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The Boulevard's Annual Luncheon

**Thursday, June 4, 2026
Union League Club of Chicago**



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Welcome Letter

Welcome to The Boulevard of Chicago's 2026 Luncheon: ***Stronger Together, Building Systems That Heal***. We are deeply grateful to have you with us today as we come together in support of medically and socially vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness in our city.

Every day at The Boulevard of Chicago, we witness the power of compassionate care, stable housing support, and human connection to change lives. Our work is rooted in the belief that healing is not possible without dignity, safety, and community. Through medical respite care, behavioral health services, and housing support, we help our residents recover and move toward long-term stability.

Today, we are honored to celebrate the dedicated partners, advocates, staff, and supporters who make this work possible, including this year's *Nancy Hanson Outstanding Service Award* recipient, Scott Holleman, whose commitment embodies the spirit of service and collaboration that drives our mission forward. We are also proud to recognize Tameeka Christian, Ph.D., as the recipient of our 2026 *Enhancing Lives Award* for her commitment to advancing equitable care, uplifting communities, and improving the lives of those most in need.

Our Paddle Raise will be an opportunity to support our essential programs and services that are significant to helping our residents gain the stability they need to move forward in their lives. With the generous commitment from our event sponsors and donors, The Boulevard will continue offering opportunities for men and women to receive the care, compassion and critical support they need to move from homelessness to permanent supportive housing.

Thank you for standing with us and for investing in a healthier, more compassionate Chicago. Together, we are building systems that heal.

With Appreciation,



Richard Ducatzeiler
Chief Executive Officer



Sharon Langshur
Board President





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Evrod Cassimy, Emcee

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Enhancing Lives Award Honoree



Tameeka Christian, Ph.D.

Tameeka Christian, Ph.D. is Director of the Pritzker Community Health Initiative at the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation, where she oversees a portfolio of more than \$10 million in investments to reduce health disparities across Illinois. In this role, she leads systems-level strategies that address the intersection of health, housing and homelessness, and the criminal justice system, advancing cross-sector solutions for populations with complex needs.

Tameeka has worked across public, private, and nonprofit sectors, with a focus on advancing community-driven solutions to address complex social and economic challenges. Tameeka previously served as the Program Manager for the Advocate Bethany Community Health Fund, where she was responsible for grantmaking to over 40 organizations on Chicago's Westside. A Chicago native, her commitment to the city's well-being was also evident during her tenures as Program Officer for Neighborhood Networks at LISC/Chicago, as Director of Community Development at Saint Anthony Hospital, and as Community Organizer for Lawndale Christian Development Corporation.

In 2020, Tameeka received her Doctorate Degree in Community Psychology from National Louis University. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Covenant House-Illinois, and as the Board Secretary of Chicago Cares. She serves on advisory committees for several other efforts including Chicago Funders Together to End Homelessness Together and Chicago African Americans in Philanthropy. Tameeka's accomplishments were recognized in her selection as a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow class of 2023.

The Enhancing Lives Award has been established to recognize those who are making significant contributions to enhancing the lives of individuals living in underserved communities. This award has been created to acknowledge those who are making exceptional efforts to increase opportunities and eliminate disparities in the areas of health, education, employment and housing.



Nancy Hanson Outstanding Service Award Honoree



Scott Holleman

Scott Holleman is a dedicated volunteer and passionate advocate for The Boulevard of Chicago's mission. As the de facto leader of The Boulevard's gardening program, Scott has helped transform the garden into a space that fosters nourishment, healing, and community. The fresh vegetables grown through the program are used in The Boulevard's kitchen to help provide balanced, nutritious meals that support residents on their journeys toward health and recovery.

Beyond the garden, Scott is known for his generosity, reliability, and willingness to help wherever needed. From volunteering at events and supporting residents and staff to bringing joy as Santa during The Boulevard's annual holiday celebrations, Scott consistently goes above and beyond to strengthen the community around him.



The Nancy Hanson Outstanding Service Award recognizes those who demonstrate the highest caliber of volunteer service engagement, who have been a role model through selflessly giving time and talent, and who have become ambassadors for the organization's vision. The award recipient, like Boulevard founder Nancy Hanson, places the highest of values on the rights of all human beings and is a champion for fairness and equality.



Keynote Speaker

Bobby Watts, MPH, MS, CPH

Bobby Watts is the CEO of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, which supports the 300 federally-funded Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) programs and 200 Medical Respite programs with training, technical assistance, sharing of best practices, research, publications, and an active policy and advocacy program working to eliminate homelessness. Under Bobby's leadership the Council established the National Institute for Medical Respite Care which has successfully expanded the number of medical respite programs throughout the country.

Bobby has more than 30 years of experience in administration, direct service, and implementation of homeless health services, beginning as a live-in counselor at the NYC Rescue Mission. He spent most of his career prior to joining the Council in 2017 at an HCH agency (an FQHC) in NYC that also operated shelters and conducted policy analysis and advocacy, serving as the Executive Director from 2005-2017.

He has served numerous boards, government-appointed task forces, and workgroups. He was one of twelve experts appointed to serve on the White House COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, and later appointed to the Health Equity Work Group of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the CDC.

Bobby is a graduate of Cornell University and the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health where he received an MPH in health administration and an MS in epidemiology; he also holds the Certified in Public Health (CPH) credential. Bobby has also earned a Certificate of Theological Studies from Alliance Theological Seminary.



Paddle Raise

The individuals we serve at The Boulevard have experienced significant trauma in their lives. It takes extreme courage for them to address the overwhelming challenges they face each day. The Boulevard is here to provide holistic care and support to our residents so they can gain the stability they need to rebuild their lives. **You can make a meaningful impact in the lives of some of Chicago's most vulnerable residents.**

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\$1,000: GROUP COUNSELING

A gift of \$1,000 will help cover the cost of six months of group counseling for residents.

\$500: MEALS FOR RESIDENTS

A gift of \$500 will cover the costs of one meal for The Boulevard's medical respite residents.

\$250: SUPPORT FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A gift of \$250 pays for work clothes, shoes and transportation to a client's job interview or new job opportunity.

\$100: BASIC NEED ITEMS

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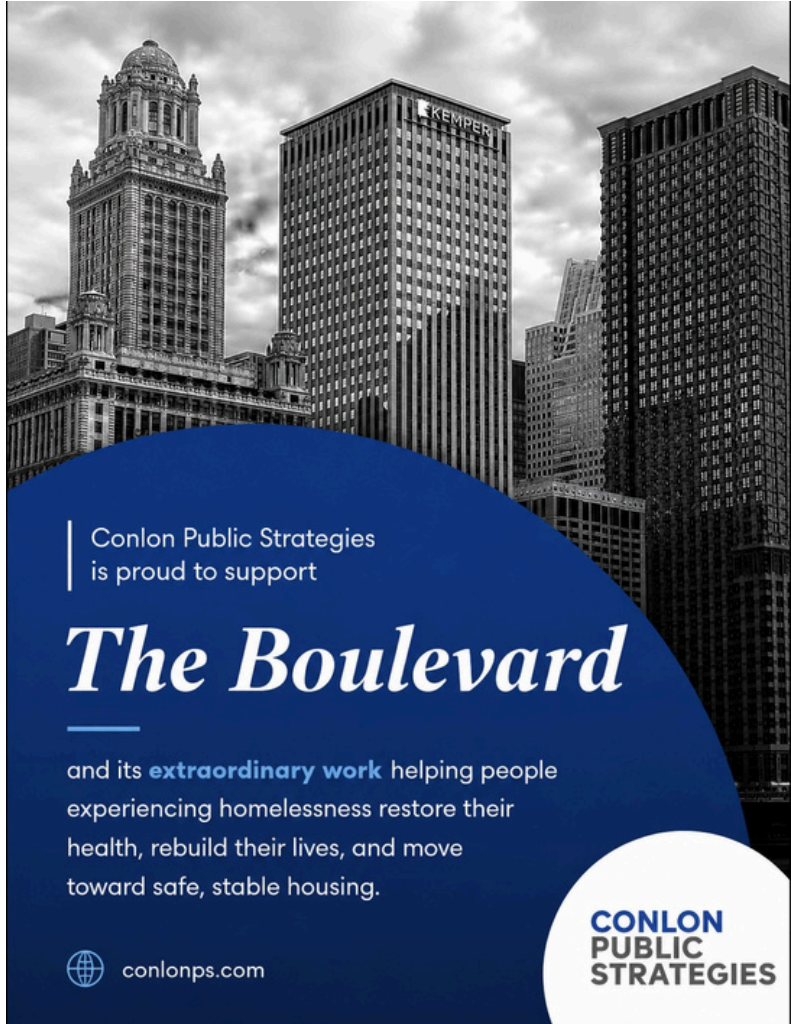
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Thank You for Making a Meaningful Difference!

Proceeds of The Boulevard's 2026 Luncheon fundraiser will go to support the vital programs and services we provide to homeless adults who are ill and injured. The people we serve depend on us now more than ever to receive high quality medical care and holistic support to restore their health and rebuild their lives.

*For more information, or to make a donation, go to:
<https://blvd.org/event/2026-luncheon-fundraiser>*

Our Mission

The Boulevard of Chicago serves medically and socially vulnerable people experiencing homelessness by providing medical respite care, behavioral health services, and housing support. The Boulevard embraces a compassionate, client-centered, and holistic philosophy of care and, through strong partnerships, promotes healing and stability to break the cycle of homelessness.

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