

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Mr. Torrence Cooks

Mr. Torrence Cooks is an anti-violence activist and community organizer dedicated to helping communities create safe environments through structured recreational activities for all ages. He is Commissioner and Outreach Coordinator of West Haven Summer Health League basketball program since 1995, serving hundreds of youth on Chicago's west side. He is also Program Director of the Sankofa Youth Program which provides referee training within the Chicago Public High Schools.

Terrence and his wife, Katina are proud parents of two sons.

Bishop Arthur and Mrs. Donnie Barnes

Bishop Arthur and Mrs. Donnie Barnes are devoted public servants with missions in ministry, social service and family values. Arthur has been preaching since he was 15 years old and is pastor of International Beginnings Ministries Church in eastern Michigan.

Donna is a social worker at Madonna University and has been named Social Worker of the Year.

After 36 years of marriage, and raising of four children, the Barnes have rededicated their marriage to helping others experience the value of the God-centered family.



Ms. Deb Dawson

Ms. Deb Dawson is a writer, photographer, filmmaker, businesswoman, teacher, humanitarian, and philanthropist. She holds a B. S. Ed. in Education and English, and an MFA in Creative Writing. Her role as mother to biological, step, and internationally-adopted children led her to write *When Love is Not Enough*, a memoir about the way mothers and daughters forge relationships in the face of tremendous obstacles.

In 2007, Deb traveled to Africa with a Lost Boy of Sudan and made a documentary about his desire to help orphans in the village he escaped 20 years earlier. Now, as president of the nonprofit she founded, she spends nearly three months a year working with the staff and students at the ASAH School for Orphaned Girls in Duk Payuel, Jonglei State, Republic of South Sudan.

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Pastor Gloria Howard

Pastor Gloria Howard is a dynamic community activist who applies her faith in serving parenting, education and literacy needs. She is President of the North Minneapolis Rotary Club and Co-Chairman of the Peace and Conflict Resolution Initiative. As a volunteer, she serves as a member of the Minneapolis Department of Health Community Action Network Team, Board member for First Step of Hope, Inc., Executive Director of Ebenezer Charity Foundation, and Board member of Jesus Is the Way Ministries International.

Currently, Gloria is also Clinic Coordinator for Abria Pregnancy Resources in North Minneapolis.

Mr. Steven Rauschenburger

Mr. Steven Rauschenburger is the President of the Technology and Manufacturing Association, a nonprofit organization providing training and management services to over 30,000 employees in precision manufacturing industries. Steve has a long business career as well as fifteen years of service as an Illinois State Senator. He has been a strong advocate for working families in areas of economic growth and pro-life values.

Steve has also been active in international business affairs in Europe and Africa, including service as faculty instructor to the Algerian Parliament for the U.S. State Department Middle East Partnership Initiative.

