

## CARE ALLIANCE AWARDS

*CMHA CEO recognized for excellence as a community partner*

Care Alliance Health Center held its Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, April 23, 2009. The luncheon included an award presentation of community partners and leadership awards where CMHA's CEO, George A. Phillips, was honored and recognized.

More than 90 people attended the meeting including staff, volunteers, Board members, and community partners. Both CMHA and Cuyahoga County Corrections Facility received awards for individuals who help to drive the Care Alliance mission of providing high quality health care, patient advocacy and related services. Among the winning individuals were George A. Phillips, CEO of CMHA, John Abner, registered nurse at Cuyahoga County Corrections Facility and Andre White, Corrections Officer at Cuyahoga County Corrections Facility. As a not-for-profit organization, Care Alliance relies on their community partners and collaborations to help link their patients with the resources they need.

Since 1998, Care Alliance and CMHA has partnered together to provide health care and related services to adults and children at CMHA's housing estates. The care includes adult and geriatric primary health care and referral, pediatric care, patient health education, wellness promotion and health screenings. The goal is to provide health care services through a multi-disciplinary team of providers and support staff, using a lifespan approach.

"The collaborative partnership between Care Alliance and CMHA is a display of the true commitment of both organizations to provide high quality, accessible and affordable health care to public housing residents. Both entities realize we can't do it alone. We are extremely grateful to CMHA and Mr. Phillips for the continuous support in ensuring Care Alliance physical locations at both the Carl B Stokes Social Services Mall and the Riverview Towers," said Francis Afram-Gyening FACHE, CEO of Care Alliance.