



TINA AND ALBERT “SONNY” SMALL, JR.

As we celebrate 60 years since the Benjamin Ourisman Memorial Award for Civic Achievement was first presented, we are pleased to honor Tina and Albert “Sonny” Small, Jr. The award recognizes individuals whose efforts and achievements have improved life in our community.

Sonny is the founder and president of Renaissance Centro as well as the former Renaissance Housing Corp., one of Washington, D.C.’s most highly recognized developers and home builders. During his more than 20 years at Renaissance Housing Corp., the firm built in excess of 3,500 homes and condominiums around the Virginia and Maryland suburbs. Sonny currently serves on the board of Tulane University and is a director of Griffin Land & Nurseries and United Bank. He is also active in Young Presidents Organization, Chief Executive Officers and Urban Land Institute. He has been actively involved with Washington Hebrew Congregation and The Garden of Remembrance, as well as many other civic boards and philanthropic organizations.

Tina is active in the community and serves on the Executive Committee of the National Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors. She has been a longtime board member of the Edlavitch DCJCC and served in leadership roles for various programs. She is a member of the advisory board of Yachad whose mission is to bring communities together by preserving affordable homes and revitalizing neighborhoods throughout the District of Columbia and the greater metropolitan area. Tina has had leadership roles with The Wolf Trap Foundation and Sidwell Friends School.

The Smalls are also members of the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute, a nonpartisan forum for values-based leadership and exchange of ideas, headquartered in Washington, D.C.