



## **For Immediate Release**

### **Dominican Center Nominated for MANDI Cornerstone Award**

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17, 2019 — Shining a spotlight on local organizations and their commitment and effectiveness over time, The Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (known as the MANDIs) has announced that the Dominican Center is a finalist for the 2020 BMO Harris Cornerstone award.

As the Dominican Center celebrates a milestone anniversary, the Cornerstone award will help celebrate 25 years of resident-led change in the Amani neighborhood, through education and family well-being, housing and economic development, and neighborhood safety.

The MANDIs will celebrate 21 years and continue to celebrate the “good news” of successful efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and strengthen the community. From public nominations, a volunteer Selection Committee has named 12 finalists for awards this year.

Finalists in six categories were announced at a public event at the Jewels Caribbean Restaurant located on Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee to an audience on Wednesday night. Natasha Jewel, Restaurant Co-Owner hosted the event.

With U.S. Bank as presenting sponsor, in partnership with LISC Milwaukee, the MANDIs recognize individuals, organizations, and projects that are improving conditions in Milwaukee’s neighborhoods. Finalists are selected from public nominations by a 40-member, independent, cross-sector volunteer committee. Winners will be announced during an award show style gala at the 21st Annual MANDIs on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino. The event draws a diverse audience of more than 750 leaders from the private, philanthropic and nonprofit sectors.

More information, as well as a complete list of categories and nominees are available at <https://www.lisc.org/milwaukee/mandi/>.

#### **About the Dominican Center**

Dominican Center is located at 2470 W. Locust Street, in the Amani neighborhood. It works with Amani residents and partners to build a better future. Dominican Center served as the community anchor for the White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, Building Neighborhood Capacity Program and is the lead community partner for the US Department of Justice’s Innovations of Community Based Crime Reduction grant for Amani.

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