

## NCC Golf Classic To Be Held At Beautiful Bedminster Course



New Community Corporation will host its 15th Annual Golf Classic on June 25 at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster, a lavishly appointed, executive golf course considered one of the most beautiful in the Northeast.

Featuring outstanding amenities, fine dining and luxurious guest facilities, the property straddles Hunterdon and Somerset counties and is divided by the soothing waters of the Lamington River. The grounds host 54 meticulously landscaped and professional designed holes of golf and world-class executive facilities, including an elegantly appointed, stately English country manor clubhouse.

New Community's biggest annual fundraiser, the Golf Classic will be co-chaired by two prominent and highly-regarded New Jersey residents this year. A. Zachary Yamba, (far left) the longtime president of Essex County College in Newark, who recently announced his retirement, and Maria Vizcarrondo (below, right), director of the city of Newark's Department of Family and Child Well-Being, have both agreed to headline the event.



Yamba, the longest-tenured college president in New Jersey, will retire as the president of Essex County College at the end of the year. Essex was a troubled school some 30 years ago and on the verge of losing its accreditation when Yamba, then a popular English teacher, took over. Under his capable and steady leadership, the school has seen its reputation and stability restored, prospering both in student enrollment and program growth.

A recognized leader within the community, Vizcarrondo is president of United Way of New Jersey and former executive director of ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey. She was the founding director of the Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development (formerly the Office of Hispanic Affairs) at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and also



served as president and CEO of the United Way of Essex and West Hudson. She was tapped by Newark Mayor Cory Booker to head Newark's Department of Child and Family Wellbeing (formerly the Department of Health and Human Services) in September 2006.

"New Community is grateful that Zachary Yamba and Maria Vizcarrondo have agreed to co-chair this important annual event," said Msgr. William J. Linder, New Community's founder and CEO. "They both are prominent and highly-respected leaders who have a real commitment to people and community service."

Msgr. Linder said the golf outing is especially important because it extends the base of NCC supporters in the region.

Proceeds from the Golf Classic, the theme of which is "Saving One Child at a Time," will benefit over 3,000 disadvantaged children served by NCC's youth and education programs. Those programs include NCC's two early learning centers, youth programs based at the NCC Recreation Center and annual summer camp for local youth.

Harmony House, NCC's 102-unit transitional housing facility for homeless families, will also benefit from the money raised through the event. Attracting more resources for these programs, especially during a downturn in the economy, is an NCC priority.

"This is for a right cause," Msgr. Linder said. More than 200 golfers are expected to turn out for the Classic, which will feature 18 holes of golf, along with lunch, reception and an auction in the country club's dining room.

NCC will also hold its Fifth Annual Yankee Luxury Suite Raffle during the Golf Classic. The winner of the raffle will get to watch the Yankees play the Oakland A's on Sunday, July 26, in a private owner's luxury box suite that can accommodate 18 people. The package includes food and beverages at the new Yankee Stadium, where game time is 1:05 p.m.

New Community is recruiting both golfers and sponsors for the June 25th outing. Any individual or business interested in participating or obtaining more information should contact Tracey Battles at 973 497-4410 or via e-mail at [tracey.battles@newcommunity.org](mailto:tracey.battles@newcommunity.org).