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Dear Parent:

On behalf of the Guyana Association of Georgia, Inc., I would like to cordially invite your child/children to be a part of our First Annual Youth Symposium. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2009 at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church at 5135 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. The Symposium will commence at 8:00am (SHARP!!) and conclude at 2:00pm, with a closing reception to follow. Meals will be provided throughout the day, compliments of our community based restaurants. This year's program will feature workshops focused on Youngpreneurship (entrepreneurship for business-minded youth), Preparing for College, Leadership Development, and a workshop focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. We would like to encourage you strongly to have your child participate in this most dynamic and intellectual program, as we are gathering some of the most influential Black leaders in our community to facilitate various workshops. The theme for this year's Symposium is **"No Caribbean Child Left Behind"**, and we are serious about moving our young people forward in a direction which will lead them to tremendous success in life.

Registration is \$3.00 per child attendee and the target age range is between 10 and 18 years old. You can register online at [www.gaog.org](http://www.gaog.org), go to **Make a Payment**, then **Choose an Event** (click on down arrow). You can also click on the Programs link at the top and then click on 2009 Youth Symposium for program specific information. In addition, you can complete a hard copy registration application and send it, along with the registration fee to the P.O. Box address above. We are only accepting 200 registrants, so please respond as quickly as possible.

You are welcomed to stay with your child/children for the duration of the program, and be a part of this event. We have dynamic Keynote Speakers confirmed to deliver powerful messages which will impact our youth, and we have been provided with tremendous support from the 100 Black Men of DeKalb. There will be a cultural presentation during the Closing Reception (2:00pm – 4:00pm), which will feature colorful and artistic performances from several Caribbean countries. Please see the event flyer and symposium agenda for specific program information. We are also accepting donated canned and/or boxed food for our community service project, which will be given to a local food bank. All donated goods will be collected on the morning of the symposium.

Please feel free to give me a call at (404) 587-3949 if you wish additional information on the symposium. We are excited about this opportunity to have you and your child/children with us. Thank you very much, and have a wonderful day.

Respectfully Yours,

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