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West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund Honors OMSD Superintendent Dr. James Q. Hammond

The Ontario-Montclair School District (OMS D) is extremely proud to share that OMS D Superintendent Dr. James Q. Hammond was honored with the Community Service Award by the West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund because of his leadership and transformational changes that he has effected in the Ontario-Montclair Schools and local community.

The West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund held their annual "Champions for Children" Gala on Friday, March 18, 2022 at the Ontario DoubleTree Hilton Hotel. The mission of the evening was to raise money to support the vision and mission of the organization to give a bright future to every child and to give vulnerable children support, opportunity, and hope by breaking destructive cycles through community partnerships. The nonprofit highlighted Dr. Hammond several initiatives and expanded programs that have resulted in higher academic standards that are evident by parent, staff and the Board of Trustees cooperation in all aspects of the educational community. In addition, the "Patrons Award" was presented to Gary and Sue Ovitt for their vast community services as well as their loyalty and support for the local community, Children's Fund in general and especially to the West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund. Several local citizens, guest, city and county dignitaries came together in support of a wonderful organization and honored our exemplary Ontarians. Christian Okoye California Sports Hall of Fame and former NFL Kansas City Chiefs player was the keynote speaker of the night. Christian was introduced by his two former Azusa Pacific University coaches of Track and Field Terry Franson and football coach, Jim Milhon.

Elvia's Quote: "The Board of Trustees is grateful to have our Superintendent Dr. James Q. Hammond be recognized by the community. His work demonstrates his commitment to excellence and enrichment in the scholarly lives of all students and many generations to come. Congratulations to Dr. Hammond and the entire OMS D community."

The West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund was originally founded in 1958 and supported the Children's Home Society. The West End Auxiliary raises funds for the Children's Fund mission's three pillars: Support, Opportunity and Hope. Support is given to children throughout the year through Emergency Needs Program, Care Campaign and especially during the holidays through Celebrating Giving. Opportunity is given to foster youth between ages of 18 and 25 by providing them with scholarships, offering mentorship programs and conducting a Sports Campaign. Lastly, Hope is given to children by being evaluated and cared for at their Children's Assessment. Last year over 66,215 children and vulnerable youth benefitted from the funds raised and collected.

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