

AWARD NOMINATION CRITERIA AND DESCRIPTIONS

Submission Deadline: February 11, 2022

The Awards Celebration (formerly the Annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon) is Nonprofit Connect's signature event, and Kansas City's oldest and largest celebration of nonprofit excellence. Now in its 38th year, the Awards Celebration has honored over 300 nonprofit leaders, organizations, and business owners for their contributions to the community.

Nonprofit Connect is proud to celebrate the work being done by nonprofits in Kansas City. We invite you to nominate the nonprofit professionals and organizations who performed tremendous acts of service in 2021, as well as the individuals and entities who advocated for them.

The online nomination form has also been simplified compared to previous years in order to encourage nominations, and does not request recommendation letters. The nomination process includes basic information about the nominee as well as two open-ended questions that match the bulleted criteria listed under each award description.

2022 Award Descriptions

Persevering Advocate

Presented to an individual* who:

- Demonstrated an **outstanding commitment to champion a nonprofit organization** in 2021.
- Exhibited support for the organization through personal leadership and service.

* *Note: Designation of primary role (i.e. executive director, nonprofit staff member, board member, volunteer) will be requested on the nomination form. We welcome and encourage nominations of individuals in any role.*

Equity in Action

Presented to two **nonprofit organizations** (one large, one small) that:

- Exhibited an outstanding commitment to **equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging**.
- Took initiative in addressing societal issues in 2021.
- Fostered an inclusive culture.

Nonprofit Catalyst

Presented to two **nonprofit professionals** (one executive, one staff member) who:

- Demonstrated extraordinary commitment to their organization in 2021.
- Used exceptional **leadership and / or teamwork** skills to find solutions to relevant issues in 2021.

Stronger Together

Presented to a nonprofit organization and another entity (i.e. business, foundation, government agency, or another nonprofit) that:

- Achieved greater results in service to the community by **joining forces and leveraging combined resources** than one entity could have achieved on its own.
- Directly responded to relevant issues in 2021.

Excellence in Impact

Presented to two **nonprofit organizations** (one large, one small) that:

- Found creative and inclusive solutions to **expand the scope and / or reach of their programs** to meet the needs of their community in 2021.
- Demonstrated resourcefulness and determination to continue mission fulfillment.

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Nomination Criteria

- Nominees must live and work in the Greater Kansas City area, and the impact of their work should focus on the Greater Kansas City area.
- All candidates must be willing and available for any pre-event production in Spring 2022. (Nonprofit Connect verifies this information upon selection.)
- All nominations are confidential, and Nonprofit Connect will not contact nominees unless they are selected.
- By submitting a nomination, you agree to allow Nonprofit Connect to use any nomination information submitted at the 2022 Nonprofit Connect Awards Celebration or for any associated communication or promotions.
- There is no limitation to the number of nominations that you may submit. Any duplicate submissions from multiple sources will be collectively considered as one nomination.
- A nonprofit organization or individual may be nominated in more than one award category, but separate form submissions are required.
- We welcome and encourage nominations for nonprofit organizations of all sizes.
- Some stories of nonprofit organizations and individuals are broadcasted louder than others; we encourage nominations from all.
- Self-nominations are allowed. You are your strongest advocate and best storyteller!

Nomination Instructions

- Submit nominations online at https://bit.ly/2022AC_nominate
- The online Nomination Form includes two open-ended questions that match the bulleted criteria listed under each award description.
- Open-ended questions are limited to approximately 350 words each.
- Nominations will only be accepted via the online form. If assistance is needed, please call 816-759-8614 or email events@npconnect.org
- **Submission deadline is Friday, February 11, 2022.**

Honoree Selection

A selection committee of community leaders will review all nominations and select honorees from each category to be recognized at the event on May 18. Honorees will be chosen in late February.

If you are interested in being a judge for the 2022 Nonprofit Connect Awards Celebration, please submit your interest here: https://bit.ly/2022AC_judge. **The deadline for judges is Wednesday, February 2, 2022.**

Questions

If you have questions about the nomination form or criteria, please contact Hannah Bernardini at 816-759-8614, events@npconnect.org or visit <https://www.npconnect.org/awards-celebration/>.

2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Brilliance in Resilience*

Children's Mercy Kansas City
Hope Faith

Equity in Action

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum
Heart to Heart International
Troost Market Collective
United Inner City Services

Stronger Together

YMCA of Greater Kansas City with United Methodist Church of the Resurrection
Turn the Page KC with Camp Fire Heartland, Boys & Girls Club of Greater KC, The YMCA of Greater Kansas City, and the Upper Room

Persevering Advocate

Dr. Kimberly Beatty
Kenzi Hoyle
Carmen Kraus
Ann Tinsman

Pivoting Pioneer*

Harvesters - The Community Food Network
HappyBottoms

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS*

Emerging Philanthropist of the Year

2016 Jennifer Matney
2017 Jessica Best & Brian Stewart
2018 Randy & Cheryl Reinhardt
2019 Darren Prenger
2020 Nora & Marshall Lockton

Emerging Nonprofit Professional of the Year

2016 Deborah Wiebrecht
2017 Sarah Reape
2018 Jeremy Lillig
2019 Gillian Helm
2020 Audra Clark

Emerging Volunteer of the Year

2016 Rachel Hack Merlo
2017 Jake Jacobson
2018 Nicole Jacobs-Silvey
2019 Chris Rosburg
2020 Chuck Cuda

Excellence in Impact Award

2016 Community Services League
2017 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City
2018 United Way 2-1-1 of Greater Kansas City
2019 Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City
2020 Reconciliation Services

Excellence in Collaboration Award

2016 Rainbow Services, Inc. & Kansas City, Kansas Police Department
2017 Artists Helping the Homeless & Saint Luke's Hospital
2018 Women's Foundation & City of Kansas City, Missouri
2019 Giving the Basics with KCMO Police Department and KCMO School District
2020 Vibrant Health & The University of Kansas Health System

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Philanthropist of the Year

1985 Donald J. Hall
1986 John B. Francis
1987 William H. Dunn, Sr.
1988 Marjorie Powell Allen
1989 Henry W. Bloch
1990 Ewing M. Kauffman
1991 Clarence H. Goppert
1992 Shirley & Stan Rose
1993 Adele Hall
1994 Herman Sutherland
1995 Shirley & Barnett Helzberg
1996 James P. Sunderland
1997 R.R. Osborne
1998 Rose S. Teicher
1999 John J. Sullivan, Jr.
2000 Virginia & James Stowers
2001 Shirley Pryor
2001 Fred Pryor
2002 Elaine & Norman Polsky
2003 Laura & Richard Cray
2004 Jeannette Nichols
2005 Senia & Will Shields
2006 Bernadette & Richard W. Miller
2007 Julia Irene Kauffman
2008 Robert D. Regnier
2009 The Ann & Gary Dickinson Family
2010 Carolyn & Bob Reintjes
2011 Mary & Alan Atterbury
2012 Mary Davidson Cohen
2013 Betty & Tom Scott
2014 Benny Lee
2015 Annette Bloch
2016 Marlys & Michael Haverty
2017 Dr. William A. & Mary Reed
2018 John Isenberg, Tom Isenberg & Carol Barnett
2019 Deanna & Greg Graves
2020 The Sunderland Family

Business Philanthropist of the Year

1999 Sprint Foundation
2000 JE Dunn Construction Company
2001 Bernstein-Rein Advertising
2002 Ford Motor Company
2003 General Motors/United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 31
2004 Applebee's
2005 Right Management
2006 Metcalf Bank
2007 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas City
2008 Commerce Bank
2009 New Theatre Restaurant
2010 KCP&L
2011 Hallmark Cards, Inc.
2012 Burns & McDonnell
2013 McCownGordon Construction
2014 KSHB-TV & KMCI-TV
2015 Country Club Bank
2016 Kansas City Chiefs
2017 The Miller Group
2018 H&R Block
2019 CommunityAmerica Credit Union
2020 Bank of America

Volunteer of the Year

1996 Mary Shaw Branton
1997 C. Stephen Metzler
1998 Patty Garney
1999 Marcia H. Bailey
2000 Barbara Potts
2001 Beverly Bodker
2002 Judy Henry Hunt
2003 Mary Kay McPhee
2004 David Oliver
2005 Pam & Gary Gradinger
2006 Nancy & John Dillingham
2007 Gayle Price Krigel
2008 Rose Bryant
2009 Anita B. Gorman
2010 Ramón Murguía
2011 Katie & Clyde Wendel
2012 Maurice A. Watson
2013 Gene Wilson
2014 Jan Regan
2015 Peggy Borkon
2016 Peggy & Terry Dunn
2017 Linda & Terry Ward
2018 Kevin Connor
2019 Joseph Jacobs III
2020 Gene Balloun

Nonprofit Professional of the Year

1985 T. Henry Stafford
1986 W.L. "Tom" Tompkins
1987 Maurice M. McNellis
1988 Robert L. Campbell
1989 Jane White Brown
1990 John A. Shehane
1991 Kenneth E. Smith
1992 Jessie A. Fuller
1993 Robert W. Buchanan
1994 Sister Olive Louise Dallavis
1995 Marie Whitmer
1996 William J. French
1997 Davoren Tempel
1998 Jeffrey D. Byrne
1999 Harold J. Schultz
2000 Thad A. Henry
2001 Mary Baker
2002 David A. Smith
2003 Daniel J. Bradbury
2004 Paul Gemeinhardt
2005 Sheridan Y. Wood
2006 Myra Christopher
2007 Brenda Sharpe
2008 Sister Berta Sailer & Sister Corita Bussanmas
2009 Barbara G. Head
2009 Mark L. Litzler
2010 Karen T. Haren
2011 John W. Bluford III
2012 David Warm
2013 Hilda Fuentes
2014 Jane Chu
2015 George Guastello
2016 Wayne Sims
2017 Frank Byrne
2018 Jeffrey Bentley
2019 Randy Wisthoff
2020 Cris Medina

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Rising Stars 2009

Kate Ferrell Banks
Jamie Montgomery Helzberg
Chris Mounts
Dan Nilsen
Jeanette Prenger
Gwyn Prentice
Ryan Reid
Kimberlee Ried
Abby & Alex Wendel
Jean-Paul Wong

Rising Stars 2010

Bruce Allen
Erika Dickey
Christina Eldridge
Wesley Fields
Kevin Gabriel
Trudy Kopf Gabriel
Bill Gautreaux
Laura & David Hall
Jenny Murphy
Luke Norris
Ken Sonnenschein, MD

Rising Stars 2011

Jamie Berg
Lisa Hallier
Sheri Johnson
Erin Mos
Kathy Schikevitz
Laura Curry Sloan
Rob Smith
Mary Wetzel
Richard Wetzel

Rising Stars 2012

Katie Dunn Fitzgerald & Matt Fitzgerald
Colby Jones
Amy McAnarney
Mark Moberly
Casey Simmons & S. Sloane Simmons
Ursula Terrasi
Dan Walsh
Teal Williams

Rising Stars 2013

Laura Eickman, Psy.D.
Katie Hall
Hayley E. Hanson
Deliece & Brian Hofen
Jennifer Ingraham
Tim McCoy
Courtney Thomas
Hunter Wolbach

Rising Stars 2014

Jenny Erdman
Brandon Fancher
Courtney Goddard
Rebecca Hierholzer
Betsy Lynch
Lauren McCarthy
Dawn Taylor
Luke Wade

Rising Stars 2015

Matthew Clark
Tom Dowling
Sheri Gormley
Tom Houlehan
Dean Newton
Kelly & Steve Stewman
Courtney Wachal

Special Lifetime Achievement

2004 David P. Ross
2019 David Renz, Ph.D.

Nonprofit Impact Award

2012 The Nigro Brothers Auctioneers

Small Business Philanthropist of the Year

2000 River City Studio
2001 Carter Broadcasting Company
2002 Boulevard Brewing Company
2003 Parris Communications

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