

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1996

Warm greetings to everyone attending the Third Annual Galaxy Gala dinner dance of the Institute for Community Development.

As we stand on the threshold of the twenty-first century, it is crucial that we embrace the energy, creativity, and talents of every one of our citizens. Only when we know that all our young people have the opportunity to live up to their full potential and to make their own unique contributions to society can we truly say that we are prepared to face the challenges of tomorrow.

I applaud the Institute for Community Development for helping at-risk youth to complete their high school and college educations. With increasing demands and shrinking resources, America's education system needs your innovation and initiative more than ever before. We look to organizations like yours to help forge the private/public partnerships that will advance educational opportunity in our nation and give all our children the skills and guidance they need to succeed.

Every American deserves a quality education, and I commend the directors, staff, supporters, and participants of the Institute for Community Development for working so hard to make that dream a reality. Together, we can build a bright future for all of our people.

Best wishes for a memorable gala.

*Bill Clinton*

Julie - Let me  
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TO: Jim Donskind

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Please see attached for a  
request for a POTUS letter.

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Please let me know if this is  
possible and CC: Carol on any  
response.

The Institute for Community  
Development, Annual Dinner is  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1996

I think it is easiest if someone  
in your office work directly with  
Marty Weston from The Institute  
for Community Development.

Call if you need anything  
(x65392).

— Julie Demco

# The Institute for Community Development

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January 30, 1996

Ms. Julie Demeo  
Domestic Policy Office  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Julie:

I was glad to have had a chance to talk with you by telephone last week and bring you up to date on our STAR and COMET programs.

Word about our outstanding outcomes has prompted frequent inquiries about our work, and some of these calls have resulted in the start-up of new program sites. By spring, nearly 800 children will be part of COMET and STAR, more than double the number of children we had last year. Details describing our growth are contained in the fall newsletter — which also has a story about Ms. Rasco's visit to the COMET program in September. I've enclosed two copies.

As I said in our telephone conversation, we would be pleased to have Mr. Clinton write a brief greeting to the Institute, its friends and supporters on the occasion of the Third Annual Galaxy Gala dinner/dance. We're seeking a letter from Mr. Clinton acknowledging the work of the Institute — particularly the leadership of Gerry and Lilo Leeds — in helping children who are at risk of not completing their education. I have written a draft to help start the process of obtaining such a greeting (enclosed). Also, I've enclosed a copy of a greeting from New York Gov. George Pataki as it appeared in our Journal last year.

Thank you for continuing cordiality.

Sincerely,



Martin Weston  
Communications

DRAFT

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Leeds:

Greetings on the occasion of the Institute for Community Development's Third Annual Galaxy Gala dinner /dance.

Through my Chief Domestic Policy Advisor Carol Rasco, who has visited the COMET and STAR programs, I've learned about the Institute's highly successful work helping at-risk young people finish high school and go on to college. I applaud the Institute for bringing together the broad private/public partnership that forms a foundation underneath these educationally acclaimed programs.

My administration strongly supports education as an important key to our nation's security and global competitiveness. America greatly appreciates the Institute's efforts to ensure that *all* children have a full educational opportunity; that everyone enjoy access to the American Dream.

Best wishes for continued success in this exemplary endeavor.

Yours truly,

Bill Clinton  
President



STATE OF NEW YORK  
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ALBANY 12224

GEORGE E. PATAKI  
GOVERNOR

April 27, 1995

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Leeds:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to all gathered for the Institute for Community Development's Galaxy Gala II, April 27, 1995.

This event is the culmination of a great deal of hard work and planning, and the Empire State commends your contributions to hundreds of "at risk" youngsters. Through the Institute's STAR and COMET programs, you have helped them stay in school, graduate and become productive citizens.

Best wishes for continued success as an educational exemplar in the state of New York.



Very truly yours,

George E. Pataki

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Leeds  
Co-Chairpersons  
Institute for Community Development  
600 Community Drive  
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# Yes, We Can

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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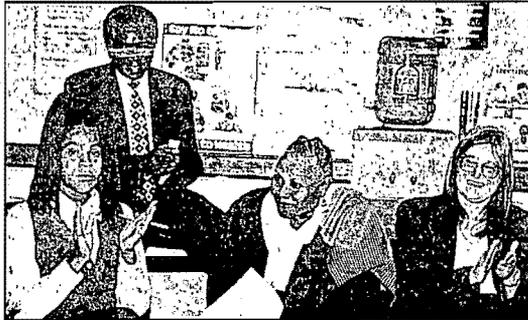
## AT ROOSEVELT & HEMPSTEAD

### Regents Visit STAR & COMET, ICD's School-based Programs

The Regents are the Empire State's guardians of education.

Their tour of two ICD programs in October, therefore, took on the ambience of a state visit, complete with an entourage of deputies, administrators and members of the media.

The Regents came to explore partnerships in education on Long Island. ICD's programs had been recommended to the Regents as partnerships that work. By the end of the day, all of the Regents and Richard P. Mills, the new state Commissioner of Education, had visited Roosevelt STAR, Hempstead COMET or both programs, where the children were engaged in either academic studies or group counseling sessions.



▲ New York State Education Regents Walter Cooper and Adelaide Sanford, and Mary Burns, Vice President of the Hempstead School Board (right), enjoy a moment with Hempstead COMET student Shaquana Diles during the Regents' visit to the program and Roosevelt STAR in October.

Mimi Levin Lieber, Louise P. Matteoni, Edward J. Meyer, Diane O'Neill McGivern and Adelaide L. Sanford.

"I saw these kids thriving in a way that would make the heart of any parent glad," L.I. Regent Robert Johnson said later, while Commissioner Mills and several of the Regents expressed their hope that the COMET/STAR approach would be used as a model throughout the state to improve the academic performance of students at risk.

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## COMET/STAR Touted

Subsequently, STAR and COMET became a focus of the Regents meeting at Hofstra University attended by state legislators and ICD executives. Regents attending were Jorge L. Batista, Carlos R. Carballada, Saul B. Cohen, Walter Cooper, James C. Dawson, Norma Gluck, Emily L. Griffith, Carl T. Hayden, Robert M. Johnson,

## ANTI-VIOLENCE GRANTS

### State Awards Funds to Develop Extended Day Programs

Three school districts where ICD operates programs — Hempstead, Roosevelt and NYC Community School District 13, in Brooklyn — have been awarded funds to develop programs that work to reduce and prevent school violence. Many of the 44 school districts receiving funding are on the Education Department's list of Schools Under Registration Review (SURR), meaning that they are performing poorly.

ICD is discussing with the three districts details of extended-day program partnerships centered around the COMET and STAR academic enrichment, counseling and personal development methodology.

State Education Commissioner, Dr. Richard Mills, said the money should be used to improve student

achievement and to develop school-based intervention models to decrease absenteeism and drop-out rates.

Funds for the Extended Day/Anti-Violence campaign were made available through a special Education Department appropriation created by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. George Pataki. Programs developed under the grants should address issues contributing to poor attendance and school violence, provide a strong curriculum with high academic standards, and address the development of positive attitudes among the students toward learning, teachers and peers, according to Mills.

Roosevelt is expected to receive \$300,000 in special funding, Hempstead, \$247,000, and District 13, \$165,000. ■

## ICD PROGRAMS BLOSSOM

### Smooth Launch for COMET/STAR at Banneker Academy

The launch was a success; now the program is blossoming.

After months of planning, interviewing and hiring new staff, the Institute launched its highly acclaimed COMET/STAR academic enrichment, counseling and personal development programs at the new Benjamin Banneker Academy for Community Development in Brooklyn's Fort Greene community.

Darryl Avery is the program director.

## All Students Succeed

The Banneker COMET/STAR program is a collaboration between ICD and Brooklyn's Community School District 13, enrolling all 250 youngsters at the New Vision school. That number, which presently includes 7th, 9th and 11th grade students, will grow to 500 next fall when these youngsters advance to 8th, 10th, and 12th grades, and a new group of 250 youngsters are recruited to fill vacancies created in grades 7, 9 and 11.

District 13 Superintendent Dr. Lester Young invited.

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▲ Banneker Academy COMET/STAR Academic Coordinator Anestine Hector, center, assists Femi Aladi, left, and Michael Summarville during an academic enrichment session.

**INSIDE**

**See ICD On NBC**

NBC Today Show host Katie Couric introduces ICD's STAR program to a national audience on

*"Everybody's Business: America's Children"*

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995

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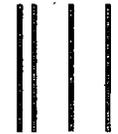
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The Institute for Community Development is a non-profit organization pledged to help kids most at risk of failure to become healthy, educated and productive adults. Your dollars go directly into programs and are tax deductible. *And, most importantly, ICD Board member Horace Hagedorn said:*

**“I’LL MATCH EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE WITH ONE OF MY OWN.”**

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