Dear Friend of Dynamite,

## OUR 50TH CELEBRATION IS FINALLY HERE!

For over fifty years Dynamite Youth Center has stayed true to our mission as a special program dedicated to adolescents and young adults and their unique needs. In our 50+ years we have helped and guided thousands of young people return to society as healthy, contributing members. The past few years have been difficult, but DYC has continued to focus with the endless help of our staff, parents, Board of Directors and Friends of Dynamite.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary in our fifty-second year! The gala will take place at the iconic TWA Hotel at JFK Airport and it is our pleasure to be honoring three distinguished guests; Sher Sparano, Senior Vice President of OneGroup, Marty Lyons, Former NFL Player and Founder of the Marty Lyons Foundation and Ronald Williams, Founder of New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc., Stay'n Out and Serendipity Programs. We are delighted that they will be joining us in our celebration as we reflect on our struggles, accomplishments, and many success stories!

While much of the world has changed and COVID has affected so many lives, DYC remains committed to saving the lives of young people. We are asking for your participation and support.

We are thankful and very grateful for our friends who continually provide the encouragement and support that helps make us successful. It is our hope that you will please fill out the enclosed journal form with your personal message or business ad that will appear on the website for one year. Our members are urged to patronize our sponsors and your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Our doors are open and will always be open to anyone that needs us and we will continue to provide the same quality services as we have for over the past five decades. We thank you for being a part of our community and we hope you will come celebrate with us!

Happy New Year! Stay Safe,

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