



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
COLORADO HOLIDAY COMMISSION
2015 HUMANITARIAN AWARDS NOMINATION
“It’s My Right to Vote”

**Dr. Martin Luther
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“It’s My Right to Vote”

The year 2015, will mark the 50th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday”, Selma, Alabama, (March 7th,) and the Voters Rights Act of 1965. This law was signed on August 6, 1965, by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the American Civil Rights Movement. Its purpose was to enforce the voting rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

On that day, Dr. King stated in his speech, "The basic elements so vital to Negro advancement can only be achieved by seeking redress from government at local, state and Federal levels. To do this the vote is essential."

The Dr. King holiday has been celebrated in Colorado for 30 years. In those years the community has marched for justice, peace and humanity. We still face some of the same issues of injustice 50 years later.

In the spirit of justice, peace and humanity, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission’s Humanitarian Awards Committee is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations that have given freely from their hearts to others, who have given their talent, time and energy to meet unmet needs, stir hope, speak for the voiceless, and to build a better world, if for just one person at a time. Adults, young people, organizations, and groups who volunteer their time and talents to the community are our focus.

We also seek those individuals working in service positions whose passion for the people or causes they serve, pushes them to regularly go above and beyond their job duties. We are equally interested in youth who are setting a stellar example for all in the Colorado community.

We will honor six of these “message carriers” on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. The awards ceremony will be celebrated in conjunction with a community reception and concert by the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, which is held annually to celebrate Dr. King’s life and work.

Your nominee will be in excellent company. Humanitarian recipients have come from all walks of life, but each has been driven, as Dr. King was, by the desire to help and make the world a better place. Past recipients of the Humanitarian Awards are listed on the back of this letter. Humanitarian Awards Committee members are not eligible for consideration.

The form is also available online at www.drmartinkingjrhc.org under “2015 Humanitarian Awards.” Feel free to download and copy the form and share it with others. Please mail or hand delivers the nomination form to: Terry Nelson, Blair Caldwell African American Research Library, 2401 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80205 or email: tnelson@denverlibrary.org or drmlkingjrhc@aol.com or fax your nomination form to: 720-865-2418 by midnight Sunday, December 14, 2014.

Sincerely,

Terry Nelson
Chair, Humanitarian Awards Committee
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award Recipients – 1990-2014

<u>1990</u>	Rosalind "Bee" Harris	Robbi Smith Lange
Bishop William C. Frey	Home of Neighborly Services Teri	Elizabeth and Ted Thomas
Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales	Westerman/PHAMALY	<u>2000</u>
Rachel Noel	<u>1996</u>	Michael Auberger
Rev. James D. Peters, Jr.	Anti-Defamation League	Sharol Enockson
Rev. Acen L. Phillips	Shaun Gutierrez/Heaton M. S, Agatha	Virginia Fraser
Arie Taylor	Jackson	Noel and Leslie Ginsburg
<u>1991</u>	Grace Hale Jordan	Ben Reiff
Warren Alexander	Orlando's Way	Janet Sammons
Leo Cardenas	Gladys Raj	Barbara Vogel
Joyce Marie Davis	Sage Remington	<u>2001</u>
John Echohawk	UMOJA: Terry Minggia, Virgil Robinson,	Chris & Chad Horner
Rabbi Steven Foster	Alfred Sayers	Babs Johnson
Sumiko Hennessey	U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder	Jack Lang y Marquez
Rev. Julian Rush	<u>1997</u>	Robert I. "Bob" Patton
James D. White	American Friends Service Committee	Sen. Gloria T. Tanner
<u>1992</u>	Gwendolyn Scott / A WORLD OF	Menola Upshaw
Daisy Anderson, Steamboat Springs	DIFFERENCE	Carlotta Walls Lanier, Trailblazer
Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance	Lorraine Granado	Syl Morgan Smith, Trailblazer
Rev. Wendell T. Liggins	Barbara Shannon-Bannister	Bea Branscombe (posthumous)
Rex Morgan	Rev. Aaron Gray	Hiawatha Davis (posthumous)
Max Frankel	George Stranahan (Roaring Fork Valley)	<u>2002</u>
Swanee Hunt	Sarah Harmon	Civic Center Office Building Community
Gary Lozow	Susie Jones / Dorothy Baker Project	Outreach Program
Lewis Trujillo	Mary Miera	Eleanor G. Crow
<u>1993</u>	Barbara Shannon-Banister	Betina Hicks
Polly B. Baca	George Stranahan (Roaring Fork Valley)	Grant Jones Jr.
Denver Rescue Mission	Gwendolyn Thomas	Frank Nelson
Sarah Lee Foster	Bernie Valdez	David Schumm
Charlotte Friedman	<u>1998</u>	Robert J. Shoates
Vincent G. Harding, Ph.D.	Randy Chapman	<u>2003</u>
Penfield W. Tate II	Ramon del Castillo	Victoria "Vikki" Buckley
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE	Karen Fallahi	Charles Butcher
<u>1994</u>	Patricia J Huhn	Daniel Oh
Dr. Jules Amer	Verna W. Jackson, Ph.D.	Betty Proctor
Lowell Darr	Kathy Kuskulis	Stephen Straight
Rabbi Daniel Goldberger	Oliver "Skeeter" Van/Night Moves	Bess Bailiff-Turner
Kappa Alpha Phi	Darius Lee Smith	Mayor & Mrs. Wellington Webb Lifetime
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.	Christopher Weatherly-White, M.D.	Achievement Award
Patricia Barela Rivera	Jeannie VanVelkinburgh	<u>2004</u>
Leonard Sowell	John H. Yee	Lucy Pab'on
<u>1995</u>	<u>1999</u>	Issac Moore (posthumous)
Senator Robert E. Allen	Lawrence "Larry" Donato	Keith "K.C." Matthews
Oleta L. Crain	William Durland	William H. Coker
Ruth C. Denny	Friendly Harbor Drop-in Center, Pueblo	Jared Polis
Jim Garcia	Essie Garrett	John & Edna Mosley Lifetime
Antonio Guardado, South H.S.	Rosianna Lewis	Achievement Award

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award Recipients – 1990-2014

2005

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 Award

2006

Charles Cousins
 The Daniels Fund
 Fannie Fiddmont, Ed. D.
 Johnnie Johnson & Wayne Turner
 Cecilia Mascarenas
 Zara A. Snapp
 Hazel Johnson Whisett
 Rosemarie Freeney-Harding

Lifetime Achievement Award

2007

Silke Hansen
 Archie Jones
 Pensal McCray
 L. Elaine Neal
 Julissa Soto
 Julissa Torrez
 Simone Williams
 George W. Gray & Juanita Ross Gray
 (posthumous) **Lifetime Achievement**

Award

2008

Senator Peter C. Groff
 Randle Loeb
 Haven Moses
 Lieutenant Les Perry
 Elisa Sagehorn
 Project Angel Heart
 Volunteers of America, (Colorado Branch)
 Wilma M. Taylor (posthumous) **Lifetime**

Achievement Award

2009

Christie Donner
 Pastors Leon & Yvonne Emerson
 Russ Nesiba
 Tracy Jenkins Winchester
 Calvin Natt

Maria Guajardo, Ph.D.

Jean & Sam Guyton **Lifetime**

Achievement Award

2010

Former Senator the Honorable Dorothy
 Rupert,

Lifetime Achievement Award

Ms. Cleo Parker Robinson, **Lifetime**

Achievement Award.

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

2011

Lifetime Achievement Award

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

2012

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

The Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstand

Youth Award: Salina C. Trahan,

2013

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 Award:

Bennie Lucille Williams

2014

Murugan Palani
 Tom Luehrs
 Rose Ellen Shipp
The "Dr. Joyce Marie Davis
Outstanding Youth Award:"
 Josephine "Josie" Shumway Brady
"The Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founders

Award:"

Elinor (Ellie) Miller Greenberg &
 Richard Young ESQ.

Lifetime Achievement Award:

Thelma Gash &
 Robert & Eddie Woolfolk



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NOMINATION FORM

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards - 2015

Mark your calendar: the deadline for nominations for the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award is Midnight, Sunday, December 14, 2014. Mail forms C/O Terry Nelson to 2401 Welton St Denver, CO 80205. E-mail: tnelson@denverlibrary.org, and drmlkinjrhc@aol.com or fax to 720.865.2418,

Typed narrative supporting your nomination shall not exceed two pages, Times New Roman 12 font!

Criteria for selection:

Recipients of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards have, 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. It is our aspiration 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 Award.**

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 Award." We also don't want to forget those that labored among us with their time, talent, and resources, who may no longer with us.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION:

I am nominating _____ **for the 2015**
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award (if nominee is deceased, please indicate). Please attach on a separate page your reason for nominating this person or organization, and how your nominee embodies the compassion, philosophy, and dreams of Dr. King and why this person or organization is deserving of this award and recognition.

Nominee's full name _____

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

Address _____

Email address _____

Home phone and fax _____

Work phone and fax _____

**PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT A RECENT PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPH IN
CAMERA-READY FORMAT OF YOUR NOMINEE IF SELECTED AS A 2015 RECIPIENT
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPH, WE WILL PROVIDE A
PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER TO PHOTOGRAPH THE HONORNEE!**

Submit your nomination to:

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be received by
Saturday, December 13, 2014**