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HSI UNVEILS \$1.25 MILLION RENOVATION AT ITS FIRST FLOOR MAIN FACILITY RIBBON-CUTTING

It was with much fanfare, including loads of media attention, that Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI) held a ribbon-cutting to mark the grand reopening of its newly renovated first floor of its headquarters, the Larry T. Byrd Administrative Building, at 415 S. Kilpatrick Avenue. The \$1.25 million upgrade reflects HSI's ongoing commitment to delivering critical behavioral health and human support services to Chicago's most vulnerable communities.

Named after HSI's first executive director, the building has been the heart of the organization since 1978, serving as a hub for behavioral healthcare, housing support, employment readiness, youth services, and much more.

Flanked by Congressman Danny K. Davis, right, and Sen. Lakesia Collins, left, HSI President and CEO Donald Dew, with help from his wife Kimberly Dew, cuts the ribbon on the newly-renovated first floor of HSI headquarters, the Larry T. Byrd Administrative Building.

With 17 locations now operating throughout the South and West sides, HSI continues to be a vital safety-net for thousands each year.

"Now more Chicagoans will have access to expanded services thanks to our renovation," said HSI President and CEO Donald J. Dew during the ribbon-cutting, which drew dozens of community leaders, elected officials, and partner organizations.

Chicago broadcast, print and digital media also supported the ribbon-cutting with CBS2 airing the story three times.

Key renovations include an Integrated Employment Center, a new Mindfulness and Therapy space, First Aid Room, ADA-compliant lift, and a completely redesigned front entrance and lobby with upgraded flooring, lighting, and accessible features. The updates not only

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Letter from the President and CEO

Dear Friends and Partners,

At Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI), we believe that culturally rooted, community-based organizations are vital to solving the systemic challenges facing underserved communities. I was honored to present this message at the National Association of Social Workers Conference earlier this month, where I introduced HSI's Historically Black Community-Based Organization (HBCBO) model and our HSI five-year impact report.

The HBCBO model is a part of our communities' tradition. In cities and towns throughout the country organizations have been founded, grown and thrived, making a difference in communities based on the needs of the people. These organizations have been completely committed to stand in the gap for those in need.

Under the HBCBO model, we are coming together as a national collective to promote individual, community and societal healing. This HBCBO model is not just theory—it's the foundation of our work.

Based on our HSI five-year impact report, we've seen extraordinary outcomes:

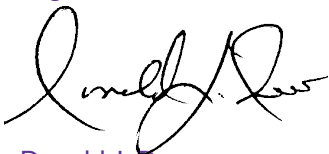
- Serviced 8000 clients in core programs including mental health, substance use treatment and developmental disabilities.
- 96 % of clients gained access to essential food security through case management.
- 100% of youth in our mental health programs avoided hospitalization.
- 85% of individuals in our substance use recovery programs remained sober.
- And recidivism among youth in our court-linked mental health services? 0%.

We know that HBCBOs around the country are equally successful. Together, we're not just treating symptoms—we're building systems of care that affirm dignity, foster resilience, and support long-term stability.

From permanent supportive housing and emergency shelter to crisis counseling, gun violence prevention, and workforce development—our programs are reaching more than thousands of people each year with services that are trauma-informed, culturally competent, and rooted in the lived experiences of those we serve.

Together, we're demonstrating what's possible when community leads. Please help support our cause. Give at habilitative.org.

In gratitude,



Donald J. Dew
President and CEO
Habilitative Systems, Inc.



HSI Facility Ribbon-Cutting

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enhance functionality but also improve the overall experience for clients and visitors.

A major highlight of the project is the new Technology Lab which was made possible by a \$100,000 contribution from ProvenIT. The 14-station lab expands digital access for clients of all ages—offering training in job readiness, resume development, online instruction, and even app and game coding for students.

Funding for the renovation was secured through the collaborative efforts of HSI's supporters: a \$500,000 federal earmark from Congressman Danny K. Davis (IL-7th), \$400,000 in state funding led by Senator Lakesia Collins (5th District), and a combined \$250,000 from Republic Services and Rebuilding Together.

During the ribbon-cutting, Dew presented awards to key champions, including Congressman Davis, Senator Collins, and Illinois Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford (4th District), though she was unable to attend. Representatives accepted on behalf of ProvenIT (Emmanuel Agbarah), Republic Services (Deon Mitchell), and Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago (Chad Ruckauf).

"This renovation is more than just a facelift—it's a powerful investment in the future of the communities we serve," Dew said.

ABOUT HABILITATIVE SYSTEMS, INC.

For 47 years, Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI), a Historically Black Community Based Organization (HBCBO), has provided quality behavioral health and human services to individuals and families in 15 underserved communities throughout the Chicago Metropolitan area. HSI staff respond to the most pressing needs of society, serving persons with mental illness, disabilities, substance use disorders as well as seniors, and children experiencing prolonged trauma.

RICHMOND DELEGATION VISITS HSI TO STUDY HBCBO MODEL

Habilitative Systems, Inc. recently welcomed members of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) from Richmond, Virginia, for a special visit focused on HSI's Historically Black Community-Based Organization (HBCBO) Initiative. The visit was part of an effort to learn more about HSI's pioneering model that aims to elevate, connect, and strengthen Black-led nonprofits working to close critical gaps in the social safety-net.

During their time in Chicago, the delegation toured two HSI program sites and engaged in meaningful dialogue about how individual, often isolated, nonprofits can unite to share ideas, pool resources, and build collective strategies to serve historically marginalized communities.



The Richmond, VA, delegation met with Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, third from left, and HSI's Donald Dew, third from right.



HSI's Donald Dew, left, introduces the Richmond, VA, delegation to Rep. Jonathan Jackson, center.

In addition to learning directly from HSI's leadership and staff, the visitors had the opportunity to meet with prominent public officials, including U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson (01-IL) and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, both strong advocates for community-based solutions and equity in healthcare and human services.

The exchange marks an important step in expanding HSI's HBCBO model beyond Chicago and sharing best practices nationwide.

HSI SHOWCASES TRAUMA-INFORMED WORK AT MIDWEST PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Habilitative Systems, Inc. was proud to participate in the 2025 Midwest Psychological Association (MPA) Annual Meeting, held in April at the historic Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. HSI co-presented a poster session in partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago - Urban Youth Trauma Center (UYTC), spotlighting collaborative research and programming addressing trauma among urban youth.

The session featured the work of Dr. Jaleel Abdul-Adil, Co-Director of UYTC; Dr. Karen Barbee-Dixon, Chief Operating Officer at HSI; and Chaundra Van Dyk-McGee, Director of Special Program Initiatives at HSI. Their joint poster presentation explored innovative strategies for trauma response and healing in underserved communities.

Also featured at the meeting was a highlight of HSI's recently completed Trauma-Informed Care Initiative—a comprehensive, yearlong project culminating in the development of a customized HSI Model of Care. This model was shaped by the collaboration of eight esteemed scholarly consultants and HSI leadership and staff. Designed to promote healing and empowerment for families impacted by trauma, the model embraces a holistic approach—weaving

HSI Director of Special Program Initiatives Chaundra Van Dyk-McGee, left, and HSI Chief Operating Officer Dr. Karen Barbee-Dixon, second from right, with attendees at the Midwest Psychological Association meeting.



together mental, physical, and spiritual well-being while respecting cultural and individual identities.

The consultants who contributed their expertise to this initiative include: Dr. Jaleel Abdul-Adil, Dr. Obari Cartman, Kadi Sisay, Gail Hutchison, Erwen McEwen, Justus Pugh, Bharataji Joplin, and Dhamana Shauri.

HSI internal contributors included Dr. Karen Barbee-Dixon, Laura Pleasants, Chaundra Van Dyk-McGee, and Yvonne Elliott. Together, this work represents HSI's deep commitment to building a trauma-informed system of care that meets families where they are—with dignity, respect, and culturally grounded support.

HSI'S 4th Annual Race and Health Equity Awards Honors Trailblazers, Celebrates HBCBOs, and Premieres Chicago Documentary



Habilitative Systems, Inc. hosted the 4th Annual Race and Health Equity Awards Celebration at Malcolm X College and recognized 10 extraordinary leaders who have been dedicated to fighting injustice and eliminating racial disparities in healthcare. Sitting, left to right, are Brenetta Howell Barrett, Dr. Annetta Wilson, and Dr. Carol Adams. Standing, left to right, are HSI Fundraising Board Chair Jamil Muhammad, honorees Bishop Dr. Claude Porter, Congressman Danny K. Davis, Dr. Terry Mason, Dr. Sokoni Karanja, Rev. Dr. Albert R. Sampson, Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar, Tyronne Stoudemire, HSI Board chair Melvin L. Brooks, along with HSI President and CEO Donald J. Dew and Darryl Dennard, founder of Double D. Productions.

Last December, Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI) hosted its 4th Annual Race and Health Equity Awards at Malcolm X College to honor 10 legendary healthcare and community leaders, celebrate a bold new initiative to support Historically Black Community Based Organizations (HBCBOs), and premiere a powerful new documentary.

“Our honorees are living legends who’ve fought for equity in healthcare and social justice,” said HSI President and CEO Donald J. Dew. “Their work has helped ensure more equitable systems for Black and Brown communities.”

The event featured the premiere of “Heading West 2: If the Lions Don’t Tell Their Story,” co-produced by HSI and Double D Productions. The film, which has become a Telly Award winner, documents the history and ongoing impact of HBCBOs. (See related Telly Award story.)

“This initiative is a clarion call for collaboration, sustainability, and recognition,” Dew said. “We’re inviting nonprofits across the country to join us in building a stronger, unified future.” Visit historicallyblackcbo.org to learn more.

2024 Race and Health Equity Awardees:

- **Congressman Danny K. Davis**, U.S. Representative, 7th District – IL
- **Dr. Terry Mason**, Former Chief Operating Officer, Cook County Department of Public Health
- **Dr. Vijay Prabhakar**, Chairman, Global Strategic Alliance Inc., USA
- **Dr. Sokoni Karanja**, Founder and Former Executive Director, Centers for New Horizons
- **Tyronne Stoudemire**, Senior Vice President, Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Hyatt Hotels Corporation
- **Dr. Carol Adams**, Founder and CEO, Urban Prescriptives
- **Brenetta Howell Barrett**, Founder, President and CEO, Pathfinders Prevention Education Fund
- **Bishop Dr. Claude Porter**, Founder, President and CEO, Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.
- **Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson**, Pastor, Fernwood United Methodist Church
- **Dr. Annetta Wilson**, Founder and Executive Director, Sankofa Safe Child Initiative

Entertainment for the evening was provided by acclaimed violinist Windy Indie, adding a lively and soulful soundtrack to the celebration.



“HEADING WEST 2” EARNs PRESTIGIOUS TELLY AWARD FOR SOCIAL IMPACT

“Heading West 2: If the Lions Don’t Tell Their Story,” the documentary, co-produced by Darryl Dennard of Double D Productions and Donald J. Dew, President and CEO of HSI, has been honored with a Bronze Telly Award in the General-Social Impact category. The award recognizes excellence in media that promotes social change and awareness. Now in its 46th season, the Telly Awards spotlight outstanding content across all screens.

“The Telly win is a powerful validation of the work being done to uplift Historically Black Community Based Organizations (HBCBOs),” said Dew.

The documentary chronicles the deep-rooted impact of HBCBOs in Chicago. It highlights the role these organizations have played—and continue to play—in advancing social justice, mental health, and systemic change across generations.

“We let the lions tell the stories of how they have fought and continue to fight and win,” said Dennard, whose creative vision helped bring these powerful narratives to the screen.

Serving as a key part of HSI’s broader HBCBO Initiative, the film brings much-needed visibility to organizations that have historically filled critical gaps in the social safety-net. It is both a tribute and a call to action, reminding viewers of the importance of supporting Black-led institutions at the forefront of community empowerment.

HSI extends heartfelt congratulations to Darryl Dennard and Donald J. Dew on this well-deserved honor—and deep thanks to the community members and organizations whose stories make “Heading West 2” a transformative and award-winning work.

Donald J. Dew Receives Award at C4 Hope Gala in May, Mental Health Awareness Month



Donald and Kimberly Dew with C4 President and CEO Kerri Brown, right.

HSI President and CEO Donald J. Dew was among four individuals honored at the 2025 Hope Gala hosted by Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4).

Held at Fairlie Chicago in May, the event marked the start of Mental Health Awareness Month and raised funds to support C4’s mission of providing trauma-informed, culturally-relevant mental and behavioral healthcare across the city.

This year’s honorees included Dew; State Representative Lindsey LaPointe (19th District); Wynona Redmond, President and Founder of Wyn-Win Communications, Inc. (HSI’s PR firm of record); and Becky Brasfield, a C4 Recovery Support Specialist.

“The demand for mental healthcare has never been greater,” said Kerri Brown, C4 President and CEO. “That’s why fundraising events like the Hope Gala are essential. We’re deeply grateful to everyone who contributed.”

In his remarks, Dew said, “This recognition means the world to me because it reflects a cause that HSI champions—mental health. So many of our programs address these needs. In a society where mental health remains fragmented, impersonal, and inaccessible, we provide comprehensive, person-centered, wraparound services. We proudly stand with C4 in this important work.”

E&R TOWING VEHICLE DONATION BOOSTS HSI'S CRISIS AND 988 OUTREACH



This 2016 Kia Sedan, donated by E&R Towing, will support HSI's crisis and 988 outreach.

A generous donation was secured by Jason House from E&R Towing and is helping Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI) reach more people in crisis. The company donated a 2016 Kia vehicle that HSI will use across two critical programs: its Crisis Services Program and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Response. The vehicle will expand the organization's capacity to deliver in-person counseling, intervention, and outreach to communities across Chicago, Berwyn, Cicero, and Stickney.

HSI is one of four providers working to build a coordinated crisis care system on Chicago's West Side. With this vehicle, HSI will strengthen its connection to services like the Crisis Counseling and Wellness Community Center (CCWCC), a walk-up facility for mental health assessment and intervention. Mobile outreach is a vital piece of ensuring that those in need aren't

institutionalized, incarcerated, or left without help during a mental health emergency.

The vehicle will also support HSI's flood recovery outreach under a contract with the Illinois Department of Human Services. After historic flooding in Cook County, HSI is helping affected residents access counseling, housing, and other resources. The vehicle will assist teams distributing information, conducting FEMA surveys, and connecting people to care.

As part of its 988 programming, HSI also delivers bullying and suicide prevention training throughout Chicago. This vehicle will enable HSI to take these educational workshops directly into neighborhoods, increasing access to mental health support and ensuring timely intervention where it's needed most.



HSI VP of Quality Improvement Monitoring Laura Pleasants, center, with interns Brandon Barksdale, left, and Travis Harper

ILLINOIS HEALTH PRACTICE ALLIANCE HELPS HSI OFFER INTERNSHIPS

University, DePaul University, Northeastern Illinois University, and the Jane Addams School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Many of our students were career-changers, with backgrounds ranging from nursing to information technology to performance opera.

While learning firsthand about serving primarily Black and Brown, marginalized community members, our students have provided more than 7,000 hours of trauma-informed service in our outpatient mental health, intensive care management, violence prevention, developmental disabilities, supervised residential, and substance use disorder programs. Our students have moved on to careers as therapists, senior care managers, hospital social workers and other areas. One student is now working on his Ph.D. in social work and a second will be starting his Ph.D. program this Fall.

With funding from the Illinois Health Practice Alliance and other grantors, for the past three years, HSI has offered paid internships to Master of Social Work (MSW) students interested in careers in community mental health. We have hosted 12 students from Aurora University, Chicago State

SPOTLIGHT:

HSI WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Habilitative Systems, Inc. President and CEO Donald Dew, along with the entire HSI staff, proudly welcome two dynamic leaders to the HSI Board of Directors: Dr. Keith A. Hopkins and Antoinette Bryant. Both bring a deep commitment to community service and a wealth of expertise that will strengthen HSI's mission and impact.

Dr. Keith A. Hopkins: Merging Medicine with Advocacy

Dr. Keith A. Hopkins first connected with HSI President Donald Dew at a National Kidney Foundation of Illinois event, where both spoke passionately about the Social Determinants of Health—each from their respective fields. For Dr. Hopkins, joining the HSI board is a meaningful extension of that shared vision.



"It means a great deal to be on the board of HSI. I acknowledge the honor but also the responsibility for my seat at the table," said Dr. Hopkins. "I've been given an opportunity to do good for the few (the board) and the many (our community) and will strive to meet that responsibility as best I can."

A Yale-trained internal medicine specialist, Dr. Hopkins returned to his hometown of Chicago to focus his practice on serving the medically marginalized. With over 20 years of experience treating kidney disease, hypertension, and depression, he also emphasizes prevention through education on diet, exercise, and wellness.

His alignment with HSI stems from his strong belief in integrating the social determinants of health into everyday clinical care—a belief that mirrors HSI's core philosophy. Dr. Hopkins is poised to further amplify that vision as a board member.

Antoinette Bryant: Bridging Technology and Community Impact

Antoinette Bryant brings more than two decades of experience in Information Technology, along with an unwavering dedication to public service. A Certified Project Management Professional (PMP), she earned her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Northern Illinois University (NIU), launching her career as a software developer focused on financial systems.



Today, she serves as a Senior Technical Project Manager for the Cook County Bureau of Technology, where she leads the implementation of a \$100 million enterprise-wide system that will benefit more than 24,000 employees.

Beyond her professional achievements, Bryant is deeply engaged in civic life.

An active NIU alum, she was recently appointed to the NIU Board of Directors and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at NIU. She was one of the founding members of the NIU Black Alumni Council.

Her commitment extends to leadership roles in several organizations, including serving as President of the Chicago Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, active involvement with Apostolic Church of God and SEIU Local 73's Political Engagement Committee.

With her strong blend of technical acumen and community engagement, Bryant is eager to contribute her skills to further HSI's growth and innovation.

HSI RECOGNIZED AT COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESS CONFERENCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Beginning fourth from left, left to right, Donald Dew, Commissioner Tara Stamps, Cook county Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Collaborative Bridges Executive Director Patrick Dombrowski.

Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI) was honored at a recent press conference led by Commissioner Tara Stamps (1st District) and the Cook County Board of Commissioners declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month. The event spotlighted three impactful initiatives advancing mental health support in the region — with HSI proudly among them.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle noted, “Mental Health Awareness Month is a time not only to raise awareness but to deepen our commitment to equitable health care and access for all Cook County residents.”

The Board’s official resolution recognized HSI’s work, stating: “Whereas, Habilitative Systems, Inc., under the leadership of CEO Donald Dew, provides critical support to individuals

“This is a powerful affirmation of the work we do every day...”

and families facing mental health challenges — delivering trauma-informed, community-centered care that helps to break the stigma and expand access to mental health services throughout Cook County.”

The resolution also honored two other efforts: Collaborative Bridges, a trauma-informed nonprofit network advancing culturally responsive mental health access — of which HSI is a key member — and ShopTalk, Commissioner Stamps’ barbershop-based initiative creating safe spaces for Black men to engage in mental health conversations.

“This is a powerful affirmation of the work we do every day to promote wellness, dignity, and equity for all,” said Dew.

HSI WELCOMES TWO DYNAMIC LEADERS TO STRENGTHEN REVENUE AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Habilitative Systems, Inc. is proud to announce the addition of two exceptional professionals to our team: **Genesis Porter** as Revenue Cycle Billing Manager and **Cheryl Pickens, MS, CADC, PCGC**, as Department Director for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services. These new hires bring decades of experience, strategic vision, and a shared passion for service that will enhance HSI's operational excellence and deepen our impact in the communities we serve.

Genesis Porter joined HSI on April 16, 2025, as our new Revenue Cycle Billing Manager. With more than 15 years in the healthcare finance industry, Genesis is known for her precision, efficiency, and results-driven leadership. She has a well-rounded background in Accounts Receivable management, insurance claims processing, audit reporting, and compliance oversight.

Her expertise in financial reviews and reconciliation ensures HSI remains fiscally strong and strategically aligned with best practices in revenue cycle management. Genesis's commitment to accuracy and operational improvement supports HSI's ongoing mission to deliver quality care and sustainable services across our programs.

On May 1, 2025, Cheryl Pickens joined HSI as Department Director of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services. With more than 16 years of experience in substance use and DUI program supervision, Cheryl is both a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Problem and Compulsive Gambling Counselor. She specializes in guiding individuals through recovery, particularly those involved with the criminal justice system.

Cheryl is known for her culturally competent, trauma-informed approach and transformational leadership style. She brings deep knowledge of clinical protocols and community reentry strategies that will enrich and expand HSI's SUD programming.

Please join us in welcoming Genesis and Cheryl to the HSI family as we continue to build a stronger, more impactful organization together.



*Genesis Porter
Revenue Cycle Billing Manager*



*Cheryl Pickens, MS, CADC, PCGC
Department Director (SUD)
Substance Use Disorder*



HSI LAUNCHES CULTURAL FAITH-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

HSI has launched a new Cultural Faith-Based Program through its Special Initiatives Department, aimed at strengthening mental health advocacy within faith communities. The initiative equips faith-based organizations with tools in community organizing and resource development to build sustainable, independent mental health efforts.

Leading the faith-based outreach aspect of this initiative is Pastor Ira Acree, a respected faith leader with deep ties across Chicago's religious and civic networks. Pastor Acree drives community engagement and promotion efforts, working alongside HSI Case Managers with expertise in mental health and substance use support.

The program focuses on expanding access to care by providing direct referrals, supportive services, and advocacy—particularly for individuals affected by behavioral health conditions.

Serving the Austin, North Lawndale, West Garfield Park, and Humboldt Park communities, the initiative is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Division of Mental Health. It is led by Chaundra Van Dyk-McGee, HSI's Director of Special Initiatives, who brings deep experience in advocacy and community engagement.



DONALD DEW SHOWCASES HSI HBCBO LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT AT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI) President and CEO Donald J. Dew presented at the 2025 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Conference in Chicago in June, spotlighting the growing national movement of Historically Black Community-Based Organizations (HBCBOs) which was launched last year by HSI.

“Community-based organizations like HSI have stood in the gap for decades,” Dew said, “addressing the deep-rooted challenges in African-American communities — from healthcare disparities and poverty to homelessness, mental illness, substance use, and violence.”

As an example, he showcased HSI’s comprehensive services which span a wide range of behavioral health and social service programs, including adult mental health, crisis counseling, employment and training, emergency housing and gun violence prevention and restorative justice. HSI has supported underserved communities in Chicago since 1978.

He also shared HSI’s Five-Year Impact Report which showed that HSI has served 1,140 clients across its core behavioral health programs. Notably, 100% of youth in HSI’s mental health services have avoided psychiatric hospitalization, 85% of participants in substance use recovery programs have maintained sobriety, and recidivism among court-involved youth in outpatient mental health programs is 0%.

With over 8,000 individuals served annually, a \$15 million operating budget, and services delivered at 17 sites across Chicago, HSI continues to lead by example—building culturally responsive systems of care and empowering other Black-led organizations to thrive.

“This work is not about charity,” Dew said. “It’s about justice, equity, and creating sustainable systems that reflect the voices and values of the communities we serve.”

“Community-based organizations like HSI have stood in the gap for decades”

Special Thanks to the HSI Management Team and Staff for Providing Impactful Services!



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Rest in Peace

We were just notified that Brad Cummings of The Voice Newspaper died in a recent fire on the Westside. HSI hosted a strategy meeting for The Voice Newspaper last week. RIP Brad, we truly appreciate your impactful service over the years and support of our community!