



A BETTER CHANCE
of WESTPORT



To our Friends and Neighbors,

As the trees outside begin to change their colors and transform, we find ourselves in a state of reflection and gratitude. This year A Better Chance of Westport turns 20. For twenty years this community has come together in support of the ABC scholars, whose lives and trajectories have been forever changed by their time in Westport and at Staples High School.

Each year over 100 volunteers make this program possible. From our Board of Directors, to our host families, from the resident staff, to the staff at Staples and our volunteer drivers, there are countless people working tirelessly to make this program possible. **ABC Westport is 100% supported by financial contributions from the Westport community.** For twenty years, we have come together and each done our part to keep this dream going. This year, we ask you to help us keep going and keep fulfilling our mission— to provide educational opportunities to academically-gifted and highly-motivated young men of color.

To visit Glendarcy House these days is to witness great transformation in motion. We have new Executive Directors of Student Life, making the house a home, planning enrichment events, and providing emotional support. Our board members are energized and excited to follow through on some of our new program initiatives: a DEI committee, ensuring equity and inclusion are at the center of our program, a mentors group, bonding and establishing community connections for the scholars, and more. The scholars are studying for exams, writing articles for the school newspaper, learning the rules of Badminton, playing on the Staples football team, participating in the town youth baseball league, and writing code, among other activities. The seven current scholars are truly special, and we can't wait for you to feel the impact of their presence in this community.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of A Better Chance of Westport, we are filled with gratitude for you, our community, for your enduring support. Please join us in celebrating 20 years of the ABC Westport mission with a donation of any size. Your meaningful donation will ensure the necessary funding for housing, food, academic enrichment, transportation and, most importantly, ensure our scholars can keep dreaming.

From the bottom of our hearts,
A Better Chance of Westport



Ways to Get Involved:

- 1 Donate**
A gift of any size will change lives
- 2 Volunteer**
Join a committee, become a host family, or board member
- 3 Attend/Sponsor**
The 20th Anniversary Dream Event on April 1, 2023
- 4 Follow**
Follow our new Instagram page @abc.westport to stay connected

THANK YOU TO THE FOUNDERS OF
A BETTER CHANCE OF WESTPORT:

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Thank you for 20 years of changing lives through education!