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Bringing America Home

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**To:** Attendees of the Event Honoring Ongoing Advocacy Work of MacCanon Brown.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Stoops".

**From:** Michael Stoops, Director of Community Organizing, National Coalition for the Homeless, Washington, DC

Seeing that our organization was founded in 1982 by local advocates like MacCanon Brown, I cannot stress enough how effective and inspirational her work has been to me over the past twenty years. I can attest to this as having first met MacCanon in 1994 and have worked closely with her in the two decades since.

When I think of Milwaukee, my mind does not gravitate toward the sports teams or the bars on every corner. I think of MacCanon, who has been and remains the primary homeless advocate in this city.

Her efforts in providing emergency assistance are legendary in the homeless advocacy community. To me, though, her work as a community organizer who has fought (and continues to fight) diligently and tirelessly to empower the homeless through the development of grassroots leadership should be seen as the cornerstone of her legacy.

I shudder to think what the homelessness world in Milwaukee would be like without her in the belly of the beast. Watch out Milwaukee, as her organizing efforts have just begun. Please support MacCanon as she enters a new chapter in her lifelong battle to end both homelessness and poverty in Milwaukee.