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## DC Department of Human Resources (DCHR) Announces 16th Annual Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Awards Ceremony to Honor the Best in Public Service

Washington, DC: On Wednesday, June 28, 2017 [The George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership](#) in partnership with the DC Department of Human Resources and [The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation](#) will host [The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cafritz Awards](#), an annual program designed to recognize and reward outstanding performance and exemplary service by DC Government employees. As part of this year's ceremony, five Individual winners and an innovative team will be recognized for providing outstanding service to the residents of Washington, DC

**WHAT:** [The 16th Annual Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Awards](#) (hosted by The George Washington Center for Excellence in Public Leadership)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Reception)  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Ceremony)

**WHERE:** The Cloyd Heck Marvin Center, The George Washington University, Cafritz Conference Center, 800 21<sup>st</sup> Street N.W., Washington, DC 20052

**WHO:** Awards ceremony speakers to include:

**Master of Ceremonies:** [Mr. James Robinson](#), Executive Director, GW Center for Excellence in Public Leadership

**Welcoming Remarks:** Mr. Calvin Cafritz, Chairman, President and CEO, The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

**Congratulatory Remarks:** The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor, Washington, District of Columbia

Dr. Steven Knapp, President, The George Washington University

**Awards Recipients:**

Dr. Reena Chakraborty, Ph.D., Supervisory Statistician/Chief of Strategic Planning and Analysis, Management Support Division, Department of Corrections; Reena used data to help inform strategic decision-making.

Ms. Theresa Donaldson-DePass, Program Director (retired), Mental Health Services Division, Department of Behavioral Health; Theresa established the first and only behavioral health urgent care program in the District.

Mr. Rahim Jenkins, Administrative Officer, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services; Rahim helped decrease violence among youth by creating the "Covenant of Peace", an anti-violence initiative geared toward dealing with the systemic issues in and around violence.

Ms. Laverne Plater, Nurse Consultant, Department of Behavioral Health/Saint Elizabeths Hospital; Laverne helped to build bridges between Saint Elizabeths and long-term care facilities for mental illness patients.

Mr. Paul Taylor, Recreation Specialist/Site Lead, Department of Parks and Recreation; Paul helped transform the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center into a safe haven for Southwest youth.

Medicaid Enrollment Team, DC Office on Aging/Department of Health Care Finance (Team Award): Mia Butler, Mary Devasia, Lourdine Jean-Francois, Jennifer (Jenna) Crawley, Gerald (Jerry) Kasunic, Katrice Jefferson, Sara Tribe Clark, Shante Trumpet, Becky Hazlett, Dominique Vinson; the team improved access to in-home care for the elderly and people with disabilities!