

**Award:** David LeRoy Anderson Community-Building Award - 2018  
**Recipient:** Ashley Buckley  
**Presenter:** Adani Sanchez

Good Evening! I am Adani Sanchez, Client Services Coordinator. I am so excited to present the David LeRoy Anderson Community-Building Award to CCHCC former intern, Ashley Buckley. This award is given to an individual whose work goes above and beyond to not only advance access to health care, but unites and mobilizes a community for health care justice. And that is what David LeRoy Anderson embodied.

“Dave Anderson was CCHCC's door canvasser for 15 years, until his death in August 2001. Dave was an intelligent, funny, compassionate, kind, sincere and charming man, who committed the last 15 years of his life to working to support social justice in health care. He went door-to-door all over Champaign County, talking with people in their homes and would tell people about CCHCC and the latest health care issues, asking about the health care issues they were facing. He is legendary among community organizers throughout Illinois for his excellence as a canvasser. Dave loved this challenging position, and his efforts resulted in thousands of people joining CCHCC as members.”

I did not have the pleasure to work with Dave, but I have heard so many stories about the true commitment to his work and I have met so many people who were introduced to CCHCC's work through Dave Anderson. “The David LeRoy Anderson Community-Building Award honors individuals who have dedicate themselves to building a community that will care for one another and fight for what's right.”

Ashley came to us as a Social Work student, unaware of what the semester would bring. Ashley worked closely with me as we completed health insurance and financial assistance applications and tried to solve problems with our clients, but what I did not realize is that she was using her social work skills to recognize inefficiencies within our own organization.

With her experience in customer service, Ashley knew exactly how to ask the right questions to figure out what a client needed. She picked up quickly on the technical details of Medicare and the various programs associated with it. But most importantly, she treated every single client with respect and dignity. Her commitment to social service was obvious, but I guess I did not realize how far that commitment went. Through her help with data entry on all our cases, she brought up an idea, she knew there was a better way for us to keep track of the work we were doing in client services.

She came to a staff meeting with information on a database that non-profits could use for free and that we could build to suit our needs. It was secure, cloud based, and user friendly (sometimes). She did not just throw this idea out flippantly, but she took it further by setting up multiple accounts for staff members, recording training videos and holding several meetings to figure out every field and object.

Then she built the database herself.

This was not part of her Internship. This was an organizational development project for which she saw a need, and she spearheaded it and got it up and running!

Now we are able to create reports about how many applications we have completed or how many calls we have received on one issue without having to

manually check each client folder. This is vital for showing the work that we do and having the data to back it up. And we are better positioned to accurately see trends in the issues consumers are having accessing healthcare and getting covered.

Ashley built a foundation upon which our organization can grow and improve, her impact at CCHCC will have a lasting effect. She has now graduated and continues to be available for us when we have questions or need help. I am eternally grateful to have been graced with her kindness, joy, and her passion for social justice. I know wherever she ends up, she will be doing the work it takes to create change. On behalf of Champaign County Health Care Consumers, I am overjoyed to present Ashley with the David LeRoy Anderson Community Building Award.