



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

December 8, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to Church World Service's Annual Benefit4Change.

New York has always sourced its strength and singularity from its diversity. As a city of immigrants, the five boroughs have been shaped by our residents who have come here from around the world in search of greater opportunities and the path to a brighter future. My administration stands by our commitment to give these individuals and families the protection and solid foundation they need to thrive. We are grateful that this mission is shared by faith-based organizations like Church World Service that are lifting the floor for many in our city and far beyond.

For more than 70 years, CWS has united churches and houses of worship to provide food, clothing, and vital resources for those in need, and through its resettlement and support programs for refugees and immigrants, it is offering renewed hope and welcoming homes to people that have been displaced. I am proud to join in applauding all of this organization's dedicated supporters that are promoting our city's core values of inclusion, compassion, and understanding throughout our global community as we continue to work towards a better tomorrow.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful benefit and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor