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Greenville Human Relations Council

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GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL AWARDS PROGRAM

This award program was created by the Human Relations Council to honor residents of the City for their commitment and dedication to inspire others to engage in volunteer service and to recognize individuals and organizations that provide services that strengthen the Greenville community and improve the lives of others.

Because of their selfless service to our community, these awards not only highlight the importance of volunteerism and community service, but they remind us of how one person can truly make a difference.

Since February 1992, the Council has recognized and honored the extraordinary achievements of Greenville's heroes. A description of the award categories are:

Best-Irons Humanitarian Award honors individuals, organizations/businesses with a commitment to positive human relations in Greenville. It recognizes an individual and a business (organization) that has made Greenville a better place through their commitment to promote social, racial and economic justice; defending human rights; and/or enhancing the dignity of all people. Recipients may be considered "unsung heroes" who have energized others to improve the opportunities and quality of life for residents of Greenville and have unselfishly shared their time and expertise and consistently and willingly extended a helping hand to others – often without seeking recognition.

Distinguished Inclusive Community Award honors organizations/businesses who have demonstrated a significant contribution toward creating a diverse and inclusive community through the implementation of policies, procedures, initiatives, and/or programs in one or more of the following areas:

- Recruitment and retention of an excellent and diverse staff, faculty, or student body.
- Foster equality of opportunity within our community.
- Encourage diverse perspectives.
- Create a welcoming and supportive climate through efforts such as visibility, communication and education.
- Other areas critical to establishing inclusivity.

Community Service Award (Volunteerism) honors individuals and/or organizations that provide outstanding volunteer services that strengthen our community and improve the lives of our residents. The age criteria for an individual award: (a) **Youth Award** recognizes the dedication of an individual 17 years of age or younger, (b) **Adult Award** recognizes the dedication of an individual age 18 and older, and (c) **Community Service Business/Organization Award** recognizes any business/organization or agency for their volunteer efforts.

Nominations may be made online by visiting the City's webpage at www.coghrc.org and follow instructions for the Greenville Human Relations Council Annual Award Ceremony and Reception.

PAST RECIPIENTS

1992: Dr. Andrew A. Best
Dr. Malene G. Irons

1993: Bishop Randy B. Royal
Burroughs-Wellcome

1994: Rev. Rand Maynard
Pepsi-Cola

1995: Ms. Sylvia McCreary

1996: Rev. Joseph Jones

1997: Mr. Bennie Rountree
Burger King

1998: Dr. & Mrs. Carrol Webber
T. J. Maxx

1999: Dr. Patricia Dunn
Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County

2000: Rev. Sidney Locks
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church

2001: Mr. & Mrs. Javier Castillo
Rubbermaid

2002: Mr. Robert Franke
Progressive Freewill Baptist Church, Inc.

2003: Ms. Nell Lewis
STRIVE

2004: Bishop Henry Brown
Greenville Community Shelter

2005: Mrs. Ella Harris
Jarvis United Methodist Church After School Program

2006: Mrs. Sylvia J. Wheless
University City Kiwanis Club
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

2007: Attorney Earl T. Brown
Grady-White Boats

There was no award program from 2008 – 2010.

In 2011, the Council created the Human Relations Council Award Program and added the Community Service Awards and the Distinguished Inclusive Community Award. Recipients for 2011 – 2014:

2011 AWARDS

Community Service Awards

Youth Awards: Ajay Ajmera
 Alexis Spain Briley
 Wunghee Christina Lee

Adult Award: Pattie Laughinghous Leary

Distinguished Inclusive Community Award

Burton Family Dental and Associates

Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards

Citizen Award: Susan Redding

Corporate Award: Pitt County Branch of NAACP

2012 AWARDS

Community Service Awards

Youth Awards: Casey Sokolovic
 Andrew J. Bin

Adult Award: Ann Harrison

Organization Award: A Time for Science

Distinguished Inclusive Community Award

Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center

Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards

Citizen Award: Marie Welch
Howard Pearce

Corporate Award: Hope of Glory Ministries
AMEXCAN

2013 AWARDS

Community Service Awards

Youth Awards: Te'aswana Garris
Davon Moore
Mrunal Shah
Ritvik Verma
Jane Yoon

Adult Award: Marvin L. Hardy

Organization Award: The Little Willie Center

Distinguished Inclusive Community Award

Peace Presbyterian Church

Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards

Citizen Award: Renee Arrington
Robert Thompson

Corporate Award: Attends Healthcare Products

2014 AWARDS

Community Service Awards

Youth Awards: Joshua Walston
 Serena Mooney
 Lauren Applewhite

Adult Award: Gigi Walter

Organization Award: Power of His Presence Ministries

Distinguished Inclusive Community Award

No nominations

Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards

Citizen Award: Walter Strathy

Corporate Award: Redirection CDC