**PURPOSE OF THE CHICAGO CARIBBEAN FILM FESTIVAL**

The Chicago Caribbean Film Festival is dedicated to the promotion and support of Caribbean filmmaking and filmmakers, in the Caribbean, Canada, United States and abroad to increase the visibility of Caribbean films and filmmakers in the global community and to support their work. The film festival showcases the broad spectrum of Caribbean creativity through film as a means of effecting social engagement and change, exploring Caribbean storytelling, preserving Caribbean history and culture, and sharing unique perspectives. It attempts to make Caribbean films accessible for a viewing audience, whether Caribbean or otherwise, that will benefit from exposure to films from that part of the world.

The Chicago Caribbean Film Festival (CCFF) is sponsored by the Caribbean American Heritage Council of Illinois (CAHCIL), Diaspora Filmworks, and the Oak Park Public Library. The CCFF will be held in the month of June which connotes Caribbean American Heritage Month (CAHM). CAMH is celebrating its ten year anniversary this month. For more information, please contact Marlin E. Kirby at 708.848.0510 or email: mkirbyesq@gmail.com.