

Until everyone has a place to call home

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## SIX MEDICAL PARTNERS HONORED WITH COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD'S 2021 BOB LAZARUS UNSUNG HERO AWARD

(Columbus, OH) – Community Shelter Board honored a team of six health professionals with the 2021 Bob Lazarus Unsung Hero Award, in recognition of their collaboration and guidance during the global pandemic. The award honors quiet and steadfast work in the trenches on behalf of people facing homelessness, in memory of Robert Lazarus' lifetime of humble and steady leadership. Honorees include:

- Dr. Mysheika Roberts and Columbus Public Health
- Joe Mazzola and Franklin County Public Health
- Tracy Cloud and Lower Lights Christian Health Center
- Dr. Krisanna Deppen and OhioHealth
- Dr. Haileigh Ross and Ohio Health
- Sandy Stephenson and Southeast Healthcare

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interventions, like masking, symptom and temperature screening in every shelter, and pathways for testing, tracing and treatment. They provided critical advice and counsel when CSB and YMCA opened an isolation and quarantine shelter to respond to those who are homeless and have been exposed to COVID. They continue to provide guidance and have helped with vaccination planning and onsite vaccine clinics at all shelters across CSB's network.



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A breakfast reception was held today at the Boathouse at Confluence Park, where a series of Community Shelter Board's Founder Awards were presented by NBC4.



VIDEO: https://youtu.be/uKGAH-uAUz4

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served 15,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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