City Council Presentation of 2018 Lowenstein Trust Award

The Lowenstein Trust is proud to announce **Adrienne Livingston as the 2018 Steve Lowenstein Award recipient.** The award will be presented on **Wednesday, December 5th at 9:45 am, in Portland City Council Chambers.**

Adrienne Livingston is well known in Portland for her long-term commitment to social and racial justice. This year, the Lowenstein Trust is honoring Adrienne for her role as the Anti-Sex Trafficking Director for WorldVenture in Portland. The City Council presentation will highlight Adrienne's commitment to deter sex trafficking in our community by raising awareness, providing preventive education and training, and connecting victims with support services to aid their recovery.

While trafficking victims come from all walks of life, research shows an over-representation of individuals from poor and minority communities. Adrienne speaks out to hundreds of community members about the issue of sex trafficking and teaches preventive strategies to protect young people from becoming victims. In Portland churches, schools, and in law enforcement and social service settings, Adrienne delivers a model curriculum designed for at-risk youth that emphasizes a pro-active approach. Participating middle and high school girls gain insights from the Girls Empowerment Curriculum, learning about healthy relationships, safe boundaries, and verbal and physical self-defense skills. Adrienne's engaging teaching style helps students become aware of the common tactics used by sex traffickers, and to practice strategies to protect themselves from exploitation. In addition, Adrienne's role with the Mentorship Support Collaborative focuses on training members of the faith community to become mentors for sex trafficking victims.

To effectively address sex trafficking in Portland, Adrienne emphasizes the importance of community coordination and collaboration among schools, community organizations, social service and government agencies, and law enforcement. "She has a shining spirit," says Carolyn Walker, a colleague and supporter of Adrienne's work. "The work she is doing is in the fabric of her being. Goodness emanates from her."

A native Oregonian, Adrienne Livingston previously served as executive director of the Black United Fund in Portland.

The Lowenstein Trust is part of the legacy of Steve Lowenstein, an inspiring model of public service. Steve's sense of purpose, integrity, and perseverance inspired many who have worked on issues of human rights and social justice. Steve served in the Peace Corps after law school in the early 1960s. Throughout his life he was a vocal civil rights activist. Steve was also founding director of Oregon Legal Services, author of a groundbreaking history – <u>The Jews of Oregon 1850-1950</u> – and at the time of his death in 1990, had served for six years as Chief of Staff to former Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg. In his will, Steve established an annual financial award to provide recognition and assistance to individuals who have made significant ongoing personal sacrifice to help those in need. http://lowensteintrust.org/styled/index.html

DATE: December 5, 2018

TO: Portland City Council
Mary Hull Caballero, Auditor

FROM: Nick Fish, Commissioner

CC: Council Clerk

SUBJECT: 2018 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award (15 min)

This is the twenty-eighth annual Steve Lowenstein Trust Award. The award was created to recognize individuals who make an extraordinary personal effort and sacrifice to improve the quality of life for distressed and vulnerable populations in the city of Portland.

Presenters:
Joe Hertzberg, Steve Lowenstein Board Chair
Jamaal Folsom, Steve Lowenstein Board Member

Award Recipient:
Adrienne Livingston

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(Presentation introduced by Commissioner Fish)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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