



A groundbreaking ceremony ushers in the future 'Charlotte Rutherford Place' at 6905 N. Interstate Ave., drawing dignitaries from the city of Portland, Multnomah County, Central City Concern and other supporters of affordable, family housing. Pictured (from left) are Dave Underriner, City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Ed Blackburn, Hon. Charlotte Rutherford, County Commissioner Loretta Smith, and Beth Palmer Wirtz.

# Affordable, Family Housing

Central City Concern, a Portland non-profit serving people impacted by homelessness, poverty and addictions since 1979, recently broke ground on the first of three buildings in the Housing is Health initiative -- a pioneering commitment from local hospitals and health systems in supportive, affordable housing.

The Charlotte Rutherford Place--which honors one of Portland's pioneering African Ameri-

can families and their impact on the entire community, will rise from 6905 N Interstate Ave., providing 31 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom units as part of Portland's housing strategy to address displacement and gentrification.

Charlotte Rutherford is a community activist and former civil rights attorney, journalist, administrative law judge and entrepreneur. Her parents, Otto G. Ruth-

erford and Verdell Burdine, were major figures in Portland's Black civil rights struggle. Her father was president and her mother was secretary of Portland's NAACP chapter in the 1950s, and they played an important role in passing the 1953 Oregon Civil Rights Bill. Her grandfather, William, ran a barbershop in the Golden West Hotel--now a Central City Concern residential building, and Otto worked there as well.

## Obituary

# In Loving Memory

### Ronald Stewart

Ronald Gerald Stewart went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 16, 2017. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Ron was born on May 26, 1953 and passed away due to complications from leukemia. Celebration of Life services are scheduled on Friday, Sept. 1 at 2 p.m. at New Song



Community Church, 2511 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Ron will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His family thanks everyone who made his life full and inspirational.

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