

### **The Winners of 2016 Village Maker Awards**

- Alice & Antonio Daniels – Keynote Address/Community Heroes, Antonio, NBA player for 19 seasons and on the Championship-winning 1999 San Antonio Spurs, now NBA analyst on ESPN Radio and Fox Sports Oklahoma. Alice, LSW, Daniels Consults, provides group work, motivational speaking, life coaching and consultation.
- F & W Properties, Dave and Suzanne Fisher (Community Business/Organization winner) who foster a company-wide mission of creating Good Neighbors at many low-to-moderate residential communities. One of which was the troubled Woodland Green Apartments that they turned around and renamed Clifton Woods Apartments.
- James Flannery, president of Franklin Park Civic Association who has spearheaded efforts such as Trolley Barn Block Watch and Trap-Neuter-Release of local feral cats among many events including the annual Jingle Mingle, Pumpkin Patch and Easter Egg Hunts
- Mari Sunami, former director of South Side Settlement House and lifelong advocate for those experiencing poverty, homelessness and marginalization. She is a champion of diversity, inclusion and social justice. In her retirement she has become a volunteer at Central, tutoring children and helping them become proficient readers.

### **The Winners of 2015 Village Maker Awards**

- Community Hero- Pamela Shields, CareSource – advocate for accessible, affordable healthcare who also gives volunteer time and inspirational talks to participants in Central’s family strengthening programs
- Community Partner - The Ohio Children’s Foundation – advocate for children’s well-being and generous benefactor to programs that serve children throughout Ohio
- Thelma Neal – faithfully volunteers three times each month reading to children in the Child Care Center where she’s known as Aunt Thelma to the kids
- Alexis Thompkins – after overcoming addiction challenges, Ms. Alexis has donated time and talents cooking Community Dinners at Central and The Neighborhood House. She also mentors teens and brings them to Central to learn about programs such as Transit Arts and Youth Employment

### **The Winners of 2014 Village Maker Awards**

- Community Hero- Frances Frazier, Everyday Democracy, Rise Sister Rise and Women’s Workfcf, Inc. for decades of work teaching, training and empowering others, especially African-American women and girls.
- Community Partner - The Ohio State University Service Learning Initiative and Professor Susan Melsop, bringing university students and local teens together to better their world through the Design Matters course
- Jens & Sherry Hemmingsen growing community through work in Community Gardens
- Richard & Joyce Harris growing community through work in Community Gardens

- Java Kitrick, Puffin Foundation West, for tireless advocacy and work to connect people and bring about peaceful change especially through arts and culture
- Cecil Ahad, Morally Excellent janitorial services and Men for the Movement, is a mentor and volunteer for peace efforts and initiatives to help men re-entering society after incarceration.
- Pastor Bob Ward, First English Lutheran Church, for being an open, positive force for residents along Main Street, helping residents find employment, and leading an array of public peace initiatives

**Winners 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Village Makers 2011:**

- Community Hero- State Senator Charleta Tavares
- Community Partner - Greater Columbus Arts Council. Partner in providing Art in the House at CCH and other settlements.
- Kent Peters owner of Black Creek Bistro
- Community Gardener Daniel Ingwersen
- Calvin Hairston, neighborhood advocate