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August 15, 2016

Dear Member and Supporter:

Thank you for your generous support last year. We extend to you an invitation to support our most important fundraising event.

This year, your branch of the NAACP is celebrating seventy one years as an advocate for civil rights for the citizens of Middlesex County. In 1946, the branch was formed by a group of citizens from Portland and Middletown. The mission then and now remains the same, speaking out against hate, intolerance, and discrimination. Nationally, the NAACP is celebrating 108 years fighting for civil rights and justice.

We need your support in order to continue our work throughout the communities we serve and within the Middlesex County NAACP Branch. The Freedom Fund Dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church, 440 West St., Middletown, Connecticut. The gala evening will begin with Award presentations, hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m., and dinner served at 6:30 p.m., followed by our documentary presentation "The Price of the Ticket (1989), James Baldwin.

Individual tickets are available for a donation of **\$ 70.00** which includes a one- year NAACP Membership as well as a subscription to the *Crisis* magazine. We have enclosed an advertisement agreement for your convenience to place an ad in the program journal. Please forward your camera-ready ad as well as your ticket request at your earliest convenience.

Each year, we recognize the contributions of individuals and organizations who work to bring about change. Larry McHugh, President of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, will present the *Larry McHugh Business Award* to a business in Middlesex County that has shown through its business practices a commitment to families, women, and people of color. In addition, Community Health Center's President Mark Masselli will present the Educational Scholarship which is awarded to students who exhibit outstanding commitment to their academic success.

We hope that you can join us. Our theme this year is **"Our Lives Matter, Our Votes Count"**.

Please mail your ticket request to us by September 30, 2016. We truly believe that our work is needed and your support is important to us.

Sincerely,

Rosa Browne
President

Anthony Gaunichaux. First Vice President
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