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**To:** Bergen\_Frank

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**Subject:** ACCA Turns 45- Connect and Celebrate

Dear Chief Bergen:

We are thrilled to invite you, your staff and board to ACCA's 45th anniversary celebration gala, *Forward Together: A Journey Through Time and Beyond*. This milestone event will take place on 23 November 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

This special evening is dedicated to reflecting on our community's remarkable legacy, celebrating our collective progress, and envisioning the future we aim to build together. We would be honoured to have you join us as we mark 45 years of resilience, growth, and shared accomplishments.

The evening will feature Dr. Juliet Daniel, professor and cancer researcher at McMaster University, as our Honourary Chair. Dr. Daniel's dedication to science and our community continues to inspire us all. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Clare Warner, Senior Adviser for Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism at McMaster University, whose message will resonate with the enduring spirit of our community. Adding to the celebration, Juno Award-winning artist Sean Jones will perform a soulful blend of R&B, soul, and jazz, bringing a vibrant musical experience to the night. Guiding us through the evening will be our engaging hosts, MacNeal Lashley, a respected entrepreneur, and Ainara Alleyne, a talented TV personality and youth leader. Guests will enjoy live performances, a delicious meal, and an opportunity to dance, making this an unforgettable celebration of our past, present, and future.

In honour of this 45th anniversary, we are producing a commemorative programme booklet that will be shared with all attendees. We invite you to consider purchasing an ad in this booklet, providing a unique opportunity to showcase your support for ACCA and promote your organization to our community. Ads in the programme booklet help raise essential funds for ACCA's programmes and our capital renovations to improve accessibility at our facility. The ad rate sheet is attached for your convenience.

Tickets for the gala are \$150 per person or a special rate of \$1,250 for a table of 10 and can be purchased [here](#) via Eventbrite or by contacting us directly at [acca1979info@gmail.com](mailto:acca1979info@gmail.com) or 905-385-0925.

We would be deeply honoured to have the HPS join us in this celebration. We look forward to a memorable evening together.

Warm regards,

Evelyn

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