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**PAUL COLEMAN HONORED  
WITH COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD'S  
2019 NANCY JEFFREY ADVOCATE AWARD**

(Columbus, OH) – Paul Coleman, who serves as Lector at Saint Catherine Parish and is a member of the Lift Up Your Neighbor Campaign Cabinet formed to build the new Bishop Griffin Resource Center at Christ the King Parish, was recognized with the 2019 Nancy Jeffrey Advocate Award. Given by Community Shelter Board, the award honors exemplary work among its partner agencies. Mr. Coleman was honored for the quarter-century of his career spent helping central Ohioans move from illness to recovery. He served as the chief of Maryhaven, central Ohio’s oldest behavioral health center, from 1991 to 2016.

Under Coleman’s steady leadership, Maryhaven grew from a small ministry caring for 2,500 people a year to a robust public behavioral health center with 25 programs in six counties, caring for 10,000 people a year. He led Maryhaven to be a critical partner in serving the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. During his tenure, Maryhaven opened a life-saving shelter for people experiencing alcohol and drug addiction, a street outreach program delivering integrated services and engagement to people living outdoors, and a supportive housing program for people who are disabled that have experienced long-term homelessness.

“Paul has shown up for people suffering under the weight of homelessness and addiction. He has shown up for people with disabilities living on the streets. He has shown up for people who have been thrown away by society. Paul’s heart is big, and he makes room for everyone,” said Anne Jeffrey Wright, daughter of Nancy Jeffrey, joined by Franklin County Commissioner Kevin Boyce to remark about Coleman’s community impact.

Prior to his time leading Maryhaven, Coleman worked as an attorney. Back in 1983, when Community Shelter Board was just an idea, Paul came to the defense of the only homeless shelter in Columbus when it was sued over zoning debates.

Coleman attended Bishop Hartley High School in Bexley and was a member of The Ohio State University football team coached by Woody Hayes. An attorney, he served in the administrations of two Democratic governors: as deputy director of the Ohio Department of Public Welfare

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under Gov. John J. Gilligan, and as head of the Governor's Office for Recovery Services for Gov. Richard F. Celeste.

More than seven hundred people attended an awards ceremony held at Under One Roof benefiting Community Shelter Board on June 12, 2019 at the Jo Ann Davidson Theatre at the Vern Riffe Center. Given for the first time this year, the award honors Nancy Jeffrey's tireless activism on behalf of vulnerable people in our community.

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served more than 12,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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Paul Coleman



Franklin County Commissioner Kevin Boyce,  
Paul Coleman, Anne Jeffrey Wright

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