

## **DIANE LATIKER**

The mother of eight children, "Ms. Diane" as the children refer to her, is a 27 year resident of the Roseland community on the far south side of Chicago. She founded the award winning and internationally recognized organization Kids Off The Block, Inc. (KOB) in her home in July of 2003. Ms. Latiker was given this vision through her mother, Evangelist Ruth Jackson. Ms. Jackson, saw that the youth in the neighborhood liked and respected her daughter. Looking at the children that were always at her home, Ms. Diane saw health professionals, doctors, lawyers, professional musicians, professional sports figures, politicians, and actresses, and the list goes on. Ms. Diane believed that she could make a difference in the community, and in the many youth that she came in contact with daily. She became encouraged and opened up her home to get these young people off the streets and involved in programs that would benefit them for the rest of their lives. The organization celebrated 12 years of service to children/youth, teens and young adults in the city of Chicago. KOB started out with ten neighborhood kids, and now has impacted thousands of lives through love, compassion, nurturing and respect.

### **Awards / Media**

**"Outstanding Community Leader" Award 2016 / Association of Fundraising Professionals / Chicago Chapter!!!**

**"Woman Of The Year" Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. / Psi Zeta Chapter 2016**

**Featured in Essence Magazine September 2015 Issue**

**Featured Rev. Al Sharpton (Politics Nation) 2015**

**Featured on MSNBC / How One Woman in Chicago is Combating Gun Violence 2015**

**Top Ladies Of Distinction (Service Youth Award) 2015**

**The #1 Stunnas (Community Support Award) 2015**

**Chicago Defender "Women Of Excellence" Awards 2014**

**ComEd Neighborhood Hero / Black History Month 2014**

**Received the BET "Shine Your Light Award 2013**

**Red Cross "Community Impact" Award March 2012**

**Featured on ABC "Secret Millionaire" July 1, 2012**

**CNN Top Ten Hero 2011**

**Speaker in 2011 "Festival of Thinkers" in Dubai (UAE)**

## **AWARDS:**

**IIFWP - AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE**  
**EBONY/PINE-SOL – WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
**METHODIST YOUTH SERVICES – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
**THE BLACK STAR PROJECT – STUDENT MOTIVATIONAL PROGRAM**  
**PASTORS NETWORK OF ILLINOIS – COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**COOK COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY – VICTIM SERVICE AWARD**  
**SUN-TIMES NEWSPAPER (AUGUST 2008) ONE OF 50 PEOPLE WHO MAKE CHICAGO A BETTER PLACE**  
**LEWIS HINES AWARD (NATIONAL CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE)**  
**GLOW AWARD**  
**FOUNDER DIANE LATIKER WAS 1 OF 3 PEOPLE HONORED ON ANDERSON COOPER (CNN) FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH.**  
**DIANE LATIKER RECEIVED THE EPHRAIM BAHAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN JULY 2010**  
**DIANE LATIKER WAS FEATURED ON WCIU CHANNEL 26 (THE U) AS ONE OF CHICAGO’S POWERFUL WOMEN FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2011**  
**DIANE LATIKER RECEIVED THE MARION N’ZINGA STAMPS AWARD AT THE BLACK HERITAGE AWARDS IN FEBRUARY 2011**  
**DIANE LATIKER HONORED WITH AN “UNsung HERO AWARD” COOK COUNTY PRESIDENT’S OFFICE IN MARCH 2011**  
**DIANE LATIKER WAS CNN HERO OF THE WEEK IN APRIL 2011**  
**YOUTH ADVOCACY AWARD / FENGER HIGH SCHOOL / PRINCIPAL ELIZABETH DOZIER**  
**DWAYNE WADE FOUNDATION “VILLAGE KEEPERS AWARD” IN AUGUST 2011**  
**FESTIVAL OF THINKERS IN DUBAI (UAE) NOVEMBER 2011**  
**CNN TOP 10 HERO IN SEPTEMBER 2011**  
**LOU RAWLS COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD**  
**COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD (ALLSTARS PROJECT)**  
**RED CROSS “COMMUNITY IMPACT” AWARD 3-15-12**  
**ETA “RESURRECTING SPIRIT and RECLAIMING COMMUNITY” Award 9-8-12**  
**Essence “Style and Substance Award” September 2012**  
**Young & Powerful Group / Community Award / September 2012**  
**Cook County Clerk Dorothy Brown “Hidden Jewel” Award / February 2013**  
**Chicago Center “First Voice Humanitarian Award / May 2013**  
**BET “Shine The Light” Award / July 2013**

## **MEDIA:**

**N’DIGO MAGAZINE**  
**CITIZEN NEWSPAPER (3TIMES)**  
**CHICAGO DEFENDER**  
**CHICAGO SUN-TIMES NEWSPAPER**  
**CHICAGO TRIBUNE (METRO AND MAGAZINE)**  
**THE FINAL CALL**  
**THE CHICAGO COMMUNICATOR (2 TIMES)**  
**CLTV NEWS (3 TIMES)**  
**FOX NEWS (2)**  
**WGN CHANNEL 9**

ABC-7 (3 TIMES)  
CBS NEW YORK  
KKC RADIO  
CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY RADIO  
CNN (4 TIMES)  
BET  
THE GAURDIAN (LONDON)  
THE VOORKANT (NETHERLANDS)  
EBONY MAGAZINE  
WYCC (CHANNEL 20)  
BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE (TV)  
WTTW CHANNEL 11 (NEED TO KNOW SERIES)  
WCIU CHANNEL 26 (THE U)  
GOSPEL TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER  
AL-JAZEERA TV (WASHINGTON)  
WASHINGTON TIMES  
NEW YORK TIMES  
MICHAEL BAISDEN SHOW  
GARY CRUSADER NEWSPAPER  
BLACK AMERICA (TOM JOYNER)  
WINDY CITY LIVE  
CNN TOP 10 TRIBUTE AWARDS SHOW DECEMBER 2011  
BBC  
TOKYO NEWS  
NEWS ONE  
DATELINE AUSTRALIA  
USA TODAY  
EBONY MAGAZINE STORY / JULY 2013  
DNA.INFO  
ESSENCE MAGAZINE  
FAME MAGAZINE  
MSNBC