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THE FORTUNE SOCIETY ANNUAL GALA
OCTOBER 26, 2021
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COMING HOME
Celebrating a Decade of Housing at Castle Gardens
EVENING AT A GLANCE

OPENING REMARKS
JoAnne Page, President & CEO

FOUNDING TENANT AWARD
Barbara Biscaino
Carl Dukes
Performing “Plastic Bag,” accompanied by John Runowicz

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David Rothenberg, Founder

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DINNER
Music by Fortune Artists Jonathan Finkelman and Dawud Rahman

GAME CHANGER AWARD RECIPIENT
Michael R. Bloomberg
Founder, Bloomberg LP & Bloomberg Philanthropies and 108th Mayor of New York City
Presented by Joshua L. Steiner, Chairman, Castleton Commodities and Senior Advisor, Bloomberg LP

CLOSING REMARKS
Alphonzo Elder, Board Vice Chairperson
OUR MISSION

The mission of The Fortune Society is to support successful reentry from incarceration and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities.

We do this by:

BELIEVING in the power of individuals to change;

BUILDING LIVES through service programs shaped by the needs and experiences of our participants; and

CHANGING MINDS through education and advocacy to promote the creation of a fair, humane and truly rehabilitative correctional system.

OUR APPROACH

Founded in 1967, The Fortune Society's vision is to foster a world where all who are incarcerated or formerly incarcerated will thrive as positive, contributing members of society. We do this through a holistic, one-stop model of service provision. Every year, we serve over 9,000 individuals via four New York City locations: our service center in Long Island City, Queens, Freedom House in East Harlem, and both The Fortune Academy ("the Castle") and Castle Gardens in West Harlem. Fortune's program models are internationally and nationally recognized for their quality and innovation; and our continuum of care is informed and implemented by professionals with cultural backgrounds and life experiences similar to the participants we help.
HONORING

GAME CHANGER AWARD
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
Founder, Bloomberg LP & Bloomberg Philanthropies
108th Mayor of New York City

Michael R. Bloomberg has long been a dedicated partner and supporter of The Fortune Society. As mayor of New York City, Bloomberg helped make possible the construction of Castle Gardens, a Fortune project that provides 114 affordable apartments and additional services for low-income New Yorkers and those with histories of homelessness and incarceration. As founder of Bloomberg LP and Bloomberg Philanthropies, he has remained deeply invested in the Fortune mission, including supporting the organization’s education and employment services and launching a career and workplace readiness program for Fortune Fellows at Bloomberg LP.

FOUNDING TENANT AWARD
BARBARA BISCAINO
Castle Gardens
Founding Tenant

Barbara came to Fortune after struggling to find affordable housing and living in the NYC shelter system with her daughter Nemiah. After moving into her home at Castle Gardens, Barbara was able to access the kind of support needed for her and her daughter to thrive. Barbara joined the tenant’s association and is a regular at Sky Garden on the roof at Castle Gardens, where she helps grow healthy fruits and vegetables for her fellow tenants. Barbara’s daughter, Nemiah, was recently accepted into university and is starting her freshman year this fall.

FOUNDING TENANT AWARD
CARL DUKES
Castle Gardens
Founding Tenant

Carl left the prison system after 31 years of incarceration with little support and no place to live. While homeless, he was referred to Fortune and was accepted as a resident of our transitional facility, the Castle, before moving into his permanent home at Castle Gardens. As a resident, he has built close relationships with his neighbors and began working with Fortune as a Correspondence Liaison. At Fortune, he manages our justice-involved correspondence program and the distribution of Fortune News, our bi-annual publication sent to prisons and jails across the country.
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We are proud to support The Fortune Society and to congratulate tonight’s honoree Mike Bloomberg for his visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to New York City.

We also thank JoAnne Page and her team for their relentless efforts to create housing and community for justice-involved individuals and celebrate tonight’s Founding Tenant Awardees, Barbara Biscaino and Carl Dukes, for personifying that work.

Mark Lebow and Patti Harris
THE STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION (SNF) IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE FORTUNE SOCIETY IN ITS LIFE-CHANGING WORK & CONGRATULATES MICHAEL BLOOMBERG.
Congratulations to this evening’s honorees and a special thank you to MICHAEL BLOOMBERG for your outstanding leadership and commitment to strengthening our communities.

KITTY AND TOM KEMPNER
Antoinette Delruelle and Joshua L. Steiner congratulate MICHAEL BLOOMBERG on this well-deserved honor and thank the FORTUNE team for their extraordinary work and commitment.
Citi is a proud supporter of The Fortune Society for rebuilding lives through innovation and advocacy.

At Citi, we pay tribute to The Fortune Society at their Hope & Justice Annual Gala for providing justice-involved people with the tools, resources and support they need to live as successful & contributing members of their communities.
THANK YOU
TO ALL OF THE FORTUNE SOCIETY’S
STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS.
Your unwavering dedication and tireless
efforts have a profound and lasting impact
on the lives of countless individuals
across the country.

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Kramer Levin congratulates honorees

Michael R. Bloomberg
Barbara Biscaino and Carl Dukes

and proudly supports

The Fortune Society
In honor of our dear friends,
The Honorable
MICHAEL BLOOMBERG
and
MARK LEBOW

With Love and Appreciation,
Sir Paul and Lady Nancy McCartney
We are proud to support The Fortune Society and the people behind its invaluable work.

You inspire us all.

Jennifer & David Millstone
Building Homes, Building Brighter Futures

Phipps Houses is proud to celebrate The Fortune Society as they mark a decade of Hope & Justice at Castle Gardens! We honor your continued commitment to aid those who have been incarcerated.
DOSTOYEVSKY SAID:
“The degree of civilization in a society can be judged by entering its prisons.”
Our society might also be judged by how we treat those who are leaving our prisons.

Fortune has always been motivated by providing what our clients need to enable them to return home safely and successfully. That’s why in 1998 we bought and renovated what became THE ACADEMY. And why, just over 10 years ago, we built CASTLE GARDENS on the empty lot we owned behind it.

Oases of hope and recovery and a safe place to build a future. And there is more in our plans.

Thank you, MICHAEL BLOOMBERG, for your generous help through the years in making Fortune Society housing a reality. And thank you to BARBARA BISCAINO and CARL DUKES for helping to make our housing a home!
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TO OUR PAL, MIKE!

Katherine Farley and Jerry Speyer
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for promoting alternatives to incarceration and strengthening the fabric of our communities.

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We salute this year’s distinguished honorees

Michael R. Bloomberg
Founder, Bloomberg LP & Bloomberg Philanthropies

Carl Dukes
Castle Gardens Founding Tenant

Barbara Biscaino
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WE ALSO EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, Founder, Bloomberg LP & Bloomberg Philanthropies
CARL DUKES, Castle Gardens Founding Tenant
BARBARA BISCAINO, Castle Gardens Founding Tenant

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JoAnne and the entire Fortune Society family for another year of essential work serving a uniquely vulnerable community.

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We are proud to support The Fortune Society and congratulate our 2021 honorees

Michael R. Bloomberg
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For nearly 40 years, we’ve worked toward one mission: to make home and community places of pride, power and belonging.

Enterprise is proud to sponsor The Fortune Society’s 2021 Gala.

Congratulations to Castle Gardens, Michael Bloomberg, and Castle Garden’s Founding Tenants, Barbara Biscaino and Carl Dukes.

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We are so pleased to support the important and impactful work of **THE FORTUNE SOCIETY** in helping build people, not prisons. We also congratulate this evening’s most-deserving and distinguished honorees, **Mayor Michael Bloomberg** (*Game Changer Award*) **Barbara Biscaino** (*Founding Tenant Award*) and **Carl Dukes** (*Founding Tenant Award*).

We are delighted to celebrate the many accomplishments of and by **FORTUNE** along with all supporters working to create a more just society.

**Allison & David Kochman**
Congratulations to The Fortune Society for creating safe, affordable housing and welcoming communities.

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