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MANNA PRESENTS DR. RICKIE BRAWER WITH 2016 NOURISH AWARD

- WHAT:** On Thursday, March 24, MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) presents Dr. Rickie Brawer, PhD, MPH, MCHES with the 2016 Nourish Award, presented by Health Partners Plans, at the Nourish Cocktail Ceremony in MANNA's kitchen at 5 pm. The awardee: Dr. Rickie Brawer has practiced public health in the Philadelphia area for more than two decades and is the Associate Director of the Jefferson Center for Urban Health and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Jefferson's Sidney Kimmel Medical College, and the MPH program at Thomas Jefferson's College of Population Health. *Nourish* is an exclusive MANNA event that celebrates National Nutrition Month® and gathers policy makers, researchers, medical and insurance providers from all over the Philadelphia region. The event is presented and sponsored by Health Partners Plans. Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Aramark and Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University are all Apple a Day Sponsors.
- WHO:** Dr. Rickie Brawer, PhD, MPH, MCHES;
Health Partners Plans;
Jefferson University Hospital Staff;
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University;
Aramark;
MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Association).
- WHEN:** 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (*remarks to begin at 6 pm*)
Thursday, March 24, 2016
- WHERE:** MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance)
2323 Ranstead Street; Philadelphia
- MORE:** MANNA established the Nourish Award in 2010 to celebrate champions of healthcare and nutrition.

For more details about Nourish 2016 contact Emily Gallagher at EGallagher@mannapa.org 215-496-2662 x127. Visit www.mannapa.org, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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ABOUT MANNA

Especially for people at acute nutritional risk due to life-threatening illnesses, [MANNA](#) prepares and delivers delicious nourishing meals and counsel, empowering individuals to battle illness and improve their quality of life. A small professional staff and 2,500 dedicated volunteers bring more than 70,000 nutritious, home-delivered meals each month to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. MANNA dietitians promote wellness through nutrition education and counseling. Through these services, MANNA provides opportunities for caring people to extend loving support to families, friends, and neighbors. MANNA is spelled in all capital letters.

ABOUT HEALTH PARTNERS PLANS

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