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CHN’s Bring it Home raises nearly $120,000

TROY, MI – Community Housing Network’s (CHN) Bring it Home annual signature event October 10 raised nearly $120,000, including almost $25,000 for the Critical Needs Fund. The Critical Needs Fund helps fill the gaps that can’t be met through any other funding. 100% of the donations to this fund are used to provide for the unmet needs of the people we serve.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the seventh annual Emmett Jones Memorial Award to Shawn Hunter. The award acknowledges the courage and perseverance of someone in one of our programs.

Another highlight of the evening was the ability of sponsors, donors and attendees, to “meet” some of those we serve through our annual “Welcome to My Home” video. This year’s video included stories from: Jack who lived many years of his youth institutionalized and now owns his own home and works at a nearby restaurant; Jeanine who worked with veterans who were homeless before becoming homeless herself and is now safely and independently housed, employed, and a volunteer in her community; Ed who used to live in a group home and now lives independently with one roommate and is in training to be a peer mentor with Community Living Services and a volunteer; and Wilhelmina, a victim of sex trafficking by her family, who was homeless, is in our housing program and advocates for victims and those still in the life and hopes to own her own home.

O’Brien Construction was the Leadership sponsor; Flagstar Bank and Maplewood Development, were the Presidents’ Circle sponsors; and Community Living Services, Huntington National Bank, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Perfect Floors and Piper Management were the Benefactor sponsors.

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. Each year since 2012 it has been recognized by the Detroit Free Press as a Top Workplace and in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2017 honored as a Crain’s Cool Place to Work. For more information, visit www.communityhousingnetwork.org.