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**Talbert House Recognizes Community Leaders at Annual Luncheon**  
*Over 90,000 impacted through direct and prevention services last year*

CINCINNATI—On September 28, Talbert House held its annual luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Cincinnati, celebrating the achievements of the past year and honoring three individuals who have made an impact on the community and the Agency’s mission.

The Ernest Talbert Award was presented to Ed Latessa, Professor and Director of the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Having directed over 195 funded research projects and assessed more than 1,000 correctional programs, Latessa is a leader in the field of community corrections research. Talbert House has been fortunate to partner with Professor Latessa throughout the past 30 years through consultation and program evaluations.

District Chief of Emergency Medical Services with the Cincinnati Fire Department, Cedric Robinson, received the Agnes Seasingood Award. A member of the Cincinnati Fire Department since 1991, Chief Robinson serves on the steering team of the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and has been instrumental in establishing Quick Response Teams in Cincinnati. These teams are a coordinated effort between Cincinnati Fire, Police, and Talbert House to engage victims of opiate overdose in treatment services.

Gwen McFarlin, a Trustee in Springfield Township, received the Community Service Award. McFarlin has served as a Springfield Township Trustee since 1995, and was the first African-American woman elected to such a position in the state of Ohio. In addition to serving as the co-chair of the Democratic Party and the chair of the Tax Levy Review Committee, she has also served on the Mental Health Works and Talbert House boards promoting mental health and addiction treatment.

“It is our honor to recognize the achievements of these three accomplished professionals. Talbert House along with the entire community has benefitted from their commitment to improving the lives of others.” Said Neil Tilow, President and CEO.

Talbert House served 23,500 clients face to face and over 70,100 in hotline and prevention services during the past year. Review the Agency’s performance and share in the success of those served in the 2018 Annual Report online, at [www.talberthouse.org](http://www.talberthouse.org).

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**Talbert House** is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Addictions, Community Care, Community Corrections, Housing, and Mental Health. Children, adults and families benefit from these proven services. Last year, Talbert House served over 23,500 clients face to face and an additional 70,100

*through hotline and prevention services throughout Southwest Ohio. Talbert House's mission is to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.*