



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410-0001

THE SECRETARY

June 14, 2018

The Honorable Tom Barrett
Mayor of Milwaukee
City Hall
200 East Wells Street, Room 201
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3515

Dear Mayor Barrett:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that Westlawn Gardens was selected as this year's recipient of the HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award.

This award recognizes communities that demonstrate through provision of various community-oriented services the ability to address and overcome incredibly difficult social and economic challenges such as poverty, homelessness, and unemployment. The award honors a plan, program, or project that improves the quality of life for the residents of the communities served.

HUD and the American Planning Association recognize the success that Westlawn Gardens achieved through the implementation of innovative strategies that transformed the community. For these efforts Westlawn Gardens truly lives up to the spirit of what the HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award represents.

Please join me in congratulating Westlawn Gardens on this special award.

Sincerely,

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Benjamin S. Carson Sr.



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Mr. Antonio M. Pérez
Secretary-Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee
809 North Broadway Street
PO Box 324
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0324

Dear Mr. Pérez:

It is a great pleasure to congratulate Westlawn Gardens as this year's recipient of the HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award.

This award recognizes communities that demonstrate through provision of various community-oriented services the ability to address and overcome incredibly difficult social and economic challenges such as poverty, homelessness, and unemployment. The award honors a plan, program, or project that improves the quality of life for the residents of the communities served. HUD and the American Planning Association recognize your program for the success that it achieved through innovative strategies that prevent and reduce homelessness.

I commend your collaborative efforts to address one of this nation's most pressing issues and a major departmental priority. Westlawn Gardens truly lives up to the spirit of what the HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award represents and serves as a model for other communities.

I, again, congratulate you on this special achievement, and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

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Benjamin S. Carson Sr.