Going Home



November 2012

MDHA Help The Homeless Awards

The Alliance presents awards for outstanding service



From left: The **Hon. Royce West**, who received the award for outstanding public service; with **Dallas City Council Member Carolyn Davis**, **Sherry Cusumano** of Green Oaks and NAMI, and **Dallas City Council Member Jerry Allen**, member of MDHA's Board of Directors, at the 2012 MDHA Help The Homeless Awards Celebration on Nov. 8.

New MDHA sponsor has a big heart!

MDHA is thrilled to be the first beneficiary of **Heart of Dallas**, a new nonprofit that will leverage the power of sports and entertainment to fuel bold social change and inspire the next generation of Dallas leaders.



Britton Banowsky, Heart of Dallas founder and MDHA Board of Directors member, recently presented a \$50,000 check to MDHA President and CEO

Mike Faenza.

Heart of Dallas also will provide a \$50,000 matching donation if MDHA can raise \$50,000 by kickoff time for the Jan. 1 Heart of Dallas Bowl Game at the Cotton Bowl.

Help us reach the finish line! Donate at www.mdhadallas.org or send a check to MDHA, Attn. Kim Horner, 2816 Swiss Ave., Dallas, Texas 75204. HEART oF DALLAS



Britton Banowsky, Heart of Dallas founder and MDHA Board Member, presents a check to MDHA's Mike Faenza Congratulations to the three individuals and three agencies honored at MDHA's first Help The Homeless Awards Celebration on Nov. 8.

The event, hosted by Dallas Auction Gallery, featured WFAA-TV anchor **Gloria Campos** as emcee, keynote speaker **Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins** and entertainment by a Booker T. Washington High School jazz duo.

MDHA honored:

- The Hon. Royce West, state senator, Outstanding Public Service.
- John Castle, former MDHA chair and chairman of the board of directors of The Bridge, Outstanding Volunteer
- Clare Nilson, MDHA board member, Outstanding advocate
- Family Gateway, Outstanding Homeless services provider
- Fannie Mae, Outstanding Corporation
- Dallas Housing Authority — Outstanding Public Agency

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MDHA Help The Homeless Awards Celebration

Dallas Auction Gallery, Nov. 8

Volunteer



John Castle, Chairman, The Bridge Board of Directors; past chairman, MDHA Board of Directors.

Corporation

Public Service



President and CEO Mike Faenza with The Hon. State Sen. Royce West.





Dallas City Council Member Jerry Allen presents Family Gateway's award to Executive Director Rob Alberts

Advocate



Clare Nilson, MDHA board member and cochair of the Alliance Homeless Forum

Dallas City Council Member Carolyn Davis presents Fannie Mae's award to Mike Hernandez, vice president of Multifamily **Public Agency**



Dallas Housing Authority President & CEO MaryAnn Russ receives the award from Dallas City Council Member Jerry Allen



Gloria Campos, WFAA-TV anchor and awards celebration emcee, and MDHA President & CEO Mike Faenza

MDHA and UTA study family homelessness solutions

The Alliance is partnering with UTA on a research project to identify new solutions for homeless families.

The project will examine the feasibility of a central facility where families with children can find help.

Dr. Courtney Cronley, Ph.D., M.S.S.W., University of Texas at Arlington Graduate School Of Social Work is leading the research.

Leaders of 12 area nonprofits that serve homeless families will serve on an advisory committee to help guide the project.

Families with children are the fastest-growing homeless population.

The number of **homeless families with children** has increased **36** % since 2010.

MDHA Awards continued...



Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, with MDHA President & CEO Mike Faenza, gave the keynote speech.



Booker T. Washington High School jazz duo







Thank you for the great turnout!



The staff at Family Gateway



From left: Lauren Shuford Laughry, Scott Shuford and Ruthie Winston of Dallas Auction Gallery.

End Homelessness

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Thank You, Help The Homeless Awards Sponsors!



Help MDHA Reach the Finish Line!

Heart of Dallas will give **\$50,000** to MDHA if we can raise **\$50,000** from donors like **YOU** by the 11 a.m. kickoff of the Jan. 1 Heart of Dallas Bowl at the Cotton Bowl! Please make your tax-deductible contribution to MDHA today and double your impact! Donate at **www.mdhadallas.org** or mail a check to MDHA, Attn. Kim Horner, 2816 Swiss Ave. or call Kim Horner at 972-638-5599.



MDHA provides leadership, advocacy, planning in Dallas and Collin counties. The Alliance of **100 members** has helped develop **2,000 homes** for people with disabilities — **reducing chronic homelessness by 66 percent since 2004.** MDHA relies on your support to succeed. Become a member or donate today at www.mdhadallas.org!

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