

Kim Holman-Short



Congratulations to Kim Holman- Short, Executive Director for the Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington, Illinois (HACB), who was awarded the Charles A. Thompson Award for Distinguished Service, the region's most prestigious award in recognition of her commitment to the goals and ideals of NAHRO. The award was presented on Thursday evening at the awards banquet, April 15, 2010 at the NCRC NAHRO Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Kim is Past-President of NCRC NAHRO and the Illinois Chapter of NAHRO. She served a six year term on national NAHRO's Board of Governors. Kim has also been active in the Illinois Association of

Housing Authorities.

The nomination letter from Barbara Adkins, HACB Board member and Deputy City Manager for the City of Bloomington, spoke of Kim's professionalism and commitments to their residents and the community at-large. "Kim is well respected throughout Bloomington/Normal, State of Illinois and through out the Country. She is a team player that takes on any challenge that you put before her. She is a champion of the residents of Bloomington Public Housing."

Barbara cited Kim's working arrangements with the Boys and Girls Club, the Westside Redevelopment Project, the Continuum of Care, the Lawrence Irvin Neighborhood Center and the McLean County Human Service Council, As a member of the Central Illinois Chapter of the Links, Inc. (an African American Group of Professional Women), Kim was instrumental with the formation of a 4H Club in a family development. She also worked to find the resources for residents who had been served by an agency which had their funding cut, so that they could continue to maintain their living arrangements.

Evelyn Young, Executive Director for the local Boys and Girls Club lent appreciation for Kim's approach to her work, "She consistently demonstrates a strong moral and ethical demeanor as well as committing to a professional caliber of service that is highly self-guided and responsible. She further demonstrates a sincere attitude of enthusiasm toward her work and has made a viable impact in our community. She is a cooperative worker and maintains a positive rapport with others in the workplace as well as with her constituents and other individuals in the community at large."

I have known Kim for nearly 15 years and was always impressed with her professionalism and commitment to the goals and mission of providing affordable housing and related services in her community. Kim is always available to work with her peers and graciously steps up to be of service. While serving as President, she worked diligently to help IL NAHRO to be of greater service to its membership. With her encouragement and smiling personality, Kim Holman-Short brings out the best in all of us.