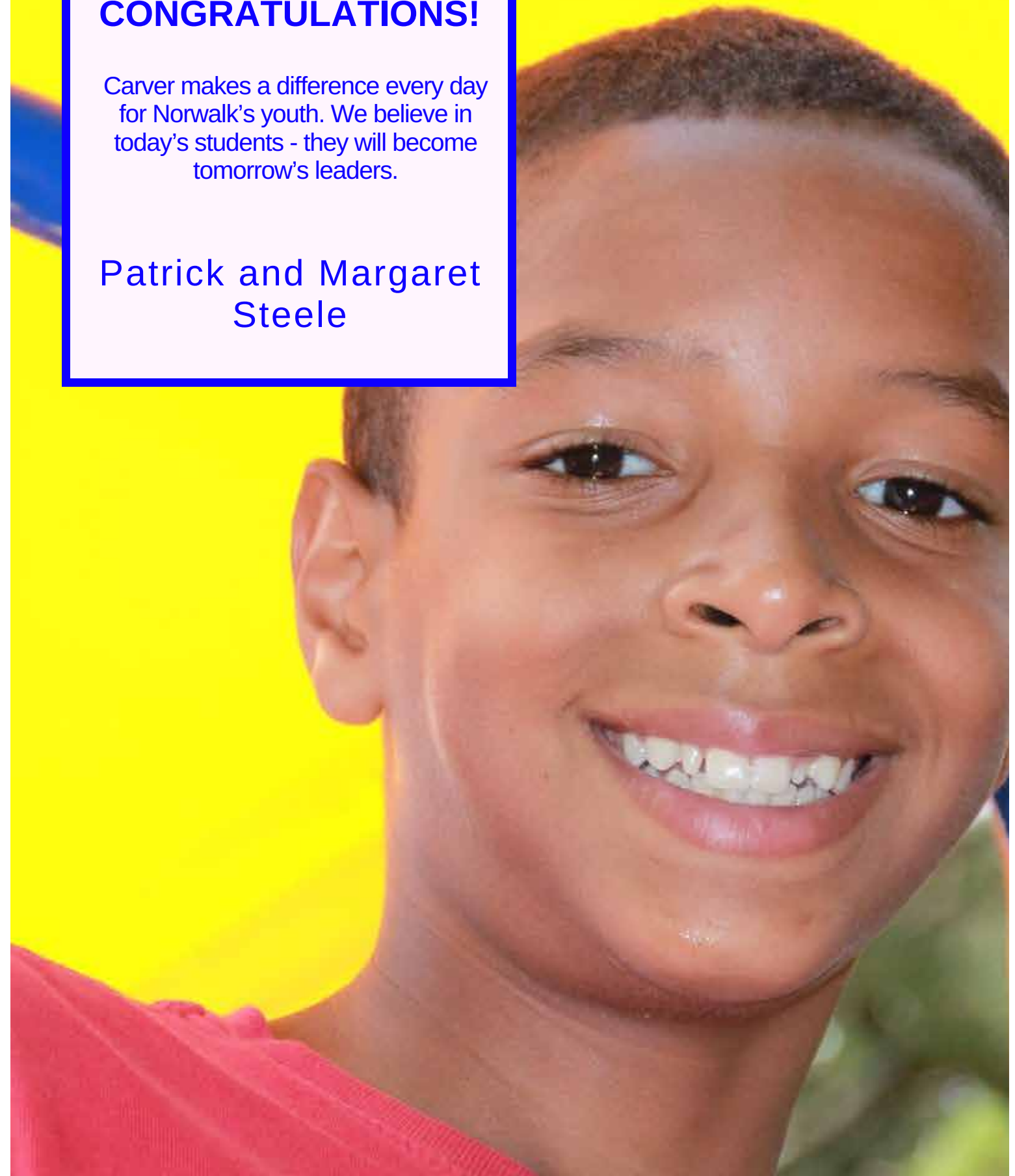
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Patrick and Margaret
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Happy 80th Anniversary!

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Our congratulations to Mr. Sean Combs for receiving our 2018 Child of America award!

Thank you everyone for your commitment to the success of this evening and for joining Carver on our journey now 80 years young!

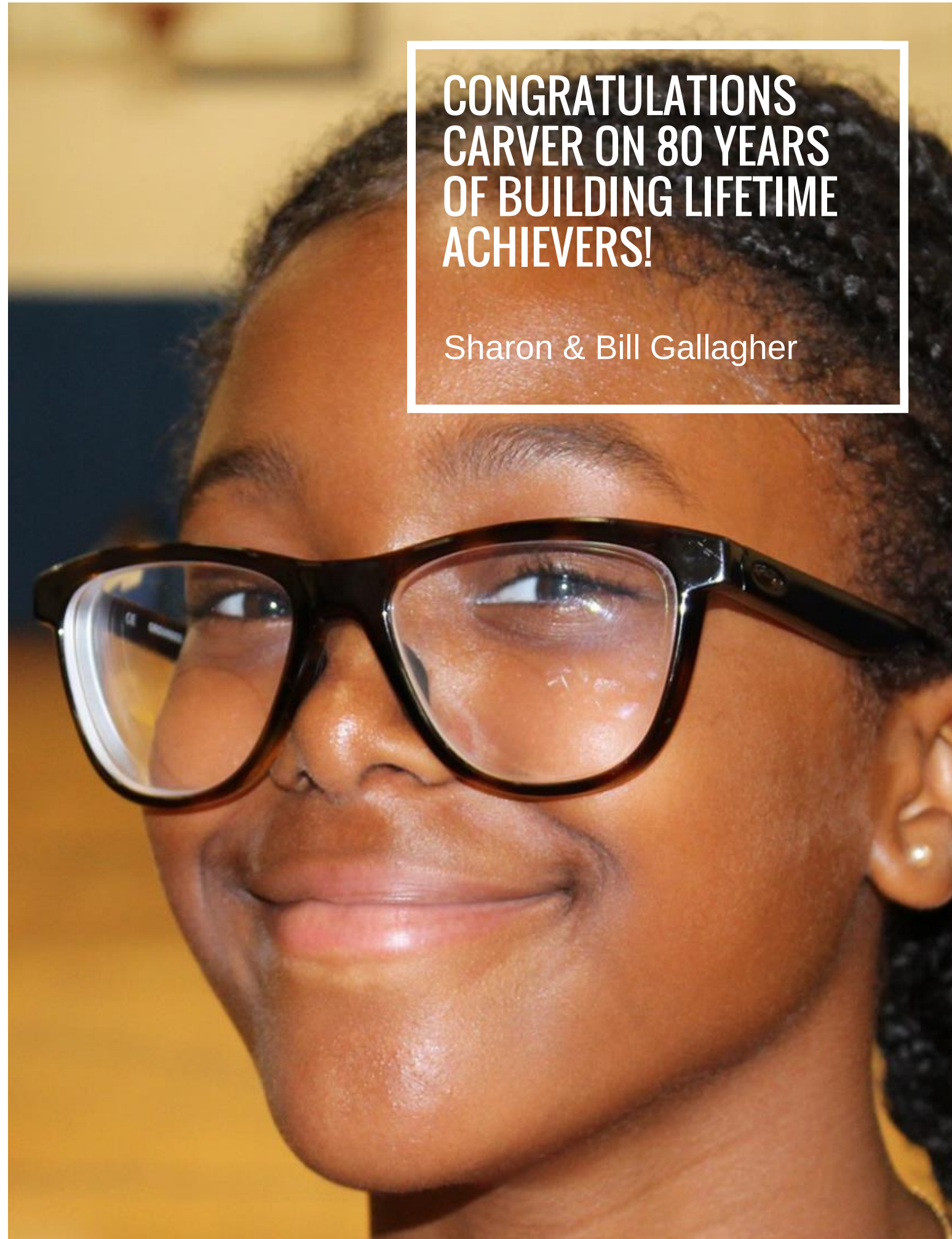
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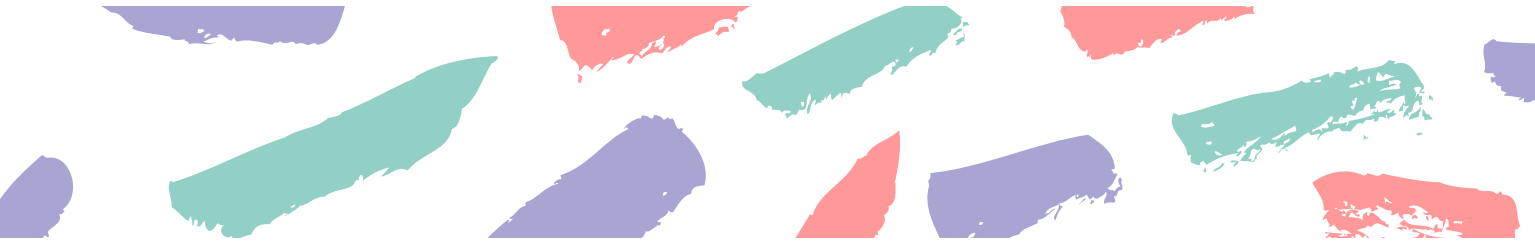


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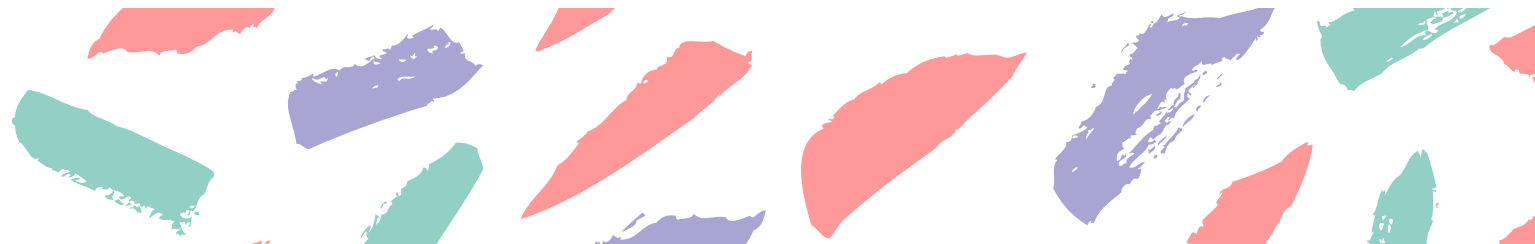


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All best wishes for
Carver's next
80 years!

Erin & Sean Berry



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Carver's new song by Carver alumnus Kenneth "FNX" Shuler

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Although they'll never acknowledge it... He
set the tone before... law desegregated
colleges... We are legacy his now...young
and gifted... Odd overcomers... the have-nots
and misfits .. Together we are strong as a fist
is..... And can attain any goal we ever put on
our wish list.... Kings and queens....shorty go
and live your dreams.... Never mind.... what
they try and tell you... Pay no attention to the
poison they try and sell you... Always keep
your faith...so ...it can propel you.. Tothe
next level of life... Maintain discipline...and
then achieve what you like.... Same direction
that the wind blew. Cuz life is more than what
you born into...

Knowledge of self and determination.....
Positive thoughts manifested through
conversation.... Keep ya spirits
high...overcoming all odds... Daniel in the
lion's den I put that on God... i kno...(i know)
How it feels to be down and out... When
negativity creeps in and you cant drown it
out... Feeling overlooked and counted out...
perseverance and standing tall ...that's really
what the crowns about.... Im just trying to
teach a lesson.... Get ya blessings... to be a
blessing.. Grind in any path you choose..
Diversify your wealth and save for different
avenues... Not some rapper dude... Who
preached and aint been through it.... I
observe the universe and then put my pen to
it... Same direction that the wind blew... Cuz
life is more than what you born into..



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