Oslo Norway, December 10th, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stood at a podium and recited his acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize. Metal in hand, King spoke of the challenges that had torn our country apart as well as his re-ignited hopes for the future. “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.” Encouraged, King went on to say, “I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.”

King spoke of a re-energized purposefulness. “Today I come, as a trustee, inspired, and with a renewed dedication to humanity.” He strongly believed that, “what self-centered (peoples) have torn down, (populations that are) other-centered can build up.” King reminded us that it is not an individual act, but a group effort. “I am always mindful of the many people who make a successful journey possible…” “Most will never make the headlines and their names will not appear in Who’s Who. Yet when years have rolled past and when the blazing light of truth is focused on this marvelous age in which we live – men and women will know and children will be taught that we have a finer land, a better people, a more noble civilization…”

In the spirit of Renewed Dedication to Humanity the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission’s Humanitarian Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 2020 Humanitarian Award. The committee is seeking adults, young people, organizations, and groups, that have freely given their talent, time and energy to meet unmet needs, stir hope, speak for the voiceless, and to build a better world. (Members of the Humanitarian Awards Committee are not eligible for consideration.)

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020, at 7:30pm, in conjunction with a community reception and concert by the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. To celebrate Dr. King’s life work, six honorees will be recognized with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award. 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. (Past recipients are listed on the back.)

Nomination deadline is 12Noon Friday, December 6th, 2019. Forms are available to download online at www.drmartlkingjrchc.org under “2019 Humanitarian Awards.” Feel free to download and share the form with others. Honorees will be notified by December 16th, 2019.

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 or drmlkingjrchc@aol.com; fax number: 303-953-0799)

Sincerely,

Charleszine “Terry” Nelson
Chair, Humanitarian Awards Committee

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2020 HUMANITARIAN AWARDS NOMINATION
“RENEWED DEDICATION TO HUMANITY”

1990
Bishop William C. Frey
Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales
Rachel Noel
Rev. Acen L. Phillips
Arie Taylor

1991
Warren Alexander
Leo Cardenas
Joyce Marie Davis
John Echohawk
Rabbi Steven Foster
Sumiko Hennessey
Rev. Julian Rush
James D. White

1992
Daisy Anderson, Steamboat Springs
Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance
Rev. Wendell T. Liggins
Rex Morgan
Max Frankel
Swanee Hunt
Gary Lozow
Lewis Trujillo

1993
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
Dr. Jules Amer
Lowell Darr
Rabbi Daniel Goldberger
Kappa Alpha Phi
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Patricia Barela Rivera
Leonard Sowell
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

1995
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
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
American Friends Service Committee
Gwendolyn Scott / A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE
Lorraine Granado
Barbara Shannon-Bannister
Rev. Aaron Gray
George Stranahan (Roaring Fork Valley)
Sarah Harmon
Susie Jones / Dorothy Baker Project
Mary Miera
Barbara Shannon-Banister
George Stranahan (Roaring Fork Valley)
Gwendolyn Thomas
Bernie Valdez

1998
Randy Chapman
Ramon del Castillo

1999
Lawrence “Larry” Donato
William Durland
Friendly Harbor Drop-in Center, Pueblo
Essie Garrett
Rosiani Lewis
Robbi Smith Lange
Elizabeth and Ted Thomas

2000
Michael Auberger
Sharol Enockson
Virginia Fraser
Noel and Leslie Ginsburg
Ben Reiff
Janet Sammons
Barbara Vogel

2001
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)
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
COLORADO HOLIDAY COMMISSION
2020 HUMANITARIAN AWARDS NOMINATION
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2002
Civic Center Office
Building Community
Outreach Program
Eleanor G. Crow
Betina Hicks
Grant Jones Jr.
Frank Nelson
David Schumm
Robert J. Shoates

2003
Victoria “Vikki” Buckley
Charles Butcher
Daniel Oh
Betty Proctor
Stephen Straight
Bess Bailiff-Turner
Mayor & Mrs. Wellington Webb
Lifetime Achievement Award

2004
Lucy Pab`on
Issac Moore (posthumous)
Keith “K.C.” Matthews
William H. Coker
Jared Polis
John & Edna Mosley
Lifetime Achievement Award

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 Whitsett
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)

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
Lifetime Achievement Award

2011
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 Outstanding Youth Award:

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

2015
David Arterberry, Lifetime Achievement
Dr. Barbara Shannon Banister, Lifetime Achievement
Dr. Evie Dennis, Lifetime Achievement
Anna Jo Haynes
Reverend Doctor Jules Smith
Nekyah Cheraye Scott (Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding Youth Award)
Special MLK Commission award: (Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founder’s Award)
Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance (GMDMA)
Charles Burell

2016
Sharon Bridgeforth
Crisanta Duran
Dr. Zelda M. DeBoyes
The Kitchen Community
Step 13, Inc.
The Dr. Joyce Marie Davis Outstanding Youth Award:
Victoria Fleming
Honorable Menola Upshaw
Lifetime Achievement:
Edward J. DeWight, Jr.
(Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founders) Award: Dr. Barba Shannon Banister
Dr. James Peters

2017
Dr. Ruth Steel (Lifetime Achievement)
Charles McCulley (Lifetime Achievement)
Owetta McNeil (Lifetime Achievement)
Rise Colorado (Humanitarian)
Michelyn Johnson (Humanitarian)
Noah J. P. Jones (Outstanding Youth)
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (Humanitarian)
Lawrence "Larry" Hugh Borom “Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founder’s Award”
Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzáles “Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founder’s Award”
Bishop Phillip H. Porter Jr. “Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founder’s Award”

2018
MAISHA FIELDS
ANTOINETTE N. MASSEY
RICARDO “MR. RICK” SANDERS

Lifetime Achievement Honorees
TOM and BARBARA JO. HUMPHREY
JANE W. and CARL P. PIGFORD
“Honorable Wilma J. Webb Founders Award”
MR. ELVIN R. CALDWELL, JR.
DR. CLAUDETTE EVETTE FRANÇOIS SWEET
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*Supporting nomination narratives submitted are limited to 2 pages, typed, Times New Roman 12 font*

**Criteria for selection:**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards 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 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 are no longer with us.

**NOMINATION SUBMISSION:**

**I am nominating ______________________________ for the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award** (if the 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 2020 RECIPIENT

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPH, A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER
WILL BE PROVIDED TO PHOTOGRAPH THE HONORNEE!

The 2020 Honorees will be notified on Monday, December 16, 2019

Submit your nomination to:

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Note: Hand delivered nomination or submitted via US Postal Services, must be received by 12noon, Friday, December 6, 2020