

# Hour People



**IRENE T. DIXON**, Director of Sales & Marketing, Hilton Garden Inn Norwalk

The greatness of a community is a direct reflection of the character of its people. People who see beyond their own lives and give of their time, resources and hearts to make their neighborhoods and towns better places for everyone. Irene Dixon is one of those people.

Coming from a family of community leaders, Irene understood at a very early age her responsibility to give back to the community. As the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Hilton Garden Inn Norwalk, she believes that promoting responsible corporate citizenship is a key component of her job.

Irene serves on the Board of Directors of the Norwalk Education Foundation, an independent non-profit with a mission to effect positive change by providing programs and funds for innovative classroom instruction, teacher and technology training, and a variety of learning opportunities beyond the school day. She participates in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program and is a volunteer at the Columbus Magnet School and Norwalk High School.

Irene is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, Norwalk Symphony Orchestra. Irene believes that arts and culture enhance the quality of life and makes the community a better place to live and work. She also supports the Oyster Festival, SoNo Arts Celebration, Silvermine Arts Guild, Main / Wall Street Festival, and the Norwalk Jazz Festival.

Irene was selected by Mayor Richard A. Moccia as the Norwalk appointee to the Board of Directors of the Fairfield County Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is responsible for boosting tourism in Norwalk. Her leadership and partnerships with area attractions and hotels entices a steady stream of visitors to the city in spite of the tough economic times.

Twice named 'Ambassador of the Year' by the Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Irene is a very active member of the Chamber and a passionate advocate for local businesses and non-profits. She is currently the chairperson for the 2008 NEON (Norwalk Equal Opportunity Now) gala and supports the March of Dimes, Malta House, ElderHouse, Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Norwalk Seaport Association, Habitat for Humanity and many more.

A Norwalk resident for almost twenty years, Irene was born, raised and educated in the Philippines. Ms. Dixon is married and has two children in the Norwalk public school system.

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