

# P.H.A.S.E. 1 JOURNEY AWARDS

2019 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Cleveland Clunis

Cleveland Clunis has spent 30 years of his life to help over 1000 children and youths work on their athletic abilities in programs that would otherwise not have been an option for them due to their financial needs. The purpose of his goal in 1999 to help children and youths was to motivate them to work hard to excel with athletics which can help them gain access to a better education moving forward. This is what led to his creation of East York Basketball Associations.



Furthermore, during these years, he has brought youths to US tournaments annually to help them train and pursue basketball at a higher level which has resulted in at least 30 of them coaching basketball today and over 50 have received full scholarships to US teams.

He has coached a long list of community basketball teams over the last three decades including -  
- House leagues in Jane and Finch,  
- Community basketball in Scarborough  
- The Hurricanes  
- West Hill Girls  
- Cedarbrae boys and girl's basketball

It has not been an easy 30 years. He has provided significant amount of time, fund raising and personal funds to help these children and youths gain access to sports equipment and training camps. He has spent countless of hours volunteering in many public schools as referee, cooperated with many basketball associations, such as Grassroots Canada and PHASE 1 and helped with initiation of the ALL Canada event.

He has received awards for his hard work and dedication over the years including:

- City of Toronto recreational award in 1999
- Volunteer of the year at West Hill for three years in a row starting in 2008



He *IS* an urban hero in Scarborough and was recognized for this in 2013 and is currently advancing women in sports which he is recognized for as well.