



CHIP

2024 Celebration

**April 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM
Crane Bay Event Center**

Event Program

4:00 - 5:00 PM: Registration and Networking Reception

5:00 - 6:30 PM: Annual Fundraiser Program and Awards Ceremony

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Networking

Our Mission

CHIP mobilizes, advocates, and empowers community collaboration towards ending homelessness and fosters an effective system of homelessness prevention and intervention in the greater Indianapolis area.

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Featured Artist

Sylvia Thomas

Poet | Musician | Artist | Activist



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D. William Moreau Jr. Homeless Advocate Award

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The D. William Moreau Jr. Homeless Advocate Award is named in honor of Bill Moreau, an advocate driven by a sense of justice and compassion to provide tireless leadership in the effort to end homelessness in Indianapolis. This award is given to an individual who has displayed a long-term commitment to the cause of ending homelessness in Indianapolis.



Jennifer Green

Jennifer Green served as the executive director of Partners in Housing Development Corporation until her retirement in March 2024. Responsible for all aspects of the organization, overseeing the management of thirteen properties, support services, finances, fundraising, and grant management. Jennifer cultivated several partnerships to preserve affordable and permanent supportive housing in Marion County. Jennifer served as the former President of Insight Development Corporation, the non-profit arm of the Indianapolis Housing Agency where she cultivated and facilitated the vision, mission, and strategic goals related to real estate planning and development. Jennifer has over 30 years of experience in Community and Economic Development. She held positions at the City of Indianapolis, the Department of Metropolitan Development, IU Health, and Eastside Community Development Corporation. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Indiana Affordable Housing Council, Women's Affordable Housing Network- Indiana Chapter, and CHIP.

William A. Crawford Public Service Award

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The William A. Crawford Public Service Award, is named in honor of State Representative Bill Crawford, a public servant dedicated to advocating for those experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis. This award celebrates an individual or group of public servants dedicated to raising awareness and inspiring action to end homelessness in Indianapolis.



Marcia E. Lewis

Marcia E. Lewis, a beacon of servant leadership and compassion, dedicated nearly three decades to improving affordable housing, leaving an indelible mark as the Chief Executive Officer of the Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA). Her tireless efforts earned her accolades nationwide, reflecting her genuine care for those in need.

Appointed by Mayor Joseph Hogsett in 2023, Marcia brought a wealth of experience to her role, garnered from previous positions within IHA and across federal, state, and local levels of affordable housing. Her commitment extended beyond her professional endeavors, as she cherished her role as a wife, mother of seven, and grandmother of seventeen.

Marcia's influence extended beyond IHA, evidenced by her service on various industry panels and committees, including appointments by former HUD Secretary Ben Carson and current Secretary Marcia Fudge. Her legacy of compassion and servant leadership serves as an inspiration to all, urging us to strive for positive change and leave a lasting impact on our communities.

Family was very Important to Marcia as she was a proud wife, mother of 7 and grandmother of 17. Marcia's business philosophy was one of servant leadership and she believed in placing people first and always striving to leave whatever you touch better than you found pro

Joseph Fahy Caring for Our Neighbor Award

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The Joseph W. Fahy Caring for Our Neighbors Award, named after newspaper reporter and former planning director at CHIP, Joe Fahy, who drafted the original Blueprint to End Homelessness. This award is given to an individual, group, or entity dedicated to raising awareness and inspiring action to end homelessness and poverty in Indianapolis.



Steve Barnhart

Steve Barnhart is a retired organization development consultant who has helped both for-profit and non-profit organizations develop leadership teams, create strategic plans, and manage change and conflict. He is also an experienced mediator. In 2022, after retirement, he moved from Illinois to Indianapolis with his wife Lisa to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

During his retirement, Steve has taken on a mission to honor individuals by being a good listener of their personal stories. This purpose drives his involvement in the podcast, Homeward Indy.

Community Collaboration Award

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This award is given to an individual or organization that works with the homeless system towards a shared goal to improve the community's impact on ending homelessness in Indianapolis.



Niki Wattson

Niki's life experience and journey, have led her to the field of social work. She used her skills as a student-athlete as a vehicle to attend college and receive her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Minority Studies. After relocating to Indianapolis in 2001, she returned to school to obtain her Master's Degree in Social Work from Spalding University. Niki's entire career has been centered on social services where she has worked in a variety of environments: foster care, youth residential services, juvenile and adult corrections, school/home-based care coordination, medical, and homeless services.

Niki joined the Horizon House team in May 2019 as Clinical Supervisor for our Service Center programs (basic services, case management, employment, and peer support). Niki was familiar with Horizon House programs - she referred patients previously as an emergency department social worker - and she quickly became valued for her passion and skills as a Horizon House employee. In February 2023, Niki accepted the role of Street Outreach Manager/PBSO Coordinator at Horizon House and worked quickly to strengthen existing partnerships as well as establish new community connections that support quality service to unsheltered neighbors in Indianapolis. In her roles as Clinical Supervisor and Street Outreach Manager/PBSO Coordinator, Niki is known for her ability to build close collaborative relationships and engage with a wide network of people and resources to support and assist each neighbor as effectively as possible.

Niki is also an active member of several committees including the Horizon House Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Access (DEIA) committee, the Continuum of Care CES Implementation workgroup, CoC Case Conferencing, and the Point-in-Time Count planning committee.

Niki shares that God has gifted her personal and professional life in such a way that she is dedicated to serving, supporting, and empowering the underserved, overlooked, muted, and misunderstood.

Service Provider Champion Award

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This award recognizes a Housing Access Champion for their impact on the lives of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. A Housing Access Champion is an individual, a team, or an organization that has elevated housing solutions or advanced housing strategies in 2023. This can be inclusive of: Housing Navigators, Housing Acquisition Teams, Property management Firms, or Community Development corporations.



The HIP Diversion Team

- **Brittney Petrilli - Entry Point Specialist**
- **Ashley Green - Diversion Specialist**
- **Sierra Ballinger - Diversion Specialist**
- **Sonya Watford - Diversion Specialist**
- **Anthony Allen - Housing Specialist**
- **Melissa Bell - Diversion Team Manager**
- **Robin Jones- Data Analyst**

HIP's Diversion Team uses Housing Problem-Solving to explore housing barriers and solutions for individuals and families who are in a housing crisis. We work to divert households from homelessness or assist them to rapidly exit a housing crisis with strengths-based, client-centered engagement, flexible resources, and creative problem-solving. Our goal is to help individuals and families avoid or lessen the trauma of homelessness and identify pathways to housing stability.

The Team is made up of our Entry Point Specialist, Brittney Petrilli, three Diversion Specialists, Sierra Ballinger, Ashley Green, and Sonya Watford, our Housing Specialist, Anthony Allen, our Data Analyst, Robin Jones, and the Diversion Team Manager, Melissa Bell.

Together, we are committed to walking alongside households as they tackle barriers, navigate resources, and achieve their housing stability goals.

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Angenette Prudente-Gonzalez

With 28 years of experience in property management, Angenette has dedicated her career to serving others. One year ago, she assumed the role of Property Manager for Parker Place Senior Apartments & Oxford Place Senior Apartments, operated by Englewood CDC, a non-profit apartment complex located on the near East Side of Indy. Transitioning from the corporate world to a position where she can directly impact the well-being of residents, Angenette found fulfillment in her ability to provide not just housing, but genuine care and support. Guided by the principle of treating others as she would like to be treated, Angenette prioritizes the basic human needs of herself and those she serves, embodying the essence of compassion and integrity in her daily life.

CES Champion Award

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This award is presented to someone who has exhibited a significant commitment to advancing functionality, equity, and collaboration within Indianapolis' Coordinated Entry System.



Matt Holland

Matt Holland graduated from Purdue University and subsequently worked in hospitality and then fell in love with the homeless sector as a result of a volunteer engagement. Matt then moved sectors to an Employment Liaison before a system role at CHIP designing and implementing the Coordinated Entry System. Matt has been a dedicated member of the team at CHIP for almost seven years. He has worked leaps and bounds to exhibit a significant commitment to advancing functionality, equity, and collaboration within Indianapolis' Coordinated Entry System.

Outside of work, Matt enjoys spending time with his family- Wife Sarah, twins Grayson & Avery, and beloved pets Bea and Snowbell. Some of Matt's other favorite things are the beach and lake life, cycling, and smoking meat

Diamond Service Award

The Diamond Service Award is given to an individual who has not only overcome homelessness but is giving back to individuals or the community in a meaningful way through their leadership, service and/or advocacy efforts.



Imani Sankofa

Imani Y. Sankofa, an advocate with a deeply personal connection to homelessness, has dedicated herself to fighting for equity and sustainable solutions. In 2001, she shared her own journey as a single mother facing homelessness in an article for NUVO's "The Blueprint To End Homelessness." At that time, Imani was raising three school-age children while navigating the challenges of maintaining stability and pursuing higher education. Her firsthand experiences include grappling with the complexities of accessing assistance, lack of resources, transportation barriers, and the stigma associated with seeking support.

With a decade of experience in the education system, Imani witnessed the profound impact of homelessness on students' academic performance, mental well-being, and social development. Imani's dedication to addressing every facet of homelessness stems from her belief in the power of compassionate action and systemic change.

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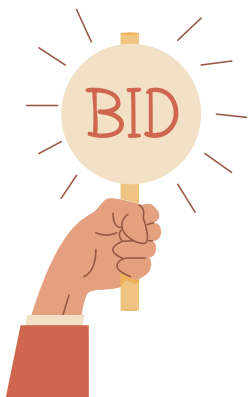
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