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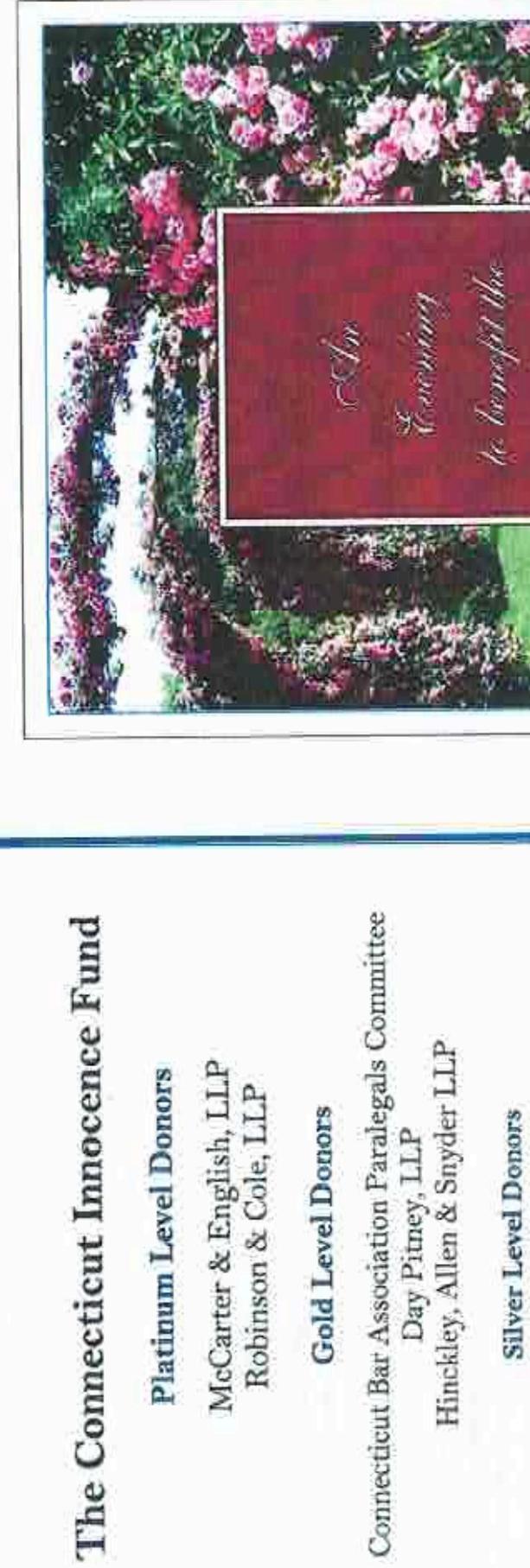
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About the Connecticut Innocence Fund

The Connecticut Innocence Fund is the first of its kind in the United States to provide short term financial relief to newly released exonerees. The Fund will provide interest-free bridge loans to exonerees to assist them with their immediate needs until they are awarded compensation by the State. The fund's goal is to raise \$50,000 to help these newly freed individuals get back on their feet. Donations are tax deductible and will be held in a separate account at the Connecticut Bar Foundation. The interest-free loans are administered by Community Partners in Action and repaid by exonerees after they receive compensation awards.

About the Connecticut Bar Foundation

Since 1952, the Connecticut Bar Foundation has worked with judges, attorneys, and law schools to promote understanding and improvement of the law, legal institutions, and the legal profession. The Foundation administers programs benefitting legal services agencies that provide access to justice for all Connecticut residents.

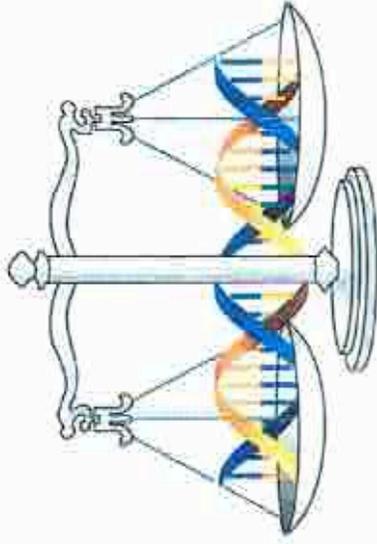
About Community Partners in Action

For over 155 years, Community Partners in Action has been a leader in Connecticut's criminal justice system. Their programs are rooted in the belief that "people can change." Helping adult and youth offenders make dramatic life changes helps to reduce recidivism and enhances public safety.

About The Connecticut Innocence Project

The Connecticut Innocence Project is an office of the State of Connecticut Public Defender Services. The Project is a member of the International Innocence Project Network. Their mission is to isolate cases of incarcerated individuals who have been convicted of crimes for which they are innocent, and seek their exoneration.

The Project reviews and develops new evidence, both DNA and non-DNA, to establish innocence and is assisted by law enforcement, forensic scientists, pro bono counsel, librarians, clerks and others. The Project is housed in McCarter & English, the firm that provides extensive pro bono assistance for the Project.



Program

5:00-6:30 p.m.	Registration and Cocktail Hour
5:15-6:00 p.m.	Optional Garden Tour led by the Rosarian
6:00-6:25 p.m.	Optional Q&A Session led by the Rosarian
6:30-7:15 p.m.	Welcome by Timothy S. Fisher, President of the Connecticut Bar Foundation
	Remarks by Leonard C. Boyle, Deputy Chief State's Attorney for Operations
	Remarks by Karen Goodrow, Director of the Connecticut Innocence Project
	Remarks by James C. Tillman, Exoneree
	Remarks by Kenneth Ireland, Exoneree
	Remarks by Maureen Price-Boreland, Executive Director, Community Partners in Action
	Recognition of Platinum, Gold and Silver Level Donors
	Recognition of Event Sponsors
	Announcement of Silent Auction Winners
7:15 p.m.	