

## **Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis**

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June 3, 2016

Shayla Saunders, Office of the Mayor City of Annapolis 160 Duke of Gloucester Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Ms. Saunders:

The Honoree Committee is submitting the Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families to receive the Martha Wood Leadership Award for June, 2016. The Partnership was selected based upon dedication and continuous service to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Communities.

Founded in 1993, the Mission of the Partnership is to provide Leadership that creates opportunities for all children/families in Anne Arundel County to achieve full potential. The Partnership has offered assistance to Housing Authority residents by providing opportunities for self-sufficiency. From February, 2013 to May of that Year, 10 participants received Electrical Training as a result of a Sustainable Communities Grant awarded to the Partnership. On May 3, 2013, 9 graduated from the Program and 2 went on to jobs with Electrical Contractors and successful participation in Apprenticeship Programs.

In January, 2015 the Partnership began a Program providing education, mentoring and job training opportunities to A.A. County Youth ages 17 – 24 as a result of a Youth Health Works Grant Award to the Partnership. Ten HACA residents have participated in this Program thus far having taken Certified Nursing Assistant Training as well as Dental Assistant and Sign Language Classes at the Anne Arundel Community College. The Partnership also operates a System of Care Program with a Resource Referral Service for assistance in areas of: Mental Health Services; Counseling; Food and Utility Assistance Needs; Dental and Vision Referral, etc...

For dedication to serving the Community with quality Programs, it is with pleasure that the Honoree Committee has selected the Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families as the sixty-fourth recipient of the prestigious Martha Wood Leadership Award.

Sincerely,

The Honoree Committee

