



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr  
COLORADO HOLIDAY COMMISSION  
2022 HUMANITARIAN AWARDS NOMINATION  
**“THE SECURITY OF JUSTICE”**

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Wednesday, August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 demonstrators took part in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in the nation’s capital. The march was triumphant in pressuring the administration of John F. Kennedy to initiate a strong federal civil rights bill in Congress.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addressed the crowd as the press, and the world looked on. Dr. King delivered what would become known as the “I Have A Dream” speech.

Dr. King stated, “We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we’ve come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the Security of Justice. By highlighting racial injustice, they contributed to the passage of the Voting Rights Act, a landmark federal achievement of the civil rights movement.

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Colorado Holiday Commission’s Humanitarian Awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., in conjunction with a community reception and concert by the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. Celebrating Dr. King’s life work, six honorees will be recognized with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award. (Past recipients are listed on the back.) award recipients have come from all walks of life, driven, as Dr. King was, by the desire to help make the world a better place.

The nomination deadline is Noon, Monday, November 29, 2021. Forms are available to download online at [www.drmartinkingjrhc.org](http://www.drmartinkingjrhc.org) under “2022 Humanitarian Awards.” Feel free to download and share the document with others. Honorees will be notified by December 14, 2021.

Submit completed nomination forms to Charleszine “Terry” Nelson at the Blair Caldwell African American Research Library, 2401 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80205 (Email, US Postal Mail, fax, and hand delivery are accepted. [TNelson@denverlibrary.org](mailto:TNelson@denverlibrary.org) or [drmlkingjrhc@aol.com](mailto:drmlkingjrhc@aol.com); fax number: 303-953-0799)

Sincerely,

Charleszine “Terry” Nelson  
Chair, Humanitarian Recipients Committee

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" Gonzáles  
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)  
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)

**2021**

Betty Arago-Mitotes,  
Marsha Brown  
Jacqueline Withers  
Alan Harrison Berg Award  
NAACP-Denver Chapter  
Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding Youth Award:  
Disuuri Suidi  
Know Justice, Know Peace Podcast Team  
Jenelle Nangah, Dahni Austin, Alana Mitchel and  
Kaliah Yizar

Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founder's Award:

Ronald F. Pinkard  
Honorable Menola Upshaw Lifetime Achievement Award  
Sum Cong Nguyen



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**2022 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HUMANITARIAN  
 RECIPIENTS  
 NOMINATION FORM**

**Selection Criteria**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Humanitarian Recipients recipients, have varied and diverse ways. They brought about Dr. King’s dream of equal opportunity for all persons. To build a better life, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. We primarily seek to honor adults, youth, and groups who give freely of themselves, whose good works spring from a generous volunteer spirit. We aspire to observe 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.

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**Nominee Information:**

Would you please provide a Nomination Support Narrative sharing why you nominate this person or organization for the Recipients on a separate page?  
*Nomination Supporting Narrative must be typed in Times New Roman, 12, font and may not exceed two pages. (\*Failure to submit nominations by the Noon Monday, November 29, 2021, the deadline may be deemed the nominee ineligible for consideration.)* Please include how your nominee embodies the compassion, philosophy, and dreams of Dr. King and why this person or organization deserves these Recipients and recognition.  
 \*\*Please be prepared to submit a recent professional photograph, in camera-ready format, of your nominee if they are selected as a 2019 recipient. Suppose you do not have a current professional picture. In that case, 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 December 14, 2021***

***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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