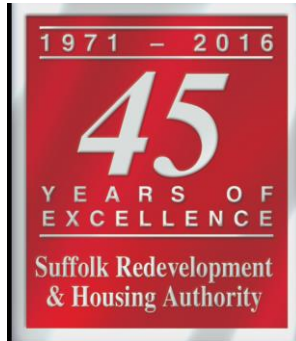


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## SRHA CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING 2016 HOUSER AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Suffolk, Virginia – April 8, 2016 – Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (SRHA) opened its doors in 1971 as a result of a community effort led by businessman and attorney George Y. Birdsong. His effort to champion fair and equal opportunity for safe, decent and sanitary housing conditions for all citizens of the City of Suffolk was the initial goal. He chaired the SRHA Board of Commissioners for 18 years.

In recognition of serving the community for 45 years, SRHA will celebrate this milestone with a gala at the Hilton Garden Inn Riverfront on April 23, 2016. The 2016 SRHA Houser Awards will be presented at the event. Houser Award presentations are made every five years at a milestone anniversary event. The Houser Awards are presented to salute an individual or organization who has made a significant contribution to SRHA and in the area of affordable housing.

The 2016 Houser Award recipients are:

- Clarissa E. McAdoo, Executive Director of SRHA will receive the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Howard W. Martin, Jr., attorney of Crenshaw, Ware and Martin, PLC will receive the 2016 Houser Award for Distinguished Service.
- Dr. Karlton O. Johnson, Principal of Blanche Ely High School in Pompano Beach, Florida will receive the 2016 Houser Award of Excellence.

The 2016 Houser Awards for Outstanding Partner will be presented to:

- Jaime Bordenave, President and CEO, The Communities Group
- Joette C. Claude, President and CEO, C.E.B. Financial Accounting and Tax Services
- Monte S. Crowl, Vice President of Marketing, Bayport Credit Union
- Mark R. Warden, Principal, Wilbanks, Smith and Thomas Asset Management, LLC

Crystal Williams will receive the 2016 Houser Awards for Outstanding Resident Achievement.

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