



Dear Friends of *A Better Chance*,

Planning has begun for our 8th annual “Dream Event” fundraiser, “**A Decade of Dreams...**”. We are so excited because this year we will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Westport *A Better Chance*. During this special evening, we will also be honoring our founding directors. Please mark your calendars for Saturday evening, March 31, 2012 at the Unitarian Church in Westport. This will be an unforgettable evening filled with hope and promise for our *A Better Chance* scholars as well as a lot of fun for our guests.

There will be sumptuous food, exciting entertainment and, of course, stimulating conversation between friends, new and old. One of the highlights of the evening will once again be the “opportunities/auction items” which will be offered in both the live and silent auctions. Much like the opportunities offered to our scholars by the *A Better Chance* program, we will again offer “opportunities” to the event’s attendees. Our online bidding has become a huge success. Anyone can bid online before the event, giving us a broader audience to participate in the fundraising portion of the evening.

Along with the traditional auction items, other items we hope to include are: the chance to spend time with people in all walks of life, whether it is a tour of a special place with friends, a “day on the job” with someone whose career is intriguing, or perhaps instruction by an individual with a unique skill or talent.

We turn to you and ask that you think of those you know (or it may be you) who might be able to provide that special “experience” as an auction item. Or, let us know if you have an idea for a special opportunity that you would like to bid on and we’ll attempt to find it! We also need help with the traditional items too. Contact us with any names, ideas, questions, etc.

Your tremendous support in past years has been vital to making this spectacular “**A Decade of Dreams...**” event possible. We are looking forward to another successful event, all due to the generosity of *A Better Chance* friends like you who are motivated to make a direct impact on the scholars’ lives.

Thank you in advance for your support. We hope you will join us for this memorable evening.

Our sincere appreciation,

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