



Centers for Family Development, Inc.

HUSTLE FOR HOPE

*Board of Directors'
"Hope and Healing Celebration"*

MGM Grand Detroit
Thursday, December 04, 2025

Emcee
Dr. Keisha N. Allen



Welcome

Welcome to Centers for Family Development, Inc. 2025 *Hustle for Hope* Gala. It is an honor to celebrate this special evening with you as we recognize **47 years** of partnership, purpose, and unwavering commitment to strengthening the communities we serve. Last year alone, our organization supported more than **33,000 individuals**, and tonight we celebrate the resilience and determination behind every one of those stories. This evening is a tribute to Detroit's relentless hustle and to the people and organizations who continue to move our city forward.

From this MGM Grand stage, we spotlight the youth, families, and partners who embody the spirit of hustle and hope, and the individuals whose determination reminds us that hope is not passive. Hope requires movement, persistence, and the Detroit-bred drive to rise, push forward, and refuse to give up.



Kenyatta Stephens
Chief Executive Officer



Dr. Keisha N. Allen ***Mistress of Ceremonies***

Dr. Keisha Allen has dedicated her career to transforming relationships and strengthening the foundations of individuals, organizations, and communities striving to reach their highest potential. For more than a decade, she has been recognized as a leading expert and master trainer in Restorative Practices, helping organizations nationwide enhance their mission impact, improve outcomes, and cultivate healthy, high-performing cultures.

As the Chief Executive Officer of BFDI International Training Institute (BITI), Dr. Allen leads with a clear purpose to improve outcomes for children, foster safe and inclusive workplaces, and build communities where people thrive.

Her restorative work has laid the groundwork for a wide range of powerful trainings, including Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice; Trauma-Informed Practices; Restorative Justice; and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

A renowned speaker, author, and leadership coach, Dr. Allen inspires change through her book *Engaged: 9 Key Principles to Activate Your Life*—a guide to living with purpose, authenticity, and impact.



Centers for Family Development, Inc.
2025 Hope & Healing Celebration Gala Honorees



Portia Powell

Building Legacies Award Honoree

President & CEO, One Detroit Credit Union

Portia Powell has made history as the first woman and African American to serve as President and CEO of One Detroit Credit Union in its 90-year history. With more than two decades of experience in financial services, she is an award-winning servant leader recognized for her commitment to advancing financial inclusion and economic empowerment across Detroit. Under her leadership, One Detroit Credit Union has achieved significant growth, expanded into underserved communities, and launched innovative initiatives that promote access to fair and affordable financial solutions.



Angie Pizzuti

Community Investments Champion Award Honoree

**Senior Vice President & Chief Customer Officer,
DTE Energy**

Angie Pizzuti serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at DTE Energy, where she leads the company's entire customer service organization. She oversees core operations including the call center, credit and collections, billing, revenue management, and digital customer experience strategies. Angie also leads DTE's information technology organization, driving transformative innovation across the company. Angie's work supports DTE's commitment to carbon reduction, community impact, and creating a more innovative customer experience for the region. Angie has an inspiring blend of expertise, vision, and service qualities that make her an exceptional leader.



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Evette Hollins

Community Investments Champion Award Honoree

Vice President, Customer & Community Engagement, DTE Energy

Evette Hollins serves as Vice President of Customer and Community Engagement for DTE Energy, where she leads customer outreach, community engagement, and financial operations across the company's service territory. She oversees critical efforts that support customer billing, financial programs, and energy assistance for vulnerable households. Evette also leads DTE's volunteerism work and remains deeply engaged in the community. She is committed to mentoring local students and has held multiple civic leadership roles. Evette is the youngest executive to be named a corporate officer at DTE Energy.



Bruce Smith

Corporate Champion Award Honoree

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Detroit Manufacturing Systems

Bruce Smith is a manufacturing industry leader with thirty-seven years of experience building high-performing teams, increasing profitability, and elevating enterprise value. He is the owner, chairman, and chief executive officer of Detroit Manufacturing Systems. Before joining DMS, Bruce partnered with private equity firms and entrepreneurs in several senior executive roles. Across these roles, he delivered significant gains in revenue and profitability through blue-ocean strategy development and lean manufacturing practices. Bruce is known for his commitment to innovation, growth, and operational excellence across the manufacturing sector.



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Erin Keith, Esq.

Justice Champion Award Honoree

Program Officer, Transforming Criminal Justice at the Navigation Fund

Erin Keith, Esq. currently runs The Navigation Fund's Transforming Criminal Justice (TCJ) program, a national, multi-million-dollar portfolio investing in efforts to advance decarceration, while fostering comprehensive community safety. In 2024, Erin led the creation and launch of TCJ's inaugural grantmaking strategy, designed to dismantle systemic inequities within the criminal and juvenile legal systems. Drawing on her extensive background in advocacy, community organizing, and public policy, she works collaboratively with grantee-partners to advance impactful, sustainable change—including shepherding more than \$1 million to support organizations in Michigan.



Cynthia D. Williams

Champion of Hope Award Recipient

Program Manager, Centers for Family Development, Inc.

Cynthia D. Williams is a respected leader with four decades of experience and twenty-one years of dedicated service at Centers for Family Development. Her career reflects a deep commitment to strengthening youth, families, and communities through evidence-based practice and compassionate leadership. As Program Manager for the Youth Assistance and Building Foundations Programs, she oversees prevention and early intervention efforts designed to build resilience and reduce child welfare involvement. Cynthia channels her commitment to uplifting children and strengthening communities into every program she leads, shaping brighter futures with compassion, purpose, and unwavering dedication.



Centers for Family Development, Inc.

Performers

King Bethel

Ashlee Bradford (Easy Day Boxing Gym)

Markus Campbell

DJ Honey Redd (The Redd Treatment)

Damon Porter

Shalayla Williams (Choreographer)

Speakers/Presenters

Alan Carlisle

Jaiylen Flynn

DeMario Holden

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Centers for Family Development, Inc.
Board of Directors' "Hope and Healing Celebration"
December 4, 2025

Official Opening *Dr. Keisha N. Allen*
Mistress of Ceremonies

Welcoming Remarks *Kenyatta Stephens, CEO*
Centers for Family Development, Inc.

The Occasion *Dr. Keisha N. Allen*
Kenyatta Stephens

Invocation *DeMario Holden*
Youth Pastor, & MBK R.E.A.L Brothers Ambassador

Dinner Served

Youth Performances *MBK R.E.A.L Brothers Ambassadors*

Honoree Awards *Dr. Keisha N. Allen*
Kenyatta Stephens

The Hustle Experience *Shalayla Williams & Ashlee Bradford*
Choreographers

Closing Remarks *Dr. Keisha N. Allen.*



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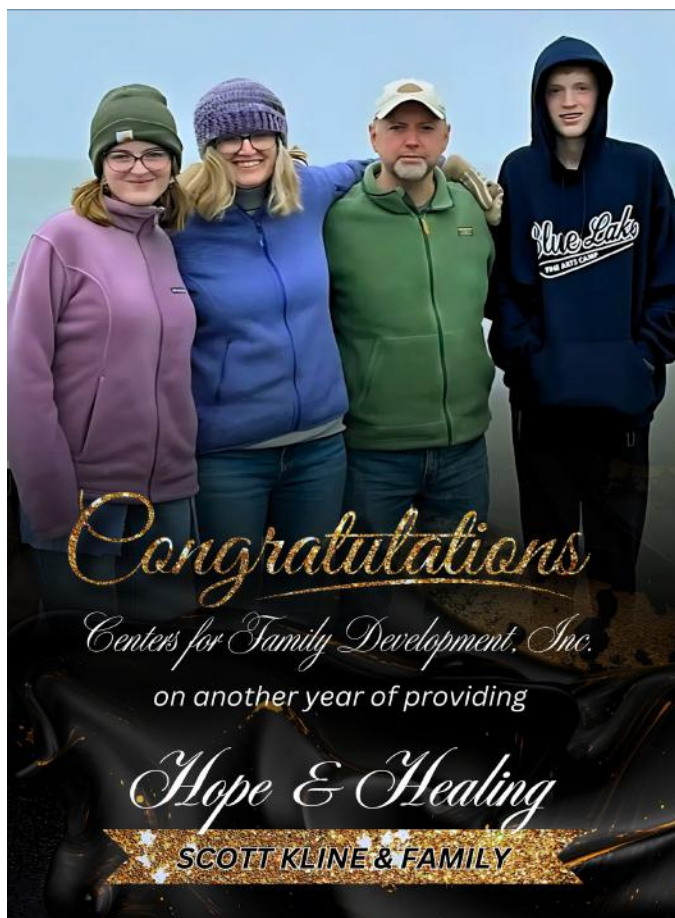
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Centers for Family Development, Inc.,
our Board of Directors', and
2025 Hope and Healing Honorees !

*"Improving lives through comprehensive
children & family services."*

Kenyatta Stephens

Chief Executive Officer



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Centers for Family Development, Inc.
on another year of providing

Hope & Healing

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Congratulations

*Centers for Family
Development, Inc.*

*on another year of
providing hope and healing.*

With warmest regards,

Dr. LaTonya Shelton &

The Graham-Shelton Family





Working hand-in-hand with local partners to build **strength in our community.**

At Amazon, we look to leverage our scale for good to help strengthen local communities. That means combining our strengths with those of community partners, working together to find creative solutions that have a lasting impact.

**Thank you Centers for Family Development
for changing lives each and every day!**

Blessings to Centers for
Family Development Inc
for bringing hope and
healing to families in our
community.



- ELISE GOULBOURNE-
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One Detroit Credit Union proudly congratulates our CEO, Portia Powell, on being honored at the Centers for Family Development, Inc.'s Hope and Healing Gala.

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2025 Hope & Healing Gala



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*Wendy
Lamarr*



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Cornetta (in pale pink) with her grandmother on Easter Sunday in the '90s, Detroit. The porch where storytelling first became real.



Cornetta Lane-Smith,
Founder & Principal Storyteller

Studio 8278 is where my storytelling practice lives and grows. It's a home for projects that honor memory, celebrate community, and make space for deeper human connection.

*My latest project is *Recipes of Resistance*, a docuseries that uses food and conversation to resist limiting narratives and honor human complexity. In the pilot episode, I prepare my grandma Laura's favorite meal and serve it to members of my family as we recount stories of her.*

In the process, I uncover that my grandmother was more than a caregiver; she was a strong, spiritual woman. This project is dedicated to her and carries the layered, complex memory my family holds of her.

If you believe in the power of storytelling, I invite you to stay connected.

Donate or join the Studio 8278 newsletter to follow upcoming projects, screenings, and gatherings at studio8278.com.

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A photograph of a woman with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a grey sweater, lying down and smiling. A young child with dark skin is lying on her chest, laughing with their mouth open. The child is wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and denim overalls. The child's hands are holding a colorful toy. The background is softly blurred.

CELEBRATING RESILIENCE.

When communities come together, transformation happens. The DTE Foundation is honored to support the Centers for Family Development on our shared mission of strengthening families and empowering communities across Detroit.



THE SKILLMAN FOUNDATION

Congratulations to Centers for Family Development, Inc.
on your "Hustle for Hope" Board of Directors'
Hope and Healing Celebration!

For over 45 years, Centers for Family Development, Inc. has
been a pillar of strength in our community, providing culturally
sensitive, comprehensive family counseling and support
services that strengthen children, youth, and families
throughout Detroit and Wayne County.

Your unwavering commitment to creating safe, nurturing,
vibrant homes, schools, and communities aligns perfectly with
the values we hold dear at UAW, ensuring every family has the
support and resources they need to thrive.

We are proud to stand with you as you continue to hustle
for hope, bringing healing and empowerment to thousands
of families each year.

In solidarity,

LaShawn English, Director UAW Region 1



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- Expanding positive youth development
- Improving support to families
- Building community capacity
- Improving neighborhood safety
- Improving the life outcomes of boys & young men

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