

Award: Henrietta De Boer Volunteer of the Year - 2018
Recipient: Derrius Carter
Presenter: Paulette Colemon Peeples

Good evening. I am Paulette Colemon-Peeples and we are now ready to begin our Awards Program for this evening.

Our Award Recipients are listed on Page 7 of your Adbook.

I would like to ask Derrius Carter to join me on stage, and I would like to ask Ashley Buckley to come up front and have a seat until her award presentation.

Derrius Carter – Henrietta De Boer Volunteer of the Year Award

It is my honor this evening to present the Henrietta De Boer Volunteer of the Year Award.

This Award honors individuals who have distinguished themselves as volunteers in their dedication and service to CCHCC and its mission.

Tonight we honor Derrius Carter.

Derrius was my first Intern at CCHCC in the Fall Semester last year. But even though Derrius was an Intern, he went above and beyond his responsibilities as an Intern to help me and to help CCHCC.

I had just started my new position as Medicare 100/Plus Program Coordinator, and I had a lot to learn about our Program and our Members, and I had to figure out the best way to organize all the parts of the Program as its new Coordinator.

Derrius was always there with a positive attitude and he jumped in to help right away.

When I was overwhelmed or intimidated, Derrius said "Change is good!"

It took a lot of convincing, and with me that's not done easy.

But Derrius, you did it. You helped me see that change is good, and you also made it fun.

And just like our mission, you helped me make concrete improvements in people's lives, but also in my life and the future of the program!

You helped me create a whole new filing system, and it is amazing!

Besides Medicare 100/Plus, Derrius helped with a million other things, including answering phones for us for more shifts than I can count, doing research, and creating beautiful handouts for us.

And Derrius always did his work with a positive attitude, and with warmth and grace, and he was always ready to help at any time.

Derrius is currently a student at U of I and is graduating this spring, and we are very proud of him.

Derrius has chosen to have a career in Community Health so he will continue to be in tune with the CCHCC mission which is to make concrete improvement in peoples live.

So now, it is with honor and true gratefulness I present you, my first intern, Derrius Carter with the Henrietta De Boer Volunteer of the Year Award.