



## **IFFD AWARD 2017 TO MS. DONNA BUTTS**

*Donna Butts is Executive Director of Generations United, a position she has held since 1997. The mission of Generations United is to improve the lives of children youth and older people through intergenerational collaboration, public policies, and programs for the enduring benefit of all.*

*In 2014, Butts was honored to be named to the Non-Profit Times Power and Influence Top 50 for the third year in a row.*

*She is a respected author and speaker who serves on several boards including the International Consortium for Intergenerational Programmes, the National Human Services Assembly and the Journal on Intergenerational Relationships.*

*She is a graduate of Stanford University's Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders.*

*Ms. Butts was honored with the 2004 National Council on the Aging's Jack Ossofsky award for leadership, creativity and innovation in programs and services for older persons and the 2014 Seabury Leadership in Aging Award.*

*She served as an at large delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging and attended the 2015 White House Conference on Aging. Butts was named one of the 2015 top 50 thought leaders in aging by Next Avenue.*

*She has been invited by the United Nations to sit on four expert panels on intergenerational solidarity and other issues.*

*Ms. Butts has over 35 years of experience working with non-profit organizations including Covenant House, the YWCA and National 4-H Council.*

*Under her leadership, Generations United received the 2015 Eisner Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Intergenerational Advocacy.*

The International Board of the International Federation for Family Development has decided that Ms. Butts should be granted one of the 2017 IFFD Awards, "for her outstanding work at Generations United as the catalyst for policies and practices, stimulating cooperation and collaboration among generations, evoking the vibrancy, energy and sheer productivity that result when people of all ages come together."

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