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You are cordially invited
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NASSAU COUNTY FOUNDATION

5th Annual **Benefit**

*Cocktail Reception, Dinner,
Keynote Presentation, Silent Auction*

on

*Friday, February 24, 2012
at six o'clock in the evening*

at

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

Jackets requested (ties optional) for gentlemen

The Speaker



Bonnie St. John

Bonnie St. John is a nationally recognized source of inspiration as a speaker, author and executive coach. She was a Boys & Girls Club member during childhood in California, and has overcome major obstacles such as growing up in a low income, crime ridden area.

Despite having her right leg amputated at age five, Bonnie St. John became the first African-American ever to win Olympic or Paralympic medals in ski racing, taking home a silver and two bronze medals in downhill events at the 1984 Paralympics in Innsbruck, Austria. In recognition of this historic achievement, St. John was quoted on millions of Starbucks coffee cups and was honored at the White House by President George W. Bush as part of the 2007 celebration of Black History Month.

St. John has achieved the highest levels of success in a variety of endeavors throughout her life. In addition to her success as a Paralympic athlete, she is the author of five books, a highly sought after keynote speaker, a television and radio personality, a business owner and the single mother of a teenage daughter. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard University in 1986, and won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, taking an M.Litt. in Economics. Upon her return to the United States, St. John was appointed by President Bill Clinton as a director for Human Capital Issues on the White House National Economic Council.

Today, St. John travels the globe speaking, leading seminars and researching her various writing projects. She frequently donates personal appearances to schools, homeless shelters, community groups and other organizations in hundreds of locations while traveling for corporate clients. During the winter, she coaches disabled ski racers for the Adaptive Sports Foundation in Windham, New York. Prior to the 2008 Beijing Olympics, St. John served as one of a handful of Paralympic Ambassadors who helped train our athletes going to China to be positive representatives of the United States.

In 2010, St. John once again represented the USA as a member of President Obama's official delegation to the Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver. NBC Nightly News called St. John, "One of the five most inspiring women in America." She has been featured extensively in both national and international media including: Today, CNN, CBS Morning News, NBC News, and The New York Times, as well as People, The Oprah Magazine and Essence magazines, to name just a few.

She lives in Princeton, NJ, with her daughter, Darcy.