

NEWS RELEASE
For immediate release

Contact: Krysty Becker (she/her)
Communications Manager
402-906-2555
krysty@inclusive-communities.org



Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Brunch is Back!

OMAHA, Neb. (June 24, 2022) – After two years of virtual celebrations, Inclusive Communities is excited to announce its return to an in-person Humanitarian Brunch event. This year, **the Humanitarian *Happy Hour* Brunch will be hosted on Friday July 22, 2022, from 4-6 pm at the Venue at the Highlander.** At the event, guests will enjoy brunch-themed appetizers as well as cocktails and mocktails.

The Humanitarian Brunch is Inclusive Communities’ largest annual fundraising event and a platform through which the organization highlights the outstanding contributions of community members with their awards. There are five awards this year, three longstanding annual awards and two new ones. The Otto Swanson Spirit of Service Award for Partner of the Year goes to Pamela Duncan, an American Sign Language interpreter who supports the organization’s efforts to make all its events accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities. The Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Dr. Bradley Ekwerekwu, the CEO of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties, who frequently supports Inclusive Communities with his time and expertise. The Humanitarian of the Year is Nancy Williams, President and CEO at No More Empty Pots, who saw a gap in the community regarding food security, subsistence, and sustainability, and rose impressively to meet that challenge.

For the second time Inclusive Communities is presenting the Necessary Trouble Award, this year to Maddi Intravartolo, an Elkhorn middle-schooler who has taken it upon herself to raise awareness and money for various causes through the sale of her artwork. Miss Intravartolo is the organization’s youngest awardee in its 84-year history. The organization will also introduce a new annual award, the Mart Sedky Corporate Leadership Award, which goes to Joyce Cooper. The new award pays tribute to the late Mart Sedky, former Vice President of Human Capital at OPPD. Ms. Sedky was instrumental in cementing the partnership between the two organizations for the successful launch of the LeadDIVERSITY program in Omaha. Ms. Cooper, who receives the award, was the individual who created the internal push at OPPD for this partnership to be born.

Members of the public are enthusiastically encouraged to join the celebration of these wonderful individuals at the Humanitarian *Happy Hour* Brunch. **Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).**

###