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DCA Presents Ruth Ratner Miller Award and 2017 Cleveland Promotional Video at 18th Annual Luncheon

Recipients included the George Gund Foundation, Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust and Cleveland Foundation

Downtown Cleveland – Today, Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA) recognized the winners of 2016 Ruth Ratner Miller Lifetime Achievement Award at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. The annual award – named for civic leader and Cleveland advocate Ruth Ratner Miller – is presented to members of the community for their continued advancement and enhancement of Downtown Cleveland. Members of the **George Gund Foundation, Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust** and the **Cleveland Foundation** were all on-hand to accept this prestigious honor.

The 2016 recipients were selected because of their substantial support of Downtown's improvement efforts, including the Alliance's formation, Playhouse Square's improvements and programming, Perk Park's revitalization, Public Square's redesign and the introduction of Downtown's historic districts. Because of contributions like these, Cleveland is considered a world-class urban center.

Also at the event, DCA leaders recognized several development and investment projects that propelled Downtown Cleveland forward during 2016.

The **2016 Development Award Winners** include:

- Playhouse Square for Ohio Theatre Gund Foundation Lobby Re-Creation
- Cleveland Metroparks for Cleveland Metroparks eLCee2 Water Taxi
- Burke Lakefront Airport for Burke Lakefront Airport Multi-Year Improvement Program
- Group Plan Commission, the City of Cleveland and LAND Studio for Cleveland Public Square Transformation
- Cumberland Real Estate Development for Cleveland Lakefront Development - Phase 1
- U.S. General Services Administration for Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building Façade Replacement
- NOACA, the City of Cleveland and Campus District, Inc. for East 22nd Street Improvements
- Sixty North, LLC for Bradley Building Cleveland Renovations
- CRM Companies, Inc. for The Kimpton Schofield Hotel and Residences
- Drury Southwest, Inc. for Drury Plaza Hotel Cleveland Downtown

- YMCA of Greater Cleveland for Parker Hannifin Downtown YMCA
- Cuyahoga County for Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Amid much fanfare, DCA also unveiled its 2017 promotional video, *Downtown Cleveland – One More Time*, featuring scenes from Downtown Cleveland’s momentous championship year. The video, produced by Fusion Filmworks, can be viewed [here](#).

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[Downtown Cleveland Alliance](#) (DCA) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to building a dynamic downtown. By working with property owners and neighborhood based partners, DCA is able to provide economic development opportunities, business attraction and retention efforts, the Clean & Safe Ambassador Program as well as strategic marketing initiatives for Downtown Cleveland. In 2014, DCA unveiled Step Up Downtown, a vision and tactical plan that sets the course for the future of Downtown Cleveland. The five-year strategy is available to read [here](#).