

FRIENDS OF DHA
AND
DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY PRESENT

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**SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
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MEET FRIENDS OF DHA

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Denver Community Ventures, we are excited to share with you that our 6-year-old nonprofit organization has been renamed Friends of DHA. The essential funding provided by Friends of DHA helps to sustain a wide variety of current programs and supports gap-fill of needed services delivered directly to residents in and around DHA's affordable housing communities.

We believe that the rebranding of the organization more effectively aligns our ongoing fundraising activities with the Denver Housing Authority and the thousands of residents we seek to assist in reaching their goals for independent living.



Friends of DHA

INVESTING IN RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY

ORDER OF EVENTS



5:30 - 7:00 PM

Cocktail Hour / Silent Auction Bidding

6:45

Doors to Ballroom Open

7:00

Dinner Served

7:15

Keynote Speech

7:45

Awards and Testimonials

8:00

Closing Remarks

To donate to Friends of DHA using
your credit card, text your donation
amount to (720) 999-9414.

SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker — Tyrone Beverly,

Im'Unique United Founder



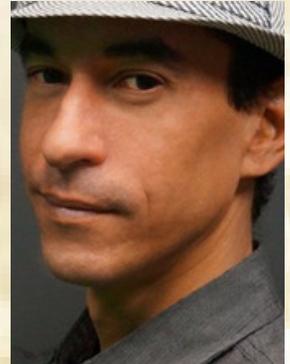
Tyrone Beverly is the founder of Im'Unique and is considered to be one of the leading advocates for inclusivity in the field of health and wellness. His passion for equality, human rights, unity, and physical and social health has kick started a wellness movement that fosters healthy lifestyles across the nation. His work has been featured in various publications such as CNN Indonesia, The Atlantic, The Denver Post, and he is the winner of the 2016 Yoga Journal Good Karma Awards. Tyrone has

been nominated for the 9NEWS Leader of the Year Award twice. Through his leadership, he has created a new blueprint on how to engage various communities and how to become a facilitator of humanity.

Emcee — SLiM Senen Rodriguez, On-Air Personality

Jammin 101.5

Senen Rodriguez, or SLiM as he is known on the air, has been in radio since 1993, and here on the airwaves of Denver since 2001. SLiM worked previously with KQKS (2001-2010) and currently as the morning host on Jammin 101.5, the afternoon host on Flo 107.1 and the weekly host of the community outreach radio program with the Denver Police Dept "Cops Care". Additionally, you may have seen him assuming the hosting duties of numerous charitable and civic events, including this year's 2017 MRBES Success Summit, Denver Mayor Hancock's Inaugural Bash 2015.



Executive Director of the Denver Housing Authority —

Ismael Guerrero



Ismael Guerrero has served as Executive Director of the Denver Housing Authority (DHA) since June 2007. Under Ismael's leadership, DHA has undertaken an ambitious plan to transform public housing in Denver, creating vibrant, sustainable, mixed-income communities of choice. Ismael was born and raised in Chicago where he earned an engineering degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Previous housing experience includes leadership positions with: U.S. Bank Community Development Corporation, Mercy Housing Southwest, Rocky Mountain Mutual Housing, and the Resurrection Project in Chicago.

AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Contributions to DHA Award -KidsGiving365-

KidsGiving365, provider the Santa's Elves and a back to school program, has provided outstanding contributions to children living at DHA and in surrounding communities since 2014. KidsGiving365 works to create the next generation of givers by getting kids involved with community service and charitable giving. They believe that personal interaction



teaches children that their actions matter and they can make a difference. In their programs, kids help those in need. Through their Santa's Elves – Kids Giving to Kids program, KidsGiving365 hosts holiday gift exchanges at several locations that provide holiday gifts for over 2,000 DHA children every year. They also host a back to a school event at a DHA site, providing backpacks and school supplies. KidsGiving365 has been making a significant impact on the lives of children at DHA. We are proud to recognize them as our 2017 Outstanding Contributor!

Health Award -Diann Galloway-



Diann Galloway, who lives at Walsh Manor, has improved her health significantly since joining InnovAge's Clinical Exercise Services Program in April 2016. Before working with Innovage, Diann was unable to walk to the grocery store. Since starting this program, she has lost 30 pounds, is able to walk a mile, and constantly seeks more exercise opportunities including riding a bike sixty minutes a day and lifting weights. Diann exercises every day! In addition to improving her physical health, Diann

also strives to improve her mental and emotional health. Diann demonstrates a passion for health and consistently encourages her neighbors to improve their own well being. Diann's commitment to improving and maintaining good health is inspiring. Congratulations Diann!

AWARD WINNERS



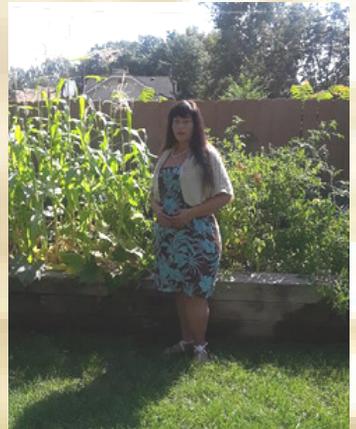
Youth Achievement Award -Safu Abdulhakim-

Safu Abdulhakim, an eighteen year old Columbine Homes resident, is a great example of how youth can succeed in meeting personal goals. As the first member of her family to graduate from high school, Safu has overcome many obstacles, including learning English. While in high school, Safu was a national honor society member and a participant in a peer mentoring program for immigrant and refugee students, and was involved in her community as a teacher of the Quran. Throughout

her high school career, Safu worked with the Bridge Project's Tech Team program, which enables high school students to receive job training while teaching computer skills to children at the Bridge Project. Safu has received several college scholarships and is attending Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she will study aviation and aerospace management. We look forward to seeing what's next for Safu!

Leadership and Community Building Award -Connie Cox-

Connie Cox, a resident of Casa Loma, is a shining example of the impact a strong leader can have on their community. For Connie, who has served on the Casa Loma LRC (Local Resident Council) since 2015, leadership goes beyond serving and attending meetings. Connie has a strong commitment to her community and takes the initiative to help wherever she can. Connie is very well spoken, a good listener, and serves as an advocate for other residents. She



seeks to understand the needs of the community and tries to ensure that residents are treated fairly and with dignity. Connie focuses on team building and creating activities each month for residents. She always searching for ways to do interactive fundraising. Connie surveyed her neighbors and started a recycling program. This program now generates funds for their LRC account. Connie expresses integrity, commitment and pride. By demonstrating leadership, commitment, integrity and initiative, Connie is truly making a difference.

AWARD WINNERS

Economic Self-Sufficiency Winner

-Clementine Bwaja-

Clementine Bwaja is a proud graduate of DHA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program, FSS, and with DHA's help, bought her first home this summer. After joining the FSS program in 2015, Clementine increased her income by almost \$13,000! She also eliminated all of her derogatory debt – more than \$4,000 -- and got her credit score to a very respectable 736.



After achieving these financial goals, Clementine joined DHA's Homebuyers Club where she learned about home ownership opportunities with Habitat for Humanity. Clementine was approved to join Habitat's program and after completing program requirements including volunteering, she bought her home from them in June. As an FSS graduate Clementine earned money from her participation in the program. The down-payment on her new house was paid with some of the escrow funds Clementine earned from FSS. Congratulations, Clementine, on your new home and this new chapter in your life!

★ Honorable Mentions ★

Health

Lynette Golden
Pat Bailey
Phyllis Mack

Economic Self-Sufficiency

Gervais Irakiza
Marla Romero
Tristan Wilson

Youth Accomplishments

Chelsea Wilson
Jovanna Ortega
Suko Vo
Yahya Mohamud

Leadership

Lesa Webb
Josie Escamilla
Clarida "Juanita" Jaramillo
David Sisneros
Rene McClure

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SPECIAL THANKS



YOU HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thanks to your support, in 2016, we...

- Employed a housing counselor who provided services to 881 clients through prepurchase homeownership counseling and classes.
- Employed support staff for economic self-sufficiency programs.
- Increased outreach to provide program information to over 6,000 households living in Section 8 housing.
- Provided Thanksgiving meals to residents living at seven public housing sites.
- Purchased school supplies for children living at DHA.
- Bridged the gaps in salary for staff working directly to provide services to residents.



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Funding for critical services that promote self-sufficiency and financial independence of residents in affordable housing communities in Denver is insufficient and at risk. Federal funding is limited and highly restricted, and does not adequately cover the costs of program delivery.

DHA's Resident and Community Services is dedicated to improving the lives of low/moderate income families and individuals living in public and Section 8 housing throughout Denver. Services are focused in four key areas: economic self-sufficiency, aging in place for senior and disabled populations, community building, and youth programming.

Friends of DHA is a 501c3 that provides essential funding to deliver services directly to residents in and around DHA's affordable housing communities. The ultimate goal is to move residents to a point of self-sufficiency. Funding provided by Friends of DHA helps sustain current programs and levels of service.