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Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc.



7th Annual

Doors of Opportunity Gala

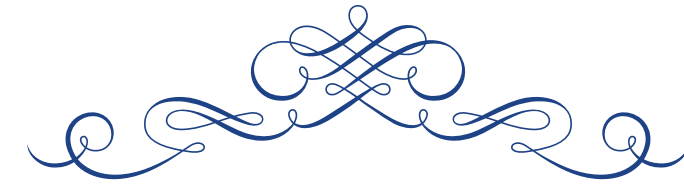
Thursday, October 13, 2022

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Welcome to
Blue Suits & Bling

Where friends of CAASTLC open
Doors of Opportunity to turn Blue & Bling
into Green in support of families
of St. Louis County.



Welcome to CAASTLC's 7th Annual Doors of Opportunity Gala. The theme for this year's event is "Blue Suits & Bling". We selected this theme because we thought that after coping with the impact of COVID, many of us would enjoy an opportunity to dress up and come out to support a worthy cause.

CAASTLC has been serving St. Louis County families for 54 years; and we have remained resilient and purposeful in our mission to serve our low-income neighbors. CAASTLC is among 1,000 poverty-fighting agencies throughout the United States that collectively deliver on a common mission of Helping People, Changing Lives. Our mission-driven programs and services are designed to help families transition from poverty to self-sufficiency for present and future generations.

Our comprehensive case management model allows us to meet our customers where they are and help them put a face on their challenges; instill hope; and create pathways to empowerment. We take pride in knowing that more than 40,000 customers who have come to rely on us can count on our being there to assist – whether it be energy/utility assistance, rent and mortgage assistance, employment, food support, reentry services, or housing support.

These past three years have

presented numerous challenges for our customers and our community. Through the pandemic, we sought new and innovative ways to address community needs. We took this opportunity to develop and redesign our approach to ensure that we remained diligent and accessible to our customers.

Our brand as a poverty-fighting agency is more widely recognized, and we continue to promote our purpose at every opportunity.

The services CAASTLC provides to our customers are essential and could not be accomplished without the dedication and commitment of our team of talented staff, our phenomenal Board of Directors, and our Community Advisory Council. I am grateful for our CAASTLC family and all that we continue to accomplish as a viable resource in St. Louis County.

To our donors, sponsors, collaborative partners, volunteers and friends, we appreciate you; and we are grateful for you. On behalf of the children and families who receive our services, we thank you!

We are excited about this evening and look forward to serving more families to help them attain self-sufficiency and experience positive, productive lives.

We will continue to open real doors to real opportunities.

Greetings from
Cenia D. Bosman



President & CEO
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Programme

7th Annual Doors of Opportunity



Reception	Friends of CAASTLC
Welcome	Carol Daniel, Emcee
Live Music	The Bosman Twins
We Are Community Action Agency of St. Louis County	Cenia D. Bosman, President & CEO and Sheila Pearson, Board Chair
Invocation of Blessings	Tony Steed

DINNER IS SERVED

AWARDS CEREMONY

Clayton Evans & Linda Eikerenkoetter, Event Chairs

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Susan Warren

EMERGING ROLE MODEL AWARD

Stanley Prince

JOURNEY AWARD

Daniel Isom II, Ph.D.

Director, Department of Public Safety, City of St. Louis

Let's Turn Blue & Bling to Green

Michael & Gail Holmes, Honorary Co-Chairs

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Adam Green, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of American History and the College

University of Chicago

Collaborator of the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute

Remarks	Cenia D. Bosman
Live Music	The Bosman Twins Dwight & Dwayne Bosman



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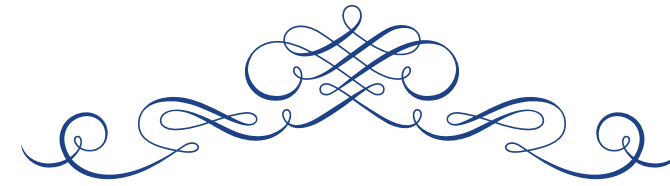
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Dreams: *Realized*



It is with honor and gratitude that I serve as Board Chair of this extraordinary organization. I understand and appreciate the critical role CAASTLC's staff plays in the lives of our customers. Since joining the CAASTLC Board, I have made a personal commitment to ensure that the Mission, Vision, and Strategic Initiatives of the organization remain strong, relevant, and impactful. I am humbled to lead such a powerful organization. I am also grateful for the support and dedication of my fellow board members as we partner with the President and Chief Executive Officer, Cenia Bosman, to encourage, inspire, and uplift those who need us

I encourage those of you attending tonight's event to join CAASTLC in its efforts to Help People Change Lives. Thank you for uniting with us!

Highest Regards,

Sheila Pearson
Board Chair, CAASTLC, Inc.

Greetings from
Sheila Pearson



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September 27, 2022

Cenia D. Bosman
President and Chief Executive Officer
Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc.
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Dear Cenia:

On behalf of the citizens of St. Louis County, I congratulate the Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAASTLC) on its 7th annual Doors of Opportunity Gala: "Blue Suits & Bling," an event designed to raise funds that enable the agency to open real doors of opportunity to income eligible customers of St. Louis County.

We congratulate you because as a part of a national network of over 1000 Community Action Agencies across America, CAASTLC is steadfast in the mission to help stabilize and enrich vulnerable households by instilling hope and creating pathways to empowerment. We congratulate you that through your commitment and work, families receive rental and mortgage assistance, electric, gas, sewer, and water assistance. We congratulate you because you are intentional and compassionate when you provide drug and alcohol, anger management, employment development, financial literacy and other life skills classes that help stabilize and advance wholesome family development. We congratulate you because through your reentry support for returning citizens, men and women have become entrepreneurs, have launched new businesses, and have dedicated themselves to higher education. Through your Poverty Simulations individuals are learning what real poverty looks like and can better appreciate the importance of philanthropic support. Your Step Up to Leadership workshops are teaching others how to become better integrated into the civic responsibility of their community by attending community meetings, joining boards, and stepping up to greater civic responsibilities. And to top it off, you own and operate the CAASTLC Seeds of Hope Farm that works to alleviate the food insecurities of families by providing fresh fruits and vegetables at affordable costs to county residents.

There is so much to thank you for as you celebrate 54 years of service to the families and communities of St. Louis County. Your community outreach, engagement and case management work help over 40,000 low-income residents annually. For this tremendous work, we say thank you.

I look forward to many more years of improving the strength of communities we serve together.

Thank you,

Sam Page



Marty A. Little
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September 27, 2022

The Board of Directors

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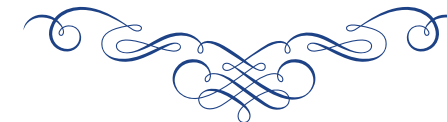
The Community Action Agency of Saint Louis County, Inc. is an important part of our community. Your service to help end poverty and assist families in making changes that impacts people of all generations now and in the future is a valuable role in our county.

On behalf of the City of Overland, allow me to express my thanks and congratulations to your organization and I look forward to an ongoing partnership between the city and your organization.

Thank you to your dedicated staff and volunteers for being a contributing factor that makes Overland A Great Place to Live.

Respectfully,

Marty A. Little
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September 28, 2022

Dear President Bosman and CAASTLC Board of Directors,

I am honored to congratulate the Community Action Agency of St. Louis County on their 7th Annual Doors of Opportunity Gala and for 54 years of phenomenal work in St. Louis. CAASTLC's dedication to service has changed lives. Your work is a testament to the agency's resolve and commitment to meeting the needs of families throughout St. Louis County. Because of you, tens of thousands of our community members in Missouri's First District have received the necessary resources to help keep their families afloat during some of the most challenging times in our history.

CAASTLC provides over 22 services that work to open "Doors of Opportunity" to families, helping them to transition from poverty, and working to ensure every person has the chance to thrive. This compassionate care is always given with a high level of dignity and respect, and it is what our community needs and deserves. For this, I salute you, President Bosman, and your team. Thank you for your commitment to excellent service delivery and for instilling hope to those who strive to see their way. Please keep serving our community in all the amazing ways that you do, CAASTLC. Your work shall not be in vain.

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October 13, 2022

Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc.
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Dear friends:

Thank you for your work these many years. For decades, CAASTLC has served St. Louisans in need and may the fruits of that tradition continue reaching over 40,000 people a year.

I hope this evening's gala serves to celebrate this work and inspire another year of service to the St. Louis community.

Sincerely,

Josh Hawley
United States Senator



Keynote Speaker



Adam Green, Ph.D.

Adam Green is a long-time collaborator of the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute. He appeared in the documentary about Sargent Shriver, *American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver*, and contributed to the planning and proposal of the Sargent Shriver Fellows Program at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics. Adam is currently leading the efforts to edit and annotate the forthcoming memoir by Sargent Shriver, *We Called It a War*. The memoir outlines Sargent Shriver's efforts to lead the War on Poverty.

Adam's academic home is the University of Chicago, where he is Associate Professor in the departments of History and of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity. His field specialties include modern US history; African American history; urban history; comparative racial politics; and cultural economy. He is also a Faculty Affiliate at the Center for the Study of Race, Politics,

and Culture; a Faculty Board Member at the Karla Scherer Center for the Study of American Culture; and a Senior Fellow at the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts at the College.

Adam is the author of *Selling the Race: Culture, Community and Black Chicago, 1940-1955* and co-editor of *Time Longer Than Rope: A Century of African American Activism*. He has lectured on campuses and at community venues, appeared in multiple film documentaries, and on WTTW (PBS) Chicago, WBEZ Chicago (radio), Al-Jazeera, BBC (radio) and C-SPAN. He has been involved in community-based initiatives in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles related to police accountability and educational justice.

Adam is also currently involved in a Columbia University project to create the official oral history of the Obama presidency.



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Community Action Agency of St. Louis County

The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Our Core Values

Commitment to Community

We believe in working together, sharing ideas, bringing change and open communications with our community residents, partners, and stakeholders.

Excellence in Customer Service

We believe in treating our customers, vendors, and employees with the highest degree of dignity, equality, and trust.

Dedication to Staff

We believe in building strong relationships by respecting one another and valuing each other's needs, time, and contributions.

Integrity

We believe in being honest, trustworthy, respectful, and ethical in our actions.

Stewardship of Resources

We believe in being dedicated to building a better, stronger and more durable agency for future generations, meeting our commitments to stakeholders, developing our people and helping improve our communities.

Mission

The mission of CAASTLC is to stabilize and enrich vulnerable households by instilling hope and creating pathways to empowerment. We are committed to helping the families and communities of St. Louis County transition from poverty to self-sufficiency for present and future generations.

Vision

Healthy families thriving in their community free from poverty and social exclusion

A wide range of opportunities and accessibility to education, healthcare, careers, and safe, affordable, energy efficient housing

Inclusive communities that sustain economic opportunities and business growth

Communities where everyone is treated with dignity and respect and the barriers of structural and systematic inequities have been removed.

History of Community Action Agencies

In his State of the Union address to Congress on January 8, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared "an unconditional" 'War on Poverty' in America. In August of that year, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (EOA) was passed, creating a Federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). The OEO created Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to empower individuals and families living in poverty.

CAASTLC, Inc. was originally incorporated as Human Development Corporation of Metropolitan St. Louis (HDC) in 1968. In 2003, Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc. became part of a national rebranding effort to make CAAs more identifiable in their communities.

CAASTLC provides services to more than 40,000 customers per year in St. Louis County. There are currently over 1,000 CAAs nationwide, engaged in a broad range of activities including energy assistance, home weatherization, job training, and leadership classes.



Charting our Course... Reducing Poverty

Emcee Carol A. Daniel



Carol began her career at the “Voice of St. Louis” in 1995 as an anchor, reporter and talk show host. The program director was driving to Memphis with his family, heard Carol on the air at a radio station in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and called her to invite her to apply for a job at the legendary station. She got the job and moved to St. Louis two weeks later to begin her career at KMOX. The 38-year media veteran was once a campaign organizer, a recruiter for the U.S. Census Bureau, and even worked as a substitute teacher!

Carol is a gifted motivational speaker who believes in the biblical verse, “To whom much is given, much is required.” The St. Louis Media History Foundation inducted her into the Media Hall of Fame in 2022. In 2021, the Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalist named her a “Living Legend” and in 2019, the St. Louis Press Club selected her as a Media Person of the year. The National Newspaper Association has honored Carol twice for her column in the St. Louis American Newspaper for humor. Her other honors have come from the Missouri Broadcaster’s Association, the YWCA Women’s Leader Class, STL TV, and Delux Magazine of St. Louis selected her to their Power 100.

Carol served three terms as President of the Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalists. She is a member of New Life in Christ Interdenominational Church in O’Fallon, Illinois where she and her husband spearheaded the couple’s ministry, “Journey to Oneness” for nearly a decade.

Carol A. Daniel is first and foremost, a mother and wife. She and her husband Patrick are celebrating 27 years of marriage. They are also the proud parents of two sons, 25-year-old Patrick Henry Daniel Jr., a software developer and 21-year-old Marcus Isiah Daniel, an actor and poet who is currently training to be a chef.

A Voice of St. Louis we love to hear . . . Carol Daniel.



Programs & Services

CAASTLC PROGRAMS & SERVICES For Income Eligible Customers

- FAMILY & ECONOMIC SECURITY**
 - Family Case Management
 - Drug & Alcohol Education Classes
 - Anger Management Education Classes
 - Employment Development
 - Life Skills Classes
 - Reentry Support for Returning Citizens

HOUSING SERVICES

- Weatherization Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Housing Counseling
- Disaster Relief
- Rent/Mortgage Assistance

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- LIHEAP / Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Dollar Help, Dollar More & Heat Up
- LIWAP/Low-income Water Assistance Program
- Water and Sewer Services

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- Drive-Through Food Pantry
- CAASTLC’s Seeds of Hope Farm – Food Share

YOUTH SERVICES

- Youth Case Management
- HiSET (GED)
- Reality Enrichment and Life Lessons (REALL)
- CAASTLC Seeds of Hope Farm Using STEM Curriculum

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Poverty Simulations
- Job Fairs & Hiring Events
- Step Up to Leadership

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- Employer-Based Small Dollar Loan Program
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“Blue Suits & Bling - Help Us Raise the Green”
Silent Auction



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The Bosman Twins

Florida A&M University music scholars, Dwayne Bosman and Dwight Bosman are composers, arrangers, jazz artists and music educators.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Dwayne's and Dwight's passion for jazz started at an early age. They grew up listening to the sounds of great jazz artists such as Earl "Fatha" Hines, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and their father Lloyd Smith, who was a well-known businessman and a side man in Basie's and Ellington's orchestras. Paula V. Smith, the twins' mother and the first African American Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division for the U.S. Department of Labor under the Regan Administration, was also an avid jazz lover. Influenced by famous musicians, like family friends, Louis Armstrong, John Coltrane and Charlie Parker, by age 14 the twins were performing professionally as The Bosman Twins. Over the years, The Bosman Twins have shared their love of music and the stage with entertainment legends Freddie Cole, Branford Marsalis, Fontella Bass, Roy Ayers, David Peaston and the late trumpeter, Lester Bowie. Whether performing with their own band or accompanying other notable jazz professionals, their unique style and renditions of jazz, rhythm and blues, funk and gospel have earned them national and international acclaim.

In April of 2015, the "Legendary" Bosman Twins released an album of original music, entitled "When Lions Roar" and from the album "Many Moons," a cinematic jazz video was released. During their



inaugural CD release weekend, The Bosman Twins sold out all four shows at The Ferring Jazz Bistro, inside the Harold and Dorothy Steward Center for Jazz in addition to jazz houses across the country.

The Bosman Twins are extremely proud and grateful for awards and recognitions received and opportunities provided to share their music with the rest of the world. On September 12, 2021, The Bosman Twins were honored for their work and contribution to the St. Louis music scene when they received the "Legends Award" from The Kranzberg Foundation during

the inaugural Music at The Intersection Heritage Festival. In January 2016, The Bosman Twins received the prestigious Excellence in the Arts from the St. Louis Arts and Education Council, and in November of 2015, they were inducted into the St. Louis Jazz Hall of Fame and received the George Smith Diversity Award from the Musicians' Association of St. Louis Local 2-187. In May of 2010, The Bosman Twins traveled to Stuttgart, Germany with City of St. Louis Mayor, Francis Slay and delegation, where they opened The American Days Festival at the U.S. Consulate General performing for DPO Doria Rosen and other illustrious guests.

These distinguished gentlemen of jazz are composers, arrangers, recording and performing artists who share in the legacy and tradition of great jazz through education, creativity and innovation. The Bosman Twins are true ambassadors of music.

“Congratulations CAASTLC, Inc. on your 7th Annual Doors of Opportunity Gala.”

The Bosman Twins

Honorary Co-Chairs

Gail and Michael grew up in St Louis. Gail graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and Michael graduated from Washington University. Shortly after Gail's graduation, they moved to Houston, Texas and began their careers. Over the next 15 years, they moved seven times and lived in six different states as they climbed the corporate ladder. Gail worked in Sales and Marketing while Michael worked in Human Resources.



Michael and Gail Holmes

In 1996 they returned to St Louis when Michael became a Partner and Chief Human Resources Officer with Edward Jones, and Gail resumed her modeling career while they raised their children.

In 2005, Michael joined Express Scripts as Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer and over the next five years ascended to the position of Executive Vice President with responsibility for all the domestic subsidiaries, firm strategy, research, and clinical services and most of the corporate staff groups.

In 2009 Gail and Michael chaired the Charmaine Chapman Society and raised more than \$1.7 million for the United Way of Greater St Louis. The Charmaine

Chapman Society is the largest and most successful African American giving group within the United States.

In 2010, Michael led the spin-off of Rx Outreach from Express Scripts and converted the organization into a non-profit entity, enabling underserved communities the ability to access affordable medication. Gail poured herself into the mission and volunteered to improve community outreach and fundraising. To date Rx Outreach has saved patients over \$800 million and helped improve

the quality of life for approximately half a million people.

Gail has written and published a children's book "Is My Little Boy Blue?" in hopes of encouraging conversations and destigmatizing mental health.

Michael and Gail continue to volunteer in the community, serving at One Family Church and individually on non-profit organizations such as BJC Healthcare, Rx Outreach, and The Fam which this past year has helped over 40 African American families purchase their first home.

They enjoy traveling and spending time with their children and four granddaughters.

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— Sargent Shriver

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Journey Award

Dr. Daniel Isom was appointed Interim Director of Public Safety for the City of St. Louis by Mayor Tishaura Jones on April 20, 2021. He is currently on leave as the executive director of the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS).

Isom joined the Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department in 1988 and was appointed Chief of Police in 2008. He was the city's 33rd Chief of Police, and the 3rd African American to serve in this role. He retired in 2013 after 24 years of service.

Dr. Isom is an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and an adjunct professor at the Washington University-St. Louis Brown School of Social Work. Isom served as the Public Safety Director for Missouri during the Ferguson Crisis and co-chaired the working group on Citizen-Law Enforcement Relations as a member of the Ferguson Commission.

Isom received a Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, all from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He holds a Master's in Public Administration from St. Louis University, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, FBI National Executive Institute, and the Police Executive Forum Senior Management Institute.

Isom has a variety of interests related to the management of police operations. The structural design of police departments from a political and community perspective, operational strategies for crime control, police officers' individual behavioral issues, professional cultural perspectives' influence on community-police relations, and police management are professional and research emphasis of Dr. Isom.

The Journey Award is presented in appreciation of an individual's or organization's history of dedication to making every step in life's journey a step toward a better community. This award is bestowed upon an individual or organization whose contributions and actions have made a difference in the lives of others and goes above and beyond their given role. They are committed to helping people and changing lives.



Daniel Isom II, Ph.D.

Eisenhower Fellowships selected him as an U.S.A. Eisenhower Fellow in 2013 to study police education and training in Europe. Dr. Isom was also a Fellow at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics in 2016.

Community Action Agency of St. Louis County is pleased to bestow the 2022 Doors of Opportunity Journey Award upon Dr. Isom through his dedicated work, he has made a meaningful difference in the lives of others throughout his career. His work is most notable and highly regarded.



Stanley Prince

Owner Operator
Prince on Arize Lawn Care, LLC

The Emerging Role Model Award is presented in honor of an individual's commitment to transform numerous obstacles on life's path into opportunities. Their life is a shining example of growth and leadership that motivates others to be that same beacon of light in their community.

Emerging Role Model Award



Susan Warren

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The Volunteer Award is presented to an individual who works to create a better and safer community through teamwork, collaboration, dedication, and a commitment. This individual is a dynamic force that inspires people to help themselves and others to build strong families and lively communities.

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“What can change the world today is the same thing that has changed it in the past—an idea and the service of dedicated, committed individuals to that idea.”

— Sargent Shriver

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