

UNITED COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION'S  
**47th ANNUAL MEETING**  
WITHOUT DINNER, MARCH 24TH, 6 PM TO 7:30 PM



CELEBRATING 47 YEARS OF PREVENTING EVICTION,  
FORECLOSURE, AND HOMELESSNESS IN DETROIT

# Welcome to UCHC's 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING!

- Welcome - Honoring our Staff, Board and Supporters
- FY 2021 Accomplishments, Annual Report – Ted Phillips
- Keynote Speaker – Neil Steinkamp
- Legislation Update – State Senator Erika Geiss
- Awards Presentation
  - Public Servant of the Year Award
  - Mahaffey/Henderson Elected Official of the Year Award
  - Sheehan/McDonald Lifetime Achievement Award
  - Community Advocate of the Year Award
  - Rocket Man Award
- UCHC Board Nominations, Volunteering & Membership Poll

## UCHC Board Members

Robert Shimkoski	Chair
Cassandra Walker	Vice Chair
Beverly Lemle	Treasurer
Latanya Harris	Secretary

Jacqueline Hand	Michelle Fallena
Arthur Howard	Christina Guzman
Kamer Zindani	Khalifa McZeal
Cheryl Sanford	Jelani Karamoko
David Palmer	Brenda Thompson
Kathy Ralston	Kanika Bey
Cynthia McCreary	Rebecca Cook

## Public Involvement at UCHC

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Interested in volunteering? Reach out with your name, contact info, and interest to [volunteer@uchcdetroit.org](mailto:volunteer@uchcdetroit.org)

**Institutional Effectiveness Poll** in the chat – open to all attendees!  
Tell us what you think!

## UCHC Staff Members – Administration

Full Name	Job Title / Position
Byron Downing	Information Technology Specialist
Constance King	Receptionist - Intake Specialist
Dave Mesrey	Director of Communications and Grants Management
Jewell Terrell	Receptionist - Intake Specialist
Jolayne Thompson	Director of Operations
Muriel "Bev" Ealy	Deputy Director
Paul Fernandez	UCHC Contractor - Intake Caller
Rebekah Battle	UCHC Contractor - Intake Caller
Ted Phillips	Executive Director and Attorney
Yvonne Hayes	Receptionist - Intake Specialist

## UCHC Staff Members – Data Team

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Job Title / Position</b>
Aj Fouts	Director of Data Analytics
Alexandria Sewall	Data Entry Clerk - Tax Foreclosure
Ashante' Coty	Data Entry Clerk – Legal Services
Daisjona Whitson	Quality Control Specialist - CERA
Jess Yan	Data Analyst – Homelessness Prevention, Lead Abatement Coordinator
Kayla Davis	Data Entry Clerk – Legal Services, Court Docket Coordinator
Liz Lawlis	Compliance Specialist
Margaret Clark	Data Entry Clerk – Legal Services
Mike Sabbagh	Data Analyst – Homeownership Programs
Patrick Carey	Data Entry Clerk – Utilities Assistance, Assistant to Executive Director
Ryan Price	Data Entry Clerk - CERA
Terranie Sims	Data Analyst – CERA, Legal Services
Tess Fisher	Deputy Director of Data Analytics

## UCHC Staff Members – Finance Team

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Job Title / Position</b>
Erica Scott	Accounting Assistant
Fasia Smith	Accounting Assistant
Jacqueline Green	Accounting Assistant
Joe Aliotta	Accounting Assistant
Lorraine Lett-Shamley	Accounting Clerk
Sharina Enoex	Temp - Accounting Assistant
Stacy Meaux-Minor	Accounting Assistant
Tanisha Davis	Accounting Assistant, Human Resource Administrator
Truptiben Bhatt	Temp - Accounting Assistant
Tyrea Williams	Accounting Assistant

## UCHC Staff Members – Home Repair Team

### Full Name

### Job Title / Position

Amy Alexander

Director of Homeowner Programs

Brenda Nelson

Field Coordinator

Ernest Thompson

Repair Inspector

Mark Moritz-Rabson

Home Repair Coordinator

Mauricia Dawson

DTE/SEEL Liaison

Thomas Pemberton

Repair Inspector

Tim Bishop

Director of Repair Services



## UCHC Staff Members – Homeowner Support Team

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**Full Name****Job Title / Position**

Amy Alexander

Director of Homeowner Programs

Justin Curry

Homeownership Services Associate

Kim Stroud

Director, Homeowner Support

Ted Jones

Property Manager">

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## UCHC Staff Members – Housing Placement Team

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Job Title / Position</b>
Audrey Dombro	Housing Placement Counselor, Keep it Home Counselor
Betty Robinson	Housing Placement Counselor
Brenda Miner	Housing Placement Counselor
Cathy Campos-Nieto	Housing Placement Counselor
Christina Brownlee	Housing Resource Developer
Claudia Sanford	Director, Tenant Organizing, Housing Placement and Relocation
Kiana Jackson	Tenant Organizer
Margaret Marotte	Tenant Organizer
Rhonda Ellington	Housing Placement Counselor, Detroit Public Schools Coordinator
Shukri French	Keep It Home Counselor
Sonia McCants	Housing Placement Counselor
Tori Huckaby	Housing Placement Counselor
Wanda Knight-Wilson	Housing Placement Counselor

## UCHC Staff Members – Legal Services Team (Attorneys)

Charlene Snow

Director, Legal Services

Alex Meyers Attorney

Kimberly Novak Attorney

Barbara Katzman Attorney

Kirsten Paschke Attorney

Benjamin Dietlin Attorney

Leslie Lott Supervising Attorney

Bill Halbower Assistant Director of Legal Services,  
Staff Attorney

Lisa Babcock Attorney

Gerald Fetherson Supervising Attorney

Mary Barnes Attorney

Hassan Salamey Attorney

Myisha Ishmeal Attorney

Hilary Braley Supervising Attorney

Rania Haddad Staff Attorney

Keith Goodwin Staff Attorney

Susan Rock Attorney

Kiana Bonds Attorney

Tom Berishaj Attorney

## UCHC Staff Members – Legal Services Team (Legal Support)

Eleanor Carey

Director, Legal Support Services

Abigail Mulligan Legal Assistant

Kammi Johannsen Legal Intake Specialist

Ali Mirza Legal Assistant

Kyra Brooks Legal Assistant

Allison Blanchard Legal Assistant, Jesuit Volunteer

Lela Jimenez Legal Assistant

Andrea Gibson Supervising Legal Assistant

Marinda Hollar Legal Assistant

Cullen Welch Legal Assistant

Maxfield Mudar Law Grad

Gary Heicklen Legal Assistant

Maya Chamra Legal Assistant

Jakenya Robinson Legal Assistant

Ryan Clemmons Legal Assistant

Jamie Smith Supervising Legal Assistant

Shanel Thomas Legal Assistant

Jamison Koeman Legal Assistant

Will Featherston Legal Assistant, Jesuit Volunteer

## UCHC Staff Members – Rental Assistance Team

Pam Schaeffer CERA Program Manager

Adaora Nwaka	Rental Assistance Counselor	Julie Fernandez	UCHC Contractor CERA Program
Angelica Wilson	UCHC Contractor CERA Program	Lani Ward	Contractor – Rental Assistance Counselor
Apryl Voner	Rental Assistance Lead	Lee Visci	Lead Contractor-CERA Rental Assistance
Caitlin Andrews	RAC Pod Lead	Lynette Adams	UCHC Contractor CERA Program
Corey Alt	UCHC Contractor CERA Program	Nick Ward	Rental Assistance Counselor
Don Visci	UCHC Contractor CERA Program	Olivia Campbell	UCHC Contractor - CERA Email
Elena Scott	Rental Assistance Lead	Patricia Corey	Rental Assistance Counselor
Elizabeth Visci	UCHC Contractor CERA Program	Roseanne Freed	Rental Assistance Counselor
Julia Cory	UCHC Contractor CERA Program	Samantha Fischer	UCHC Contractor CERA Program

***Special shout-out to our dozens of temporary contract ERA Rental Assistance Counselors, not listed here!***

## UCHC Staff Members – Tax Foreclosure Prevention Team

Full Name	Job Title / Position
Amy Alexander	Director of Homeowner Programs
Caroline Addis	Tax Foreclosure Prevention Counselor
Ciara Michaels	Tax Foreclosure Prevention Counselor
Deja Miles	Tax Foreclosure Prevention Counselor
Keturah Epps	Make it Home Coordinator
Kieyana Alexander	Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention Counselor
Lauren Mason	Tax Foreclosure Prevention Counselor
Lily Chen	Operations Manager, Tax Foreclosure Prevention
Sharon Lemieux	Tax Foreclosure Prevention Counselor
Zina Morgan	Director of Tax Foreclosure Prevention

# UCHC Staff Members – Tenant Organizing & Development Relocation Team

## Full Name

## Job Title / Position

Claudia Sanford

Director, Tenant Organizing, Housing Placement and Relocation

Kiana Jackson

Tenant Organizer

Margaret Marotte

Tenant Organizer

## UCHC Staff Award - "Beyond the Call"

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This year we would also like to recognize staff or contractors who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our clients. These awards were chosen by our current staff and contractors by an open vote.\*

**Andrea Gibson**, Supervising Legal Assistant – *Legal Services*

**Audrey Dombro**, Housing Placement and Keep it Home Counselor - *Housing Placement/  
Tenant Organizing*

**Erica Scott**, Accounting Assistant - *Administration*

**Liz Lawlis**, Compliance Specialist - *Administration*

**Marjanna James**, Assistant CERA Program Manager - *Rental Assistance*

**Sharon Lemieux**, Property Tax Counselor – *Homeownership Programs*

*\*32 staff that receives votes. We're very proud to have so many staff that go "beyond the call"!*



# Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report

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**Ted Phillips**  
*Executive Director*

UCHC Accomplishments over FY2021  
*August 1 2020 – July 31 2021*

## Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2021

UCHC accomplishments from August 1st, 2020, to July 31st, 2021

Housing Placement Cases Advised, Assisted, or Placed	2612
Landlord-Tenant Cases Represented In Court	915
Landlord-Tenant Cases Resolved out of Court	693
Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Assistance	27
Tax Foreclosure Prevention Assistance	5,728
<b>TOTAL CASES PROCESSED</b>	<b>9,975</b>

## Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2021

UCHC accomplishments from August 1st, 2020, to July 31st, 2021

Tax Foreclosure Prevention Outreach Mailing (10)	43,801
Tax Foreclosure Workshop Attendance (4)	57
Tenants/Homeless Received Financial Assistance	2160
Financial Assistance to Tenants/Homeless	\$11,814,539
Financial Assistance to Homeowners	\$1,745,672
Amount of Funds Loaned	\$312,614

## A Sincere “Thank You” to our Supporters

City of Detroit  
Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan  
DTE  
Elizabeth Allen & Warren Shelden Fund  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Erb Family Foundation  
Ford Foundation  
Gilbert Family Foundation  
Homeless Action Network of Detroit  
Hudson-Webber Foundation  
JPMorgan Chase Foundation  
Kresge Foundation  
Lakeshore Legal Aid  
McGregor Foundation

Michigan Legal Services  
Michigan Poverty Law Program  
Michigan State Housing Development Authority  
Ralph C Wilson, Jr Foundation  
Rocket Community Fund  
The Funders Network  
The Peck Foundation  
United Way of Southeast Michigan  
Universal Music Group  
University of Michigan  
US Department of Housing and  
Urban Development  
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency

## Keynote Speaker

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Neil Steinkamp

*Managing Director, STOUT*

Discuss Right to Council movement in Detroit and Nationwide

# Legislative Update

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Sen. Erika Geiss

*Michigan State Senator, 6th District*

Speaking on Legislative updates

# Donating to the United Community Housing Coalition

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*Donations can be made via:*

Online at:

[www.uchcdetroit.org/support](http://www.uchcdetroit.org/support)

Or mail a check payable to:

**United Community Housing Coalition  
2727 2nd Avenue Suite 313  
Detroit, MI 48201**

## Public Servant of the Year Award, 2021

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**Donald Rencher**

*Group Executive, Planning and Development City of Detroit*

For your outstanding leadership to help reduce eviction in Detroit during the COVID 19 pandemic while improving housing conditions and code enforcement for renters and preserving affordable housing for ALL Detroiters. We thank you for your extraordinary work and leadership and recognize you as our Public Servant of the Year.



# Maryann Mahaffey/Erma Henderson Elected Official of the Year Award 2021

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**Mary Sheffield**

*President, Detroit City Council*

For your outstanding leadership in sponsoring housing initiatives to benefit low-income Detroiters. You have led the efforts for more inclusionary housing, improving city code enforcement to ensure quality housing, and increased funding available for home repairs. Most recently we thank you for your efforts to establish Right to Counsel in eviction cases to protect our most vulnerable citizens. We thank you for your creative, thoughtful, and dedicated service and we honor you as our "Mahaffey/Henderson Elected Official of the Year"

## James Sheehan/Beverly McDonald Lifetime Achievement Award 2021

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### Deborah Choly

For your over 25 years of service to United Community Housing Coalition and Michigan Legal Services to prevent evictions and tax foreclosures, fight lockouts, and improve housing conditions for thousands of low-income Detroiters. In addition, we honor your lifetime of service to the peace community in protests and in representing protesters to raise awareness of issues of vital concern to our city, or state and our nation. For all this and so much more we recognize you with this life-time achievement award.

### Cassandra Walker

For your more than 30 years of leadership with Westside Mothers advocating for the rights of low-income families in Detroit to receive cash assistance, food stamps, childcare, health benefits and housing in countless individual administrative hearings, and for your tireless efforts, advocating with others at the city, state, or national level, to improve the lives of low-income people everywhere, we recognize you with this life-time achievement award.

## Community Advocate of the Year 2021

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### Tonya Myers-Phillips

For your tireless efforts in the “Detroit Right to Counsel Coalition” to persuade Detroit to join the growing national movement, to provide for a right to counsel in eviction proceedings, currently operative in 25 cities across the country. Your work in this arena to ensure that all low-income people are represented in eviction proceedings, enforces a basic human right to decent and affordable housing and protects against homelessness and its devastating consequences for vulnerable families with children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and veterans. For your dedicated and persistent efforts to render a reality for an eviction right to counsel in Detroit, we recognize you as our “Community Advocate of the Year”.

## Rocket Man Award 2021

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### Alex Alsup

We thank you for your support for the Make It Home project, the creation of UCHC's repair project to supplement Make It Home, your support to prevent evictions during the COVID 19 outbreak and your support for UCHC to help in planning for our sustainable growth as we sore into the future. We wish you all the best and every future endeavor and we appreciate all that you have done to help improve the lives of low-income Detroit residents.

## UCHC Board Nominees

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Robert Shimkoski, current board Chair

Arthur Howard, current board member

Michelle Fallena , current board member

**Board Nominee Poll at the bottom of your screen** – voting is open to all attendees!

**Institutional Effectiveness Poll in the chat** – tell us what you think!

# Partner Remarks and Michigan Redistricting Update

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Sophia Chue

*Emcee*

*Executive Director,*

*Caribbean Community Service Center*

**Thank you for attending!**

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United Community  
Housing Coalition

Preventing eviction, foreclosure, and homelessness in Detroit