



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
 COLORADO HOLIDAY COMMISSION
 2020 HUMANITARIAN AWARDS NOMINATION
“RENEWED DEDICATION TO HUMANITY”

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Pueblo Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.drmartinkingjrhc.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 drmlkingjrhc@aol.com; fax number: 303-953-0799)

Sincerely,

Charleszine “Terry” Nelson
 Chair, Humanitarian Awards Committee

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 Award
 Committee**

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1990

Bishop William C. Frey
 Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales
 Rachel Noel
 Rev. James D. Peters, Jr.
 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

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

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

Lawrence "Larry" Donato
 William Durland
 Friendly Harbor Drop-in
 Center, Pueblo
 Essie Garrett
 Rosianna 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)



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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 Freene-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
 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,



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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

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 Burrell

2016

Sharon Bridgeforth
 Crisanta Duran
 Dr. Zelda M. DeBoyes
 The Kitchen Community
 Step 13, Inc.
 The Dr. Joyce Marie Davis
 Outstand 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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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HUMANITARIAN AWARDS - 2020

NOMINATION FORM

Mark your calendar: the deadline for nominations for the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award is NOON, Friday, December 6th, 2020.

Mail forms C/O Dr. Terry Nelson to 2401 Welton St Denver, CO 80205.

E-mail: tnelson@denverlibrary.org, or drmlkinhjrhc@aol.com or fax to 303.953.0799

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 _____



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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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c/o Dr. Terry Nelson
2401 Welton St
Denver, Colorado 80205
E-mail: tnelson@denverlibrary.org
& drmlkinhjrhc@aol.com**

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