



March 20, 2015

Ms. Nicole Howell  
Broken Connections, Inc.  
12832 Euclid Avenue  
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

Dear Ms. Howell:

It is my great privilege to inform you that Finance Fund has voted to present Broken Connections with its 2014 Community Champion Award. This award recognizes innovative organizations that have demonstrated extraordinary service, initiative, commitment and perseverance in directing benefits to underserved low-income populations in Ohio.

Broken Connections' passion to provide comprehensive support services and lead by example to advocate change builds and strengthens communities. Finance Fund would like to recognize Broken Connections for serving the mental, physical and emotional needs of at-risk youth and creating a safer, brighter outlook in East Cleveland.

We would be honored if you would accept this award, which will be presented to Broken Connections before an audience of economic development, business and elected leaders at our annual Gala, on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the beautiful Ohio Statehouse. The evening starts with a reception at 4:30 p.m., followed by a dinner and awards program at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring up to three guests to join in the celebration.

Would you please let us know if you can join us for this remarkable evening that will highlight Broken Connections' extraordinary commitment to improving the quality of life for children and teens? Finance Fund Associate Manager of Communications and Development Amanda Sprague is coordinating the awards presentation and can be reached at [asprague@financefund.org](mailto:asprague@financefund.org) or 614.568.5040.

Please accept my congratulations on this honor.

Sincerely,

James R. Klein  
Chief Executive Officer