

Gertrude Broach Receives Prestigious Award

On September 18, Ms. Gertrude Broach from Church Point was honored at the Louisiana Housing Council 2014 Fall Conference held in the Emerald Room at DiamondJacks Casino Resort Hotel in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Ms. Gertrude was presented with the Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence honoring her work and long time dedication to housing. The award is given to a person who has shown personal commitment - going above and beyond - to insure the success of the future of housing and redevelopment of our communities.

The Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence is the Louisiana Housing Council's most distinguished award acknowledging accomplishments on the State, Regional, and National Levels. It is the most prestigious award an individual can receive from the LHC.

The award is given in recognition of long time housing champion, Mr. Philip W. Miller, whose life symbolizes what it takes to make the housing industry and our communities better places. The LHC honors the work and dedication of Mr. Philip W. Miller by presenting this coveted award in his name.

In 1964, Ms. Gertrude began her career in public housing as Executive Director of the Church Point Housing Authority. She is the only Charter Member of the LHC still active today, with her service to the housing industry spanning over 40 years. She served as LHC Secretary in 1968 and earned her Public Housing Management Certification in 1975. Ms. Gertrude started and served as Committee Chair of the LHC Insurance Program. In recognition of her work in helping to start the LHC self-insurance programs, a \$5,000 Scholarship was created in her name.

A few of the many accomplishments and awards Ms. Gertrude has earned over the years include: Served as President of the LHC from 1975 to 1976; Spearheaded the passage of Louisiana Senate Bill 339 in 1981; Served several terms on the National Board of Governors of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment; Named LHC Member of the Year in 1990; Served as Chairman of the LHC Award Committee in 1992; Honored with the SWNAHRO Farris Award in 1999; Created the NAHRO's small agency task force which is still active today.

Family, work, and events are top priorities in Ms. Gertrude's life. She has whole heartedly given of herself to the housing industry, but has also given equally of herself to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who are her greatest joys in life. Through the years, Ms. Gertrude has always been a dedicated mother, grandmother, and now great grandmother, and she has worked tirelessly as a housing and community development advocate.

Family and friends of Ms. Gertrude attending the event were sons, Mitchell Broach and his wife Tricia from Ville Platte and Marshall Broach and his wife Carolyn from Church Point, her nephew Dale Wimberly and his wife Pam from Church Point, architect and long-time friend Don O'Rourke and his wife Jenny from Lafayette, Town of Church Point Mayor Roger Boudreaux, and Church Point Housing Authority Executive Director Charles A. Labbe.

Congratulations to Ms. Gertrude Broach, 2014 Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence recipient, who truly epitomizes what the Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence represents.

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