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**Ezinne Ifeanacho**  
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**Zephi Brooks**  
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**Dr. Madeleine Verhovsek**  
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The following individuals are recognized for embodying HBHC's pillars of:  
**Connection, Empowerment and Unity.**

## **Connect**

Abdulaziz Abbas  
Aisha Mohamed  
Andrea Tawse  
Ariana Petrazzini  
Asha Abdi  
Asma Elmedni  
Benita Nkansah  
Camila Rabia  
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Daniella Chukwu  
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Justice Umelo  
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Muna Essa  
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Naomi Ogunjobi  
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## **Empower**

Ahmed Aboleila  
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Joel Simon  
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Koubra Haggar  
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Nana Poku  
Nyal Lewis  
Oluwakanyinsayo Michelle Bosede  
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Owen Martin  
Quintin Clarke  
Rachael Goombs  
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Seretta Goulbourne  
Sophia Adegbolu  
Stephanie Jean Pierre  
Tyrell Mentore-Martin

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Akiem Clarke  
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B'Jorn Mitchell  
Day Brown  
Delecia Howard  
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Frances Kiadii  
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