



Fiesta de Santiago!

St. James' Community Festival 2010

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

The 2010 St. James' Community Festival Committee is delighted to announce that this year's Festival, **Fiesta de Santiago**, will be held on **Wednesday, May 12th**.

For more than 75 years, St. James' Church has been sponsoring the Community Festival with two goals in mind. The first is to celebrate our church's warm fellowship. To this end, we are planning a festive evening which will transport you to a lively fiesta in the Spanish tradition. You and your friends are invited to enjoy an evening filled with Spanish delicacies and music as you mingle with fellow parishioners, clergy and staff. This evening is also a wonderful way to entertain your friends and introduce them to all that makes St. James' so special. As in past years, we will host the Spring Boutique with many new and interesting vendors plus Antiques and Treasurers will be back by popular demand. Something new this year will be an online auction leading up to the Festival event from January to April this will replace the live and silent auctions of last year.

The second goal of the Festival is to share the hospitality and support of the St. James' community with our broader neighborhood. Each year, monies raised by the Community Festival are distributed to worthy charities within the five boroughs of New York City. We work closely with the St. James' Grants Committee, which fully vets each charity we support through on-site visits and interviews, to focus on those most in need of our support. We want to help smaller organizations that target specific and neighborhoods or areas of need. These charities, listed below, often operate on shoestring budgets of less than \$500,000 per year and cannot afford their own fundraising operations.

You can begin supporting the Festival before it is even here by purchasing an ad in the Community Festival program. Ads can be used to promote a business, congratulate a confirmand, remember a loved person or pet, or simply thank the St. James' clergy and staff for all that they do. A form and all the information you need is enclosed for your convenience. If you serve on a committee or if you family is involved with a Sunday School class or choir, consider helping to arrange a group ad. The deadline to send your form back to St. James' is **Monday, April 5**.

Please save the date on your calendar now, invite your friends, plan your Fiesta wardrobe and join us for this truly special evening, when St. James' celebrates the generosity of its parishioners in supporting those in need throughout New York City. We will look for you there!

Most sincerely,

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The 2010 St. James' Community Festival Committee is pleased to announce this year's beneficiaries will include:

- **DOME Project**, to provide alternatives to incarceration for at-risk youth
- **Fraternite Notre Dame Feeding Program**, to fund emergency feeding programs
- **Health Advocates for Older People**, to provide services to help seniors continue to live independently
- **St. James' Women's Association Stocking Stuffing**, which every year delivers more than 1,000 filled Christmas stockings to poor and sick children
- **Episcopal Charities Summer Camp Program**, which supports alternative summer activities for at-risk youth