

## **Bridges Over Barriers – 2017**

### **FOR PROFIT AWARD: Kentucky Select Properties (Louisville, KY)**

KY Select Properties is a Real Estate Agency based in Louisville, KY. The founders John Stough, Jr, Sandy and Jay Gulick and all the agents who represent the company are engaged with the students and staff at Engelhard Elementary School. They believe that while they help families in the community to make informed decisions regarding the purchase of a new home, they also know that some families within the same community struggle with permanent housing and day to day living. The staff at KY Select Properties are intentional in helping to remove barriers that prevent the students at Engelhard from being successful. At anytime there could be a knock on the FRC door and Judy Gordon is there with uniforms, shoes, school supplies and/or books for students in need. Eight employees volunteer to read one on one with students one day a week in the H.U.G. Program here at the school. While not only helping struggling students to become better readers, but more importantly building positive meaningful relationships with students who may not have that type of encouragement to be and do their best. In my Health Component it states, " FRC Coordinator will organize and ensure delivery to students supplemental food every Friday during the school year. August 2016- June 2018". This supplemental food is not free. One hundred dollars pays for one student to participate in the Blessings in a Backpack Program. KY Select Properties provides the resources for more than half the students population to benefit from the program. The company holds a yearly fundraiser to secure the needed funds, the employees come to the school to distribute the food to the students sometimes Santa or the Easter Bunny may just show up with them. Every holiday the students at Engelhard are sure to get some type of treat in their bags provided by KY Select Properties. The work that the staff at KY Select Properties does is not done for accolades, KY Select Properties is an important part of the city and an important part of the community. They care and it shows in all that they do to uplift and remove the barriers of the students at Engelhard.