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**Danae Davis, to receive 2016
Robert H. Friebert Social Justice Award**

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin – Danae Davis has been selected to receive the 2016 Robert H. Friebert Social Justice Award. The award was established in 2014 by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and attorney James H. Hall received the inaugural award.

Davis has devoted her professional life to helping the most vulnerable. Currently executive director of Milwaukee Succeeds, Davis was formerly CEO of Pearls for Teen Girls, a Milwaukee based nonprofit organization that uses a nationally recognized model for girl empowerment and leadership development for adolescent girls ages 10-19. She has also served as Diversity Affairs Director at Miller Brewing Company and Director of Diversity Management and Work/Life Programs of Kraft Foods. She has worked on labor and human resources at the city, state, and federal levels.

Davis also gives of her free time to community organizations, including Milwaukee Charter School Advocates and formerly the UW System Board of Regents. She received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, and a juris doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“Danae is a tireless advocate for social and economic justice, leaving fingerprints wherever she works. JCRC is so pleased to highlight her work as part of Bob Friebert’s legacy,” said JCRC Chair Michael Pollack.

“Danae’s broad and energetic approach to social justice brilliantly reflects the spirit of this award,” said Brian Schupper, chair of the award committee and Friebert’s son-in-law. “She is a true community leader.”

Davis will receive the award at the [JCRC’s Annual Meeting](#) on Thursday, June 9. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the event.

Robert H. Friebert (1938-2013) dedicated himself to the pursuit of social justice and the Jewish value of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, Friebert was a founding partner of the law firm [Friebert, Finerty and St. John S.C.](#) He argued four cases in the United States Supreme Court and served as the first public defender for the State of Wisconsin from 1966-1968. Friebert was also extremely active in local, state and national Democratic politics in his pursuit of social justice. In addition to his legal and political work, Friebert held significant leadership roles in numerous organizations, boards and commissions. For more on Friebert and the award, click [here](#).

About the Jewish Community Relations Council

Founded in 1938, the Jewish Community Relations Council, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, advocates for the rights and values of Jews individually and collectively, here and abroad. The Council implements a coordinated program of education, action, and advocacy for the Jewish community. For more than one hundred years, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has been dedicated to building a strong Jewish community. The agency distributed nearly \$19 million last year to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations locally and around the world.

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