

## *CPHS Former Director, and current board member honored*

On May 31, 2025, Judy Wessler (CPHS retired director and current board member) was honored at the Inaugural Awards Ceremony of the Brooklyn Health Equity Foundation. Also being honored that evening were notable people, including Dr. Marilyn Fraser, the CEO of the Arthur Ashe Institute at SUNY Downstate; Dr. Wayne Riley President of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University; and Denise West, Deputy Director at Brooklyn Perinatal Network. Ms. Wessler served as the Director of CPHS from 1997 to 2013 and was one of the founding members of the organization. Anne Bove, CPHS board treasurer, joined Ms. Wessler at the 'classy' event at the Akwaaba Mansion in Brooklyn.



The Board of Directors of  
The Brooklyn Health Equity Foundation  
Cordially Invite You To  
*The Inaugural Awards Ceremony*  
Honoring Icons in the Advancement of  
Health Equity in Brooklyn

### HONOREES

Rev. Dr. Lester Bradford,  
Founder and Bishop  
Exouisa Cathedral, Brooklyn

Hewett Chiu, President & CEO  
Raising Health partners  
Sunset Park, Brooklyn

Dr. Anika Daniels Ozaas, Dean for Education,  
School of Public Health,  
SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Dr. Marilyn Fraser, CEO,  
Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health

Dr. Marcus Lambert, Associate Vice President  
for Research, Strategy and Operations  
at SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Dr. Wayne J. Riley, President,  
SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

Judy Wessler – Former Director,  
Commission for the Public Health System

Denise West, Deputy Director,  
Brooklyn Perinatal Network



### BHE FOUNDATION PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Dr. Roland Purcell, Surgeon  
at Interfaith Medical Center  
and BHE Board Member

SATURDAY  
MAY 31  
2025  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### VENUE

**Akwaaba Mansion**  
347 MacDonough Street  
Brooklyn, NY, 11233

\$50 ticket required via Eventbrite  
[tiny.cc/bhefoundation](https://tiny.cc/bhefoundation)

Cocktail Reception. Semi Formal Dress  
Street Parking only.

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