

Rotary Club of Howard West Names 2025 Beacon of Hope Honorees

National & Local Leaders to be Honored on November 1 at The Kittleman Room



Harvesting Hope

Servant Leadership Awards & Annual Fundraiser



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Howard West (MD)

Saturday, November 1, 2025
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

Early Bird Tickets: \$125/pp until 10/31/25
General tickets: \$150/pp or two (2) for \$250 (code: RCHW2) when purchased together
Early Bird Group Tickets: \$1,000 (code: HHAF10) for table of 10 until 10/31/25
Group tickets: \$1,350 (code: RCHW10) for a table of 10
Donations can be made using code: DONATE



The Kittleman Room (DH 100)
Duncan Hall
Howard Community College
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044



Tables, Tickets or Questions about Sponsorship?
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2025 Beacon of Hope Awardees



Col. (Ret.) Edna W. Cummings, Army Reserve Ambassador-Maryland, Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal Champion, and Documentary Producer



Hon. William Barnes, Superintendent, Howard County Public Schools



Ann Heavner, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Howard County



Somnath Sengupta, PhD, Founder, My Life Learning Center



Jean Accius, PhD, President & CEO, CHC: Creating Healthier Communities



Marcus Smith, II Former NFL 1st Round Draft Pick & CEO, The Circle of M

Baltimore, Maryland Oct 17, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Rotary Club of Howard West (MD) is proud to announce the 2025 Beacon of Hope awardees, recognizing and celebrating servant leaders who bring innovation, compassion, and lasting impact to our communities.

This year's honorees are:

- Ann Heavner, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Howard County
- Col. (Ret.) Edna W. Cummings, Army Reserve Ambassador-Maryland, Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal Champion, and Documentary Producer

- Hon. William Barnes, Superintendent, Howard County Public Schools
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“This year’s Beacon of Hope honorees are true trailblazers, thought leaders, and strategic doers,” said Rawle Andrews Jr., Esq., president of the Rotary Club of Howard West. “They shine a bright light of hope for today’s and future generations, particularly our children and older adults. We look forward to celebrating their incredible contributions with the entire Baltimore/Washington community. There’s no place like hope.”

The 2025 Beacon of Hope honorees will be recognized at the Harvesting Hope Servant Leadership Awards & Annual Fundraiser, taking place Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET in The Kittleman Room (DH-100), Duncan Hall, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044).

What to Expect at the Event:

- Food: International cuisines to delight every palate
- Entertainment: World-class magic show with Dave Thomen of D’s Magic
- Silent Auction: Exclusive items and experiences up for bid
- Networking: Invitees include national and local business, government, nonprofit leaders and Rotarians across District 7620 and beyond
- Attire: Glitter & glamour — dress to impress!

For tickets or questions about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Dr. Geetha Jayaram at districtgovernor2122@gmail.com or Ms. Rudy Scott at rudylscott@gmail.com.

About Rotary Club of Howard West

The Rotary Club of Howard West, based in Ellicott City, Maryland, is part of Rotary International — a global network of 45,000 clubs and over 1.4 million members dedicated to community service, peacebuilding, education, disease prevention, clean water, maternal and child health, economic development, and environmental stewardship. Since its founding in 2014 as part of District 7620, Howard West Rotarians have organized impactful local and international service projects with an emphasis on mental health and wellbeing, the interests of women and girls, and community service. Our club meets weekly in a hybrid format on Mondays @ 6:30pm ET at the Glory Days Grill in Ellicott City, MD. To learn more about our club or get involved in our mission of “Service Above Self,” please visit www.websites.dacdb.com/howardwestrotary.com, or email rawleandrewsjr@gmail.com.

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