

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CHAIRS



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2019 Chair
CAN Board of Directors



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CAN MISSION

CAN is a partnership of governmental, non-profit, private and faith-based organizations which leverage mutual resources to collectively improve social, health, educational and economic opportunities in our community.

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TOGETHER WE CAN!

Annual Celebration

METZ RECREATION CENTER
JANUARY 10, 2020

BULTER AWARDS - SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION

Honors an organization or collaborative that has worked to bring together people, organizations, civic, business and/or community groups or initiatives to collectively address community needs in an effective manner, thus improving the health, well-being & safety of the community.

Central Texas African American Family Support Conference



The Central Texas African American Family Support Conference (CTAAFSC), hosted by Integral Care, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2020 on February 10 and

11. This unique event is planned in collaboration with people with lived experience, family members, professionals and other volunteers, bringing together over 400 individuals each year. The CTAAFSC aims to increase access to mental and physical health services, reduce stigma, and eliminate health care disparities in our community. Individuals with lived experience, family members, community members, and professionals come together to gain a greater understanding of mental health, substance use disorder, intellectual and developmental disabilities and more and to gain the tools they need to build health and well-being. Learn more at ctaafsc.org.

BUTLER AWARDS - BRIDGE BUILDER

Honors an individual who has worked quietly or behind the scenes to bring about positive community change by building "bridges" to unite people or causes, serving as a role model and inspiration to others.

Vince Cobalis



Vince Cobalis is currently serving his 3rd year as Chair of the City of Austin's Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission. As part of the Commission, he has increased the focus on equity resulting in increased funding for language access, interpretation and translation. Prior to his work on the Commission, he served as the City of Austin Assistant Director for Human Services for 10 years through which he played a leadership role in determining strategic directions for the delivery of Human Services in the Austin/Travis County. Vince has led efforts to increase culturally appropriate services through nonprofits and is involved with a number of initiatives/ organizations including: Asian American Resource Center, Network of Asian American Organizations, the Asian American Employee Network and CAN's Language Access Action Team. When Vince isn't building bridges in the community he is using his 40 years of martial arts experience to teach Tai Chi.

BUTLER AWARDS - COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Honors an individual or organization who has worked quietly or behind the scenes to bring about positive community change by building "bridges" to unite people or causes, serving as a role model and inspiration to others.

Go! Austin/ Vamos! Austin



GAVA is a women-of-color-led organization, whose staff is representative of the residents of the neighborhoods they serve. GAVA's work seeks to eliminate barriers to healthy living in South, Southeast and North Central Austin. They co-design goals in which people with lived experience create the strategies used to drive

change in their neighborhoods and community. GAVA partners with COA Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Parks Foundation, Keep Austin Beautiful, Neighborhood Partnering Program, Public Works, AISD, APH, Sustainable Food Center, and APD. They participate in COA Equity Action Team and Success by Six collaborations. GAVA has developed deep trust in the neighborhood, and helps community members build their leadership skills, public voice, and ability to leverage various resources to address the issues they face. Their collaborative efforts have leveraged millions of dollars in infrastructural improvements and programmatic wins to minimize health disparities in their neighborhoods.

Carmen Zuvietta



Carmen Zuvietta is a community organizer that focuses on immigrant communities in Austin. In her daily job she is a house keeper, but her passion has driven her to organize around immigrant rights. She has connected folks to local resources and has led workshops through her lived-in experience including speaking at Dell Medical School, Leadership Austin, and many other venues. Carmen has worked with Grassroots Leadership, ICE Fuera de Austin, Dell Medical School, Maria y Marta (promoting advocacy via faith communities), Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico (marriage counseling), and many others to continue to promote dignity and humanity for immigrant communities. She represents folks that truly dedicate their lives to highlight injustices and organize communities to advocate for true change. Carmen is currently developing projects that address mental health in immigrant communities at Dell Medical School.