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CAMBA SUPPORTERS RAISE MORE THAN \$500,000 AT ANNUAL GALA TO SERVE 45,000 NEW YORKERS IN NEED

CAMBA HONORS CARLO SCISSURA OF THE BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HUDSON COMPANIES

CAMBA, one of New York's largest multi-service agencies, raised more than \$500,000 at its annual gala on Nov. 5. The funds will enable CAMBA to provide comprehensive services to 45,000 low-income families and individuals in 2016, connecting them with opportunities to enhance their lives.



Honorees from The Hudson Companies

More than 350 leaders in the City's business, community services, political, real estate development and arts sectors enjoyed an evening of casino-style gambling, a silent auction and raffles at the elegant Tribeca 360° in Lower Manhattan.

"CAMBA's strength lies in our comprehensive services and our ability to meet multiple needs with innovative and wide-ranging services," said **Joanne M. Oplustil**, President and CEO of CAMBA/CAMBA Housing Ventures. "Tonight, we are proud to celebrate our amazing partners who help us transform lives and communities through housing, economic and small-business development and education."

CAMBA's 2015 Honorees included:

- **[Carlo Scissura](#)**, President and CEO of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, received CAMBA's annual "Making Brooklyn Better Award." Mr. Scissura, who is Brooklyn born and raised, has dedicated his life to serving Brooklyn and its residents through his work in law, education, political leadership and business development. Mr. Scissura, who served as Chief of Staff and senior adviser to former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, has, in his current role, helped the Chamber grow to its current 2,100 membership level. He is an avid supporter of CAMBA's mission to help New Yorkers obtain jobs, find affordable housing and raise happy, healthy families. (More)

- [The Hudson Companies](#), one of New York City's leading developers, builds affordable and market-rate homes, creates new business opportunities and helps to redevelop historical and cultural institutions throughout the five boroughs. In collaboration with non-profit developers and human services providers – including CAMBA Housing Ventures and CAMBA – Hudson has brought extensive affordable housing opportunities to neighborhoods in need. Among other initiatives, CAMBA is partnering with the Hudson Companies on its Gateway-Elton Street affordable and supportive development, which will house more than 650 low-income households and include extensive ground-floor commercial space for a supermarket, child care center, convenience stores, shops and restaurants, creating a new neighborhood in the Spring Creek section of Brooklyn.

CAMBA also saluted **Alijah Peters**, a graduate of its **Leading to College** program, which collaborates with the High School for Democracy and Leadership and College Now at Brooklyn College to prepare low-income high school students for college. Alijah, who spent much of his life in a homeless shelter with his family, recently started his freshman year at CUNY's Medgar Evers College.

In this [video](#), Alijah shared the story of his effort to overcome extreme obstacles and fulfil his dream of going to college.

About CAMBA

Started in 1977, CAMBA is a nonprofit agency that connects people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life. CAMBA offers integrated services and programs in: Economic Development, Education & Youth Development, Family Support, Health, Housing and Legal Services. CAMBA serves more than 45,000 individuals and families, including 9,000 youth, each year. Learn more about CAMBA's life-changing services at www.camba.org.

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