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**TAMPA HILLSBOROUGH HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO HONOR MIKE MERRILL, CAL REED AND THE LATE GUY KING III AT INAUGURAL HOUSE HILLSBOROUGH BREAKFAST TOMORROW**  
*\$30,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO A COMMUNITY DRIVEN ORGANIZATION*

**WHAT:** The Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) will mark the beginning of National Homelessness Awareness Month with their inaugural House Hillsborough Recognition Breakfast tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 1. During the event, the organization will recognize three individuals, Mike Merrill (retired Hillsborough county administrator), Cal Reed (Housing Steps Forward) and the late Guy King III (community leader). These individuals have worked tirelessly to create solutions to decrease the number of homelessness in Hillsborough County. To honor these individuals efforts, THHI will award \$30,000 to an organization who continues to drive down homelessness and create transformational change in the Hillsborough community.

The breakfast will also serve as the kickoff to THHI's .1% Challenge. Based upon the findings of the 2022 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, .1% of Hillsborough County residents will sleep in a shelter, on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation. With the community's help, we can make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. If everyone in the community gave just .1% of their salary, we could house our most vulnerable neighbors. For more info or to donate, visit [THHI.org](http://THHI.org).

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Nov. 1  
Registration: 7:30 AM  
Program: 8 AM

**WHERE:** University Club  
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