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**TREATS FOR THE STREETS HONORED WITH COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD'S
2024 BOB LAZARUS UNSUNG HERO AWARD**

(Columbus, OH) – Community Shelter Board honored Treats for the Streets with its 2024 Bob Lazarus Unsung Hero Award in recognition of their passionate work to advocate on behalf of people experiencing homelessness.

An awards ceremony was held today at Columbus State Community College, attended by more than 250 people, where a series of awards were presented.

Treats for the Streets has made a remarkable impact by serving 140 community members every week at the Columbus Downtown Library. Since its inception in 2021, the organization has provided restaurant-quality meals, fresh baked goods, and essential items to thousands of individuals facing financial crises and displacement. Their efforts have brought a sense of dignity, community, and belonging to those in need.

Founder Sherrell Johnson's journey is deeply personal and inspiring. Once homeless herself, she dreamed of enjoying gourmet desserts. This passion led her to start Bake 350 and, in 2021, she founded Treats for the Streets to provide high-quality food to those in need. Under her leadership, the organization has served over 3,000 individuals, delivered more than 3,000 hot meals weekly, and engaged more than 300 volunteers.

Sherrell's passion for helping others and her commitment to highlighting the experiences of the unhoused continue to bring hope and joy to many. Treats for the Streets has had a profound impact on our community.

Community Shelter Board honors quiet and steadfast work in the trenches with its Unsung Hero Award. This annual award honors Robert Lazarus' lifetime of humble and steady leadership. This award highlights the efforts of community members working directly with and for people facing homelessness.

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home in Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio. CSB was founded in 1986 on the vision that no one should be homeless in our community, for even one night. As the system leader for the

prevention of and response to homelessness in Central Ohio, CSB funds and coordinates care across 16 partner agencies providing outreach, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and housing programs to help low-income families and single adults facing homelessness in Franklin County regain housing stability. Over the past 10 years alone, CSB's system of care has housed more than 35,000 people.

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