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“Welcome to my home”
Bring it Home raises $100,000+ for housing, resources for those in need

Troy, MI – Metro Detroit nonprofit Community Housing Network (CHN) held its 14th annual Bring it Home event October 17 and raised more than $100,000 for providing services and housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and people with disabilities. The theme of the evening was “Welcome to my home” and highlighted some of the individuals who have found housing through CHN. The evening’s Adopt A Family auction raised more than $20,000 to provide families with basic necessities – and a special wish or two – this holiday season.

The evening at the Royal Park Hotel included a sit-down dinner, networking opportunities, and both a silent and a live auction.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the fourth annual Emmett Jones Memorial Award to James Finely. Each year this award is given to a program participant in order to honor their hard work and perseverance, as well as the accomplishments they have achieved through one of CHN’s programs. Once homeless and living in his car, James eventually sought assistance from CHN. Now he is working in the Housing Resource Center and helps others, like himself, find affordable housing.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the inaugural James C. Merritt Volunteer Service Award. This award was given to James Merritt, who has served on the board of directors for more than a decade, in order to honor the extraordinary commitment and dedication he has shown toward the mission of CHN.

CHN is grateful for a number of generous sponsors this year as well, including the Leadership Sponsor: West Construction Services; this year’s $5,000 President’s Circle sponsors: Flagstar Bank, Maplewood Development, and O’Brien Construction Co., Inc.; and this year’s $2,500 Benefactor sponsors: Community Living Services, Perfect Floors, and Royal Park Hotel.

Community Housing Network is a nonprofit organization committed to providing homes for people in need through proven strategies of homelessness prevention, housing assistance and development, community education and referral, advocacy and additional services. The organization carries out its work in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. In 2012 and 2013 it was recognized by the Detroit Free Press as a Top 100 Workplace and in 2012 honored as a Crain’s Cool Place to Work. For more information, visit www.communityhousingnetwork.org.