

NOVEMBER 2009:

**Tamara Brown,
Housing Programs**

When the United Way Campaign kicks off in the community, Solid Ground gets many requests to have a staff member come and talk about our work to put it in the context of the greater community response to poverty. Tamara Brown is Solid Ground's most frequently requested speaker, and for many years, she has graciously accepted the role of representing the agency at these events.



These requests are a testament to Tamara's skills as a speaker and her ability to bring challenging topics home to folks who are not in the business. Her flexibility and willingness to step in and speak at events that others on our team could not make is very much appreciated. Tamara has traveled to the far reaches of the county to spread the good word about Solid Ground and motivate United Way donors to give generously!

This fall Tamara also worked with her staff to assemble information that enables Office Support staff to connect clients not only with their case managers, but with the program that would be best for their situation. In addition, Tamara is always available for staff in dealing with any number of challenging situations; her ability to calmly listen and problem solve supports her coworkers and Solid Ground's clients. Thank you for all you do, Tamara!

Congratulations to Tamara, and all employees nominated, including Rogelio Diaz, Alison Maynard and Kira Zylstra. Thank you all for the services you provide to our agency, coworkers and clients! We couldn't do it without you!