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CIRA FULFILLS THIS VISION BY:

- **INFORMING**
CIRA meets monthly and showcases industry professionals who inform and communicate their knowledge to the membership.
- **ENSURING**
CIRA ensures membership awareness of current news, trends and changes in the industry.
- **EDUCATION**
CIRA offers Homebuyer Education Classes throughout the community.
- **ENLIGHTENING**
CIRA is committed to being a trusted resource to it's membership with in the communities where we work and live.
- **ADVOCATING**
CIRA is a voice for affordable housing at the local and national levels.

2017 CIRA Trailblazer Awards & Recognition Luncheon

Welcome.....Myra Lillard
CIRA Past President

Invocation.....Pastor Keith Jones
Life Restoration Church

LUNCH IS SERVED

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony

Mistress of Ceremony.....Donna Schiele
WTLC 1310, The Light

GreetingJohn Hall
Indianapolis Field Office Director,
Department of Housing & Urban Development

Keynote Speaker.....Amy Nelson
Executive Director, Fair Housing
Center of Central Indiana

CIRA “Best of the Best” Award Recipients

Trailblazer Recognition

“Champions of Change” Scholarship Recipients.....Paige Dowe
MIBOR Support Specialist

50/50 Scholarship Fund.....Dorothy Dodd
Mortgage Loan Officer, Salin Bank

Closing Remarks.....Diana Rice-Wilkerson
2017 CIRA Board President

“That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.” ~Psalms 26:7



Diana Rice-Wilkerson CIRA Board President

Dear Sponsors, Guests and Friends,

The Central Indiana Realist Association (CIRA), a local chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), welcomes you to our 4th Annual Trailblazer Awards & Recognition Luncheon!

Our Board of Directors, as well as our membership, sincerely thank you for joining us today. We are privileged to honor this years' Trailblazers and Best of the Best award winners. Both groups are exemplary in their commitment and dedication to making the dream of homeownership a reality for those previously disenfranchised.

Over the past 4 years, CIRA has celebrated the accomplishments of these individuals as they are the result of a tremendous amount of hard work. The Trailblazers are those who challenged the status quo, fought against injustices such as redlining and racial discrimination, which resulted in changing norms, policies and laws that were keeping perfectly qualified borrowers from being granted access to homeownership. The Best of the Best award winners are those who continue the fight today by going beyond expectations to serve the underserved; examples include advocating for change in underwriting guidelines, encouraging redevelopment of a community or educating the consumer about affordable housing and special loan programs.

Although there has been advancement in improving housing conditions for many, there remains a lot to be done. Indianapolis, along with many other large cities, has a crisis in the availability of affordable housing. This leaves many low to moderate income families forced to pay predatory rent for substandard housing or be subjected to alternative home buying programs that oftentimes result in an undesirable outcome. There is still inequity in credit scoring, underwriting guidelines that penalize homebuyers with student loan debt, and debt ratio limitations that do not consider or acknowledge that low to moderate income families typically pay more for quality housing.

Let's continue to encourage, honor and support these unsung heroes.

In the spirit of celebration, we thank all of you for your support. We extend a special thank you to our sponsors which make this event possible. We are proud of our 2017 Trailblazers and Best of the Best award winners and we thank you for your leadership, diligence and tenacity.

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Posthumously

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Ransom Place

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Myra Lillard
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Posthumously

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Posthumously

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Homeownership Director
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Posthumously

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BEVERLY MUKES-GAITHER

Beverly Mukes-Gaither has over 30 years of community development experience as a banker and non-profit practitioner. She recently retired from a corporate position as Vice President and Compliance Director in the Community and Economic Development Department with Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati Ohio. Her expertise in managing community development programs designed to strengthen low and moderate-income individuals/communities and her leadership skills have resulted in the development and implementation of various community development, diversity, and political action and community affairs initiatives. Prior to her promotion, Beverly worked for the Fifth Third Bank Central Indiana Affiliate for 10 years as Senior Vice President and CRA Officer responsible for managing the Community Reinvestment Act program and all related activities, including grant management, community outreach initiatives, and program compliance.

She has also worked for the premier affordable housing intermediary Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Bank One and Eastside Community Investment, a neighborhood based community development corporation.

Beverly has served the Indianapolis community in a variety of ways. She is a former elected official of the Indianapolis/Marion County City-County Council where her committee assignments and appointments allowed her to focus on community economic development and social service programs impacting low-income citizens of Marion County. She is also a former Commissioner of the Marion County Metropolitan Development Commission and past member of the City of Indianapolis Board of Public Safety. Beverly participated in the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series; Class XIII, the Faith Leadership Series sponsored by the Christian Community Foundation and the Indianapolis Diversity Leadership Academy sponsored by Anthem. She has served on the Indianapolis CDBG Task Force, Mayor's Census Advisory Board, Indianapolis UEA Board, Indiana Association of Cities & Towns Advisory Board, Governor's Taskforce of Local Elected Officials, Indianapolis Urban League Board of Directors, Salvation Army, the United Way Community Service Council, Greater Indy Neighborhoods Steering Committee, Marion County Mortgage Foreclosure and Fraud Prevention Taskforce, and the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority-Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee. While living in Cincinnati, Ohio she served on the Greater Cincinnati LISC Advisory Board, Greater Cincinnati Community Action Board of Directors and the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Diversity by Design Action Committee. Beverly holds a B.S. degree in Metropolitan Studies from Indiana University, School of Public & Environmental Affairs.

In 2012 the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) honored Beverly by naming her as one of 10 visionaries as part of its Vision 20/20 anniversary celebration. LISC named 10 visionaries (community leaders) and 10 visionary projects that led to positive changes in Indianapolis's urban neighborhoods in the past 20 years. Girl's Inc. named Beverly a Touchstone Award Honoree in 2014 for outstanding achievements and commitment to the community.

Beverly and her sweetheart of 39-years, Henri Gaither, are members of Trinity Baptist of Indianapolis.

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JOYCE BLACK

I obtained my real Estate Broker's license in 1978 and have worked for Century 21 Gold Key and United Real Estate (formerly Sycamore Group Realtors). I became acquainted with NAREB and joined the local chapter in 1998. Through this affiliation, I became an REO broker, which has been invaluable to my business. My REO listing business with Fannie Mae began in 1999. I have been able to sustain this business by keeping abreast and ahead of the market through the training received both from my NAREB mentors/acquaintances and the excellent training received through NAREB, conventions and local training. I feel blessed and I am very grateful, that my association with NAREB has been profitable for me and has

allowed me to expand my business in such a way that my daughter now works for me.

I have been active in the Real Estate Profession since 1978, I have been a Top Producer in my field since 1984. I have served on the Board of Public Works for the City of Indianapolis, Metropolitan Board of Realtors Professional Standards Committee, and the Grievance Committee. I have served as the President of Capital Building Fund Campaign, Member of the Finance team and I have served on the Trustee Board for my church.

My family is my greatest personal accomplishment. I have 5 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am currently a member of New Direction Christian Church, where I proudly serve.



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SANDRA SANDIFER

VP, Community Development Banking Community Outreach Officer
Old National Bank

“One of my favorite quotes is ‘if opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door,’ by Milton Berle. A lot of what we do in Community Development Outreach is identifying those organizations and programs that can help us create opportunities to partner and collaborate on initiatives. To use Berle’s words, we build doors.”

As a CRA Community Outreach Officer, Sandra conducts and manages community outreach efforts in the Indianapolis area. Sandra is Old National’s primary contact with external organizations, as well as, all regional CRA related issues including financial literacy initiatives.

With more than 30 years of community development experience, Sandra is also a valuable asset to many community boards. She currently serves on the boards of NEAR CDC, Economic Development Committee, Rophe Free Clinic, Greater Indy CRA Council and Greater Northern Indiana CRA Council.

Community Involvement:

NEAR CDC, Economic Development Committee, Rophe Free Clinic, Greater Indy CRA Council, Greater Northern Indiana, CRA Council, Money Smart Week®, Central Indiana Committee, Old National Bank, Foundation, Board Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, New Horizons Church

Accolades:

Who’s Who in Black Indianapolis, Indiana Bankers Association “CRA” training, Freddie Mac Credit Smart for Facilitators, “You Make the Difference” Award

Education:

Master of Social Work, Indiana University
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