



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
COLORADO HOLIDAY COMMISSION
2021 HUMANITARIAN AWARDS NOMINATION
“GOOD TROUBLE!”

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“GOOD TROUBLE!”

Sunday, March 7, 1965 Selma, Alabama many black citizens had gathered to peacefully march to Montgomery, Alabama to exercise their rights to register so they could cast their vote in elections. The marches were organized by nonviolent activists to demonstrate the desire of African-American residents to practice their constitutional right. In defiance of segregationist repression; they were part of a broader voting rights movement underway in Selma and throughout the American South.

By highlighting racial injustice, they contributed to passage that year of the Voting Rights Act, a landmark federal achievement of the civil rights movement. Representative John Lewis coined the phrase **“GOOD TROUBLE.”** During Representative Lewis’ his sixty years of Civil Rights and politics Mr. Lewis championed Affordable Health Care, Voting Rights, National African American Museum Firearm Safety, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), to name a few. With his activism Lewis continued to get into **GOOD TROUBLE!**

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Colorado Holiday Commission’s Humanitarian Awards ceremony will be held in Tuesday January 12, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., via YouTube due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Colorado Holiday Commission will celebrate and honor Dr. King’s life’s work. Six honorees which include **Lifetime Achievement** and **Outstanding Youth** awards will be recognized with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Awards.

Recipients who come from all walks of life, driven, as Dr. King were, by the desire to help make the world a better place. (Past recipients are listed on the back of this letter.)

Nomination deadline is 12 Noon Wednesday, December 23, 2020 Forms are available to download online at www.drmartinkingjrhc.org under the “2021 Humanitarian Awards” tab. Feel free to download and share the form with others. **Honorees will be notified by December 28, 2020.**

Submit completed nomination forms to Charleszine “Terry” Nelson at the Blair Caldwell African American Research Library, 2401 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80205 (U. S. postal mail, email, fax and hand delivery are accepted. Submit via email to: TNelson@denverlibrary.org or drmlkingjrhc@aol.com; via fax number: 303-953-0799)

Sincerely,

Charleszine “Terry” Nelson
Chair, Humanitarian Recipients Committee



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1990

Humanitarian Recipients

Bishop William C. Frey
Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales
Rachel Noel
Rev. James D. Peters, Jr.
Rev. Acen L. Phillips
Arie Taylor

1991

Humanitarian Recipients

Warren Alexander
Leo Cardenas
Joyce Marie Davis
John Echohawk
Rabbi Steven Foster
Sumiko Hennessey
Rev. Julian Rush
James D. White

1992

Humanitarian Recipients

Daisy Anderson, Steamboat Springs
Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance
Rev. Wendell T. Liggins
Rex Morgan
Max Frankel
Swanee Hunt
Gary Lozow
Lewis Trujillo

1993

Humanitarian Recipients

Polly B. Baca
Denver Rescue Mission
Sarah Lee Foster
Charlotte Friedman
Vincent G. Harding, Ph.D.
Penfield W. Tate II
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

1994

Humanitarian Recipients

Dr. Jules Amer
Lowell Darr
Rabbi Daniel Goldberger
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Patricia Barela Rivera
Leonard Sowell

1995

Humanitarian Recipients

Senator Robert E. Allen
Oleta L. Crain
Ruth C. Denny
Jim Garcia
Antonio Guardado, South H.S.
Rosalind "Bee" Harris
Home of Neighborly Services Teri
Westerman/PHAMALY

1996

Humanitarian Recipients

Anti-Defamation League
Shaun Gutierrez/Heaton M. S, Agatha
Jackson
Grace Hale Jordan
Orlando's Way
Gladys Raj
Sage Remington
UMOJA: Terry Minggia, Virgil
Robinson, Alfred Sayers
U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder

1997

Humanitarian Recipients

American Friends Service Committee
Gwendolyn Scott / A WORLD OF
DIFFERENCE
Lorraine Granado
Barbara Shannon-Banister
Rev. Aaron Gray
George Stranahan (Roaring Fork
Valley)
Sarah Harmon
Susie Jones / Dorothy Baker Project
Mary Miera
Gwendolyn Thomas
Bernie Valdez

1998

Humanitarian Recipients

Randy Chapman
Ramon del Castillo
Karen Fallahi
Patricia J Huhn
Verna W. Jackson, Ph.D.
Kathy Kuskulis
Oliver "Skeeter" Van/Night Moves
Darius Lee Smith
Christopher Weatherly-White, M.D.
Jeannie VanVelkinburgh
John H. Yee

1999

Humanitarian Recipients

Lawrence "Larry" Donato
William Durland
Friendly Harbor Drop-in Center, Pueblo
Essie Garrett
Rosianna Lewis
Robbi Smith Lange
Elizabeth and Ted Thomas

2000

Humanitarian Recipients

Michael Auberger
Sharol Enockson
Virginia Fraser
Noel and Leslie Ginsburg
Ben Reiff
Janet Sammons
Barbara Vogel

2001

Humanitarian Recipients

Chris & Chad Horner
Babs Johnson
Jack Lang y Marquez
Robert I. "Bob" Patton
Sen. Gloria T. Tanner
Menola Upshaw
Carlotta Walls Lanier, **Trailblazer**
Syl Morgan Smith, **Trailblazer**
Bea Branscombe (posthumous)
Hiawatha Davis (posthumous)

2002

Humanitarian Recipients

Civic Center Office Building
Community Outreach Program
Eleanor G. Crow
Betina Hicks
Grant Jones Jr.
Frank Nelson
David Schumm
Robert J. Shoates

2003

Humanitarian Recipients

Victoria "Vikki" Buckley
Charles Butcher
Daniel Oh
Betty Proctor
Stephen Straight
Bess Bailiff-Turner
Mayor & Mrs. Wellington Webb

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

2004

Humanitarian Recipients

Lucy Pab'on
Issac Moore (posthumous)
Keith "K.C." Matthews
William H. Coker
Jared Polis
John & Edna Mosley

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

2005

Humanitarian Recipients

Dianne Briscoe
Kara Rosa Cayce
Brother Jeff Fard
Parthenia Jones-Johnson
Dr. Lucy Jane Miller
Karen Wilde Rogers
Dr. Albert C. Yates
Abelardo "Lalo" Delgado
Lifetime Achievement Recipients

2006

Humanitarian Recipients

Charles Cousins
The Daniels Fund
Fannie Fiddmont, Ed. D.

Johnnie Johnson & Wayne Turner
Cecilia Mascarenas
Zara A. Snapp
Hazel Johnson Whitsett

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

Rosemarie Freeney-Harding

2007

Humanitarian Recipients

Silke Hansen
Archie Jones
Pensal McCray
L. Elaine Neal
Julissa Soto
Julissa Torrez
Simone Williams

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

George W. Gray & Juanita Ross Gray
(posthumous)

2008

Humanitarian Recipients

Senator Peter C. Groff
Randle Loeb
Haven Moses
Lieutenant Les Perry
Elisa Sagehorn
Project Angel Heart
Volunteers of America, (CO)

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

Wilma M. Taylor (posthumous)

2009

Humanitarian Recipients

Christie Donner
Pastors Leon & Yvonne Emerson
Russ Nesiba
Tracy Jenkins Winchester
Calvin Natt
Maria Guajardo, Ph.D.

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

Jean & Sam Guyton

2010

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

Honorable Dorothy Rupert, Former
State Senator
Ms. Cleo Parker Robinson,

Humanitarian Recipients

Clinica Tepeyac
Ms. Rhonda Fields
La Academia at the Denver Inner
City Parish
League of Women Voters of Denver Education
Fund
Pastor Heidi McGinness

Ms. Alyssa Motz, Youth Recipient

Lifetime Achievement Recipients

2011

Humanitarian Recipients

Dr. Robbie Bean
Mrs. Lena Gibbons (*Posthumous*)
Mrs. Alice Langley
Ms. Loretta Richardson
Coach Laurence Tarver
The Stapleton Foundation (Alisha
Brown & Frank Lucero)

2012

Humanitarian Recipients

Hon. Menola Upshaw
Mrs. Marion Veronica
Ellerbee (Posthumous)
Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity, Inc.
Officer David Hutchings,
The Abrahamic Initiative,
Dr. Raymond Dean Jones.
Reverend Ronald Wooding,

Dr. Joyce Marie Davis

Outstanding Youth Recipients

Salina C. Trahan

2013

Humanitarian Recipients

Abraham Harold Fields
Alyse Cecile Harris
Dr. Arthur Jones
Tamara Rhone
Dr. Ryan Ross
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth
The Honorable Elbra Wedgeworth
Lifetime Achievement Recipients
Bennie Lucille Williams

2014

Humanitarian Recipients

Murugan Palani
Tom Luehrs
Rose Ellen Shipp

Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding

Youth Recipients

Josephine "Josie" Shumway Brady

Hon. Wilma J. Webb Founder's

Recipients

Elinor (Ellie) Miller Greenberg &
Richard Young ESQ.

Lifetime Achievement Recipients:

Thelma Gash &
Robert & Eddie Woolfolk

2015

Humanitarian Recipients

David Arterberry
Barbara Shannon-Banister
Dr. Evie Garrett Dennis
Anna Jo Haynes
Reverend Doctor Jules Smith
Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding
Youth Recipients Nekyah Cheraye Scott
Special MLK Commission Recipients:

Greater Metro Denver Ministerial
Alliance (GMDMA)
Charles Burrell

2016

Humanitarian Recipients

Sharon Bridgeforth
Crisanta Duran
Dr. Zelda M. DeBoyes
The Kitchen Community
Step 13, Inc.

Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding
Youth Recipients: Victoria Fleming

Hon. Menola Upshaw Lifetime
Achievement Recipients:

Edward J. Dwight, Jr.

Hon. Wilma J. Webb Founder's
Recipients:

Dr. Barbara Shannon-Banister
Dr. James Peters

2017

(Lifetime Achievement Recipients)

Dr. Ruth Steel
Charles McCulley
Owetta McNeil

Humanitarian Recipients

Rise Colorado
Michelyn Johnson
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding
Youth Recipients:

Noah J. P. Jones

Hon. Wilma J. Webb Founder's
Recipients:

Lawrence "Larry" Hugh Borom
Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales
Bishop Phillip H. Porter Jr.

2018

Humanitarian Recipients

Maisha Fields
Antoinette N. Massey
Ricardo "Mr. Rick" Sanders
Lifetime Achievement Recipients:

Tom and Barbara Jo Humphrey
Jane W. and Carl P. Pigford

Hon. Wilma J. Webb Founder's
Recipients:

Mr. Elvin R. Caldwell, Jr.
Dr. Claudette Evette F. Sweet

2019

Jerome Davis
Cecil Gutierrez
Jandel Allen-Davis, MD
Rhonda M. Coleman, DAOM
Trayosha Decker (**Outstanding Youth**)
Kenzie Hull (**Lifetime Achievement**)
Eric K. Hughes (**Lifetime Achievement**)
Dennis Gallagher (**Founders Award**)

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Dr.

Barbara Shannon-Bannister (Founders Award 2020)
Aubrey J. Lavizzo, DVM

African American Historical and Genealogical Olivia Omega
ADL (Alan Berg BIPOC)
Jerome Whittington and JoKatherine Holliman Page (Lifetime Achievement)

Hazel Whitsett (Lifetime Achievement)
Edlla Beata Tetteh (Outstanding Youth)
Tamara Banks (Founders Award)
Dr. Sly Morgan Smith (Founders Award)

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NOMINATION FORM



Selection Criteria

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Recipientss recipients having, in varied and diverse ways, helped to bring about Dr. King's dream of an equal opportunity for all persons to build a better life, regardless of their race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. We especially seek to honor adults, youth, and groups who give freely of themselves, whose good works spring from a generous volunteer spirit. We aspire to honor at least one high school student who exemplifies the legacy of Dr. King and his message with the Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding Youth Recipients.

We are equally interested in those who have blazed a trail before us, whether or not they're active today with the "Honorable Menola Upshaw Lifetime Achievement Recipients." We also don't want to forget those that labored among us with their time, talent, and resources, who are no longer with us.

Nominee Information:

On a separate page please provide a Nomination Support Narrative sharing the reason you are nominating this person or organization, for the Recipients. Please include how your nominee embodies the compassion, philosophy, and dreams of Dr. King as well as why this person or organization is deserving of this Recipients and recognition. Nomination Supporting Narrative must be typed in Times New Roman, 12, font and may not exceed two pages. (*Failure to submit nominations by the 12 Noon Friday, December 18, 2020, deadline may be deem the nominee ineligible for consideration.)

***Please be prepared to submit a recent professional photograph, in camera-ready format, of your nominee if they are selected as a 2019 recipient. If you do not have a current professional photograph, A-Star Photography will happily provide professional photography services at no cost to the honoree.*

Nominee's full name _____
_____ (if the nominee is deceased, please indicate).

Age ____ (if 21 years old or younger)
Address of nominee (or survivors) _____
Email address _____
Home phone and fax _____
Work phone and fax _____

Name of person making nomination _____
Address _____
Email address _____
Home phone and fax _____
Work phone and fax _____

Name and address of another person who can confirm and add to your reasons for nomination:

Address _____

Email address _____
Home phone and fax _____
Work phone and fax _____

The honorees will be notified on Friday, December 18, 2020

Submit your nomination by 12NOON on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018 to:

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c/o Charleszine "Terry" Nelson, Chair
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