



Norma Duckworth

Norma Duckworth is a long-standing advocate for low-income residents in Milwaukee County. For over two decades Norma has worked with the community and local leaders to increase the quality of life for Milwaukee's most vulnerable residents.

Norma is a case manager for the CHOICE Neighborhood Initiative that is transforming the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee's (HACM) Westlawn development. She provides support and resources for Westlawn residents impacted by the rebuilding of the community. This support includes guiding residents' movements to their new living locations as current older buildings are demolished. Norma also provides information and guidance to meet the needs of each household to increase each resident's capacity to be self-sufficient.

Prior to her HACM affiliation, Norma was the Government Program Manager at the Boys and Girls Club of Milwaukee. She also worked on a part-time basis for the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee as the Director of its annual CROP Walk.

In her spare time, Mrs. Duckworth serves as Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities. She is the President of Open-Door Community Center, co-founder of the non-profit group Shorewood Moving Forward, and board member of Bridging Cities.

Previously, Norma served on the administrative committee-at-large for the Department of Public Works. She was the Co-Chair for Human Concerns at St. Michaels Catholic Church and was involved with Fundación Ramirez Boxing, Inc., as well as Hermañas Mariañitas, Inc.

Norma Duckworth has received recognition from the City of Milwaukee and the Mayor of Milwaukee for her commitment to civic engagement and public safety, as well as receiving a commendation for her volunteer service with the National Guard, Company A, 132nd Support Battalion during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Norma's impact as an advocate and as a service provider is felt beyond Milwaukee and the United States with her work in Mexico, Latin America, and through her contributions to local school developments and water well installations in Pakistan.

Please join UMOS in congratulating Norma Duckworth as the 2020 UMOS Hispanic Woman of the Year.