

## **PAST WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE REGION HONOREES**

### **2020**

#### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Covenant Place  
HeartLands Conservancy  
Lock It for Love, a program of Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice  
Urban Harvest STL

#### **Fostering Creativity for Social Change**

Arts & Faith St. Louis  
Circus Harmony  
Opera Theatre of St. Louis  
Prison Performing Arts

#### **Improving Equity and Inclusion**

FLOURISH St. Louis powered by Generate Health  
Grace Strobel  
Join Hands ESL, Inc.  
Parents Learning Together at the St. Louis Arc

#### **Promoting Stronger Communities**

Community & Children's Resource Board  
Greater East St. Louis Early Learning Partnership  
Provident Behavioral Health  
Thomas Dunn Learning Center

#### **Emerging Initiatives**

MindsEye's Arts & Culture Accessibility Cooperative  
St. Louis Prosecuting Attorney Diversion Initiative  
Wellston Tenant Association

#### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

Otis Williams

#### **Alumni Award**

Deborah Patterson

#### **Emerging Alumni Award**

Antionette Carroll

### **2019**

#### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

CyberUp (formerly Midwest Cyber Center)  
Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition  
It's Your Birthday, Inc.  
Kranzberg Arts Foundation

#### **Fostering Creativity for Social Change**

COCA – Center of Creative Arts  
New Line Theatre

Perennial  
Shakespeare Festival St. Louis

**Improving Equity and Inclusion**

Challenge Unlimited, Inc.  
Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience  
Inda Schaenen, Project Lab St. Louis  
Salam Clinics

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Gateway to Innovation  
HealthWorks! Kids Museum  
NCADA  
Rebuilding Together

**Emerging Initiatives**

A Red Circle  
Saint Louis ReCAST  
Sustainable Housing Initiative, a program of Criminal Justice Ministry  
Washington University Transgender Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Bob Fox

**Alumni Award**

Chris Chadwick

**Emerging Alumni Award**

Blake Strode

**2018**

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Arts As Healing Foundation  
Home Sweet Home  
The Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel  
Special Needs Tracking & Awareness Response System (STARS), a program of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Gateway Housing First  
Ready by 21 St. Louis  
St. Louis Area Diaper Bank  
T-REX Innovation Center

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**

BESummer Pharmacy Institute  
Metro Trans Umbrella Group  
Springboard to Learning  
St. Louis County Family Court – Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Michele Duffe  
Pattonville School District

Brenda Smith, Principal, Vashon High School 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy  
Jason Watson, Director of Beyond Jobs

### **Emerging Initiatives**

Active Advocacy Coalition  
Better Together: St. Louis City-County Governance Task Force  
Green House Venture  
St. Louis CDFI Coalition

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

Dennis Lower

## **2017**

### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

City of St. Louis Treasurer's Office College Kids Children's Savings Program  
Prosperity Connection  
ready + willing  
St. Louis MetroMarket

### **Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Afton School District  
Forest Park Forever and the City of St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
Normandy Schools Collaborative  
Veterans Business Resource Center

### **Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**

Sophie Bernstein, founder of Go Healthy St. Louis  
The Ferguson Collaborative  
North Side Community School  
Saint Louis University Family Medicine Residency

### **Promoting Stronger Communities**

Arch Grants  
Kids Rock Cancer, a program of Maryville University  
Myrtle Hilliard David Comprehensive Health Centers  
St. Louis Mosaic Project

### **Emerging Initiatives**

Natalie DuBose, owner of Natalie's Cakes & More  
SIUE's Grow Your Future: A Multi-generational Approach to Breaking the Cycle of Poverty  
Seniors Count of Greater St. Louis  
We Stories

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

Dr. Kelvin Adams and the SLPS Special Administrative Board

## **2016**

### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

EarthDance Organic Farm School  
Jazz St. Louis  
Rx Outreach  
St. Louis County Library

### **Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Construction Forum STL  
EducationPlus  
Flood Disaster Response Collaboration  
St. Louis Family & Community Partnership

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**

ArchCity Defenders  
City Garden Montessori School  
James Clark  
Amy Hunter

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

International Institute of St. Louis – St. Louis Citizenship Project  
Kingdom House  
The Little Bit Foundation  
Twigs, a program of Family Treehouse

**Responding to Community Needs and Entrepreneurs**

Alive and Well STL  
The Ferguson Commission  
STL Youth Jobs  
WGU Missouri

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Dr. Jason Purnell

**2015**

**Demonstrating Innovation Solutions**

Citizens for Modern Transit  
Food Outreach, Inc.  
Missouri History Museum – Teens Make History Program  
Saint Louis Earth Day

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Behavioral Health Response  
Cover Missouri Coalition, an initiative by the Missouri Foundation for Health  
Small Business Relief Program  
St. Louis Regional Interoperable Communications Core Group

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**

Holocaust Museum & Learning Center  
inspireSTL  
North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice  
Starkloff Disability Institute

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Call for Help, Inc.  
Ferguson Youth Initiative  
Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church  
UMSL Bridge Program

**Responding to Community Needs & Entrepreneurs**

Healing Hearts Bank of National Council of Jewish Women – St. Louis Section  
Justine PETERSEN

LaunchCode  
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's Community Economic Development Program

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Martin L. Mathews  
Rev. Chet Cantrell

**2014**

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

The BEACH Project  
Caring for Kids  
Kids Vision for Life – St. Louis  
Operation Food Search  
Safe Connections

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis  
BioSTL  
Great Rivers Greenway – Centennial Greenway  
St. Louis Integrated Health Network  
St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Epworth Children & Family Services  
Gateway Greening  
Gateway to Better Health  
Logos School  
Mid-East area Agency on Aging

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

The Ethics Project  
Loyola Academy of St. Louis  
New Life Enterprises – Project Graduate  
PROMO  
Shalom House

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Chris Krehmeyer

**2013**

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Brittany Woods Community School Initiative  
Institute for Family Medicine  
Madison County Transit Trails  
The SPOT  
World Chess Hall of Fame and Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Accelerate St. Louis  
Community Council of St. Charles County  
Nine Network of Public Media – KETC  
Poplar Street Bridge Project

RBC Young Professionals Network

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**

The BEACON Project, Saint Louis Effort for AIDS  
The Bosnia Memory Project  
Latino Leadership Institute  
NAACP – St. Louis City  
Shearwater Education Foundation

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

The Bridge  
Lift for Life Gym  
Sebrina Johnson  
The St. Louis Children’s Choirs  
University City Children’s Center

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Frankie Muse Freeman

**2012**

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Special Needs Registry – Department of Human Services, City of St. Louis  
Judy Sindecuse, CEO/Manager, Capital Innovators  
America SCORES St. Louis  
Better Living Communities  
Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Great Circle  
CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation & National Park Service  
St. Louis Alliance for Reentry (STAR)  
St. Louis Graduates  
St. Louis County, Office of Community Development & Laclede Gas Company

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**

SIUE East St. Louis Center  
Places at Page  
Deborah Nelson-Linck, Curator – The Hands On Black History Museum  
Gateway Men’s Chorus  
“The Pruitt-Igoe Myth” – Paul Fehler, Producer

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

St. Louis Area Foodbank  
Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club of St. Louis, Inc.  
KDHX Community Media  
After School for All Partnership (ASAP)  
St. Louis Community Credit Union

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Rev. Jerry Paul

**2011**

### **Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Crossroads College Preparatory School  
Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.  
The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum  
Marian Middle School

### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Healthy Kids Express—Pediatric Mobile Health Program  
Judge Jimmie M. Edwards  
Simone Bernstein  
St. Louis Bread Co. Cares Café

### **Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Healthy Eating with Local Produce  
Midwest China Hub  
Peter & Paul Community Services  
St. Louis Healthy Families

### **Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Educational Equity Consultants  
William M. Fogarty, M.D.  
The Haven of Grace  
Youth In Need

### **Promoting Stronger Communities**

24:1—an Initiative led by Beyond Housing  
Francie Broderick and Places for People  
Paraquad  
Wings of Hope

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

Donald M. Suggs

## **2010**

### **Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

City Academy  
Churchill Center & School for Learning Disabilities  
Marshall Cohen  
Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center at UMSL

### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Extreme Recruitment™  
Innovate Venture Mentoring Service  
Missouri Women in Trades  
Trailnet

### **Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Walls  
American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter  
Des Lee Collaborative Vision at UMSL  
Casa de Salud

### **Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Center for Survivors of Torture & War Trauma  
St. Cecilia Parish  
St. Francis Xavier (College) Church  
St. Louis Internship Program

### **Promoting Stronger Communities**

Lynn Wittels  
St. Louis Public Library  
Dennis Kelley  
Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

John Vatterott

## **2009**

### **Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis  
Interchange  
Ladue Schools C.U.R.E. Committee  
Kevin M. Short

### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Connections to Success  
GO! St. Louis Read, Right & Run Marathon  
St. Louis ArtWorks' Boomerang Press  
St. Louis City Family Courts—Neighborhood Accountability Boards

### **Fostering Regional Cooperation**

I-64 Project Team  
Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis  
St. Louis Regional Engineering Academy  
YWCA St. Louis Regional Sexual Assault Center

### **Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

The Black Rep  
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri  
Martin Matthews  
Rabbi Susan Talve

### **Promoting Stronger Communities**

Guardian Angel Settlement Association  
Kathleen Hummel  
Legal Advocates for Abused Women  
PayBack

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

Anna Crosslin

## **2008**

### **Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Dr. Linda Henke  
KidSmart—Tools for Learning



Miriam School  
North St. Louis YouthBuild

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Committed Caring Faith Communities  
Construction Careers Center  
Delta Dental of Missouri's "Teeth on the Go" Program  
Judy Pearlstone, Project Backpack

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Alliance on Mental Illness—NAMI St. Louis  
Great Rivers Greenway District and Metro-East Park and Recreation District  
Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District  
Mid-Metro 4

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

College Summit—St. Louis  
Community Health-In-Partnership Services  
Health and Dental Care for Kids  
Independence Center

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Bob Hansman and Jovan Hansman  
Covenant House Missouri  
En Team Organization—Operation Cooperation  
PHL, Inc.

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Richard Archibald, Ph.D.

**2007**

**Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

College Bound  
MySci™ Investigation Station  
Pfzier Inc.—St. Louis Laboratories  
Webster University

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

CHADS Coalition for Mental Health  
Ranken Jordan  
RideFinders  
Spencer's Fund

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Citizens for Missouri's Children  
Robert K. Massie, DDS  
Old North St. Louis Restoration Group  
St. Clair Special Emergency Services Association

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

James H. Buford  
CLAYCO  
Doorways, an Interfaith AIDS Residence Program  
Sherwood Forest Camp

### **Promoting Stronger Communities**

Diane Berry

Life Skills

Missouri Foundation for Health

The Wellness Community

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

Margaret Bush Wilson

## **2006**

### **Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Central Institute for the Deaf

Nahed Chapman

Metro Theater Company

Teach for America—St. Louis

### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Cultural Festivals

Gateway Foundation

H.I.S. K.I.D.S., Inc.

REAP (Redevelopment Opportunities for Women – ROW's Economic Action Program)

### **Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Family Resource Center and Family Support Council

NorthPark Partners

St. Louis Regional Health Commission

St. Louis Sports Commission

### **Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Council on American-Islamic Relations

Cultural Leadership

Paul Kruse

Betty Thompson

### **Promoting Stronger Communities**

Big Brothers Big Sisters

John Burse

MORE (Grace Hill Settlement House—Member Organized Resource Exchange)

Theresa Loveless

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

David Kemper

## **2005**

### **Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS)

Henry Shannon

The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

Aaron Williams

### **Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Alton Steel Inc.

Blessing Basket Project  
Duckett Creek Sanitary District  
Fair Saint Louis

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

The McKinley Bridge Project  
Willie B. Nelson, Sr.  
Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance  
St. Louis Council on Early Childhood Success

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis  
Faith Beyond Walls  
League of Women Voters of St. Louis  
Charles A. Newman

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Family Support Network  
Girls Holla Back! Project—Missouri Institute of Mental Health  
Lydia's House  
A Place to Call Home

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Darnetta Clinkscale

**2004**

**Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Community Partnership Program—Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra  
Joyce Roberts  
Parents As Teachers National Center  
Peabody Education Task Force

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

St. Vincent de Paul Mobile Kitchen  
Let's Start  
MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries  
Minority Youth in Construction Program

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Ford Hazelwood Task Force  
Mississippi River Beautification and Restoration Project  
St. Louis For Kids  
Vision for Children at Risk

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Dismantling Racism  
Equal Housing Opportunity Council  
Give Kids A Smile  
St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

The Junior League of St. Louis  
Missouri Alliance for Children and Families

Nurses for Newborns  
St. Louis City CASA

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

John Baricevic

**2003**

**Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Aim High St. Louis  
Dr. Terry Stewart, Superintendent, Jennings School District  
Girls Incorporated of St. Louis  
The Metropolitan Education and Training Center

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Steve Trampe: Owen Development  
Stray Rescue  
The Caring Workplace Program  
Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Advantage Capital Partners  
Metropolitan Medical Response System  
Monsanto Co.: Donald Danforth Plant Science Center/Nidus Center for Scientific Enterprise  
The Confluence Greenway

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Anytown Youth Leadership Institute  
Brenda Mahr  
Iris Jacob  
Richard (R.J.) Krause

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Beyond Housing  
National Council of Jewish Women—St. Louis Section  
St. John's Home and Community Care  
Saint Louis Crisis Nursery

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Kathryn E. Nelson  
Bert Walker III

**2002**

**Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

CHARACTER plus Program—Cooperating School Districts  
Dr. David C. Thomas, Director and CEO, Logos School  
The Belle Center  
YWCA Head Start Program

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Teens Care  
St. Louis County Truancy Court

The Madison County Recycling Program  
ReStore—Habitat for Humanity St. Louis

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Bi-State Development Agency/MetroLink  
St. Louis Regional Clean Air Partnership  
Cities of Clayton, Maplewood, and Richmond Heights  
Libraries Without Boundaries

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Community Links Program of the International Institute of Metro St. Louis  
The Joint Venture of Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church and Central Reform Congregation  
The Diversity Awareness Partnership  
St. John's Mercy Neighborhood Ministry

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Parkview Gardens Association  
East Side Heart and Home  
St. Patrick Center  
Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc.

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Joseph P. Hubbard  
Max J. Starkloff

**2001**

**Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Dr. Maureen Clancy-May  
Dr. James Dennis  
Ready Readers  
Kevin Walker  
Young Audiences of St. Louis

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Rosemary Davison  
Faith House  
Fathers' Support Center  
Guardian Angel Settlement Earth Angels  
McCormack Baron

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Dr. Richard Bush  
The Clean Water, Safe Parks and Community Trails Initiative  
Gateway Lions and Partners  
St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition  
St. Louis Regional Partnership for Excellence in Urban Teacher Preparation

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

The Friends of Greenwood Cemetery  
Jobs with Justice, St. Louis Chapter  
The Mound City Bar Association

National Conference for Community and Justice  
That Uppity Theatre Company

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

The Christian Activity Center  
Grace Hill Women's Business Center  
Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis  
Life Science Consultants  
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Bob Virgil

**2000**

**Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**

Yvonne Howze  
Richard Mark  
OASIS (Older Adults Services and Information Systems)  
South Side Day Nursery  
Audrey Washington

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**

Forest Park Forever  
Housing Comes First  
North County CARES (Community Access to Resources, Education, and Services)  
Tax Assistance Program  
Wheels for Success

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**

Grand Center Inc.  
Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois  
Missouri Development Finance Board  
St. Louis County and the City of Wellston  
Alexander Soetjipto

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**

Wyndel Hill  
Dr. Shohreh Majidi  
Project Harmony Program of Rosati-Kain High School  
PROUD (People Reaching Out for Unity and Diversity)  
St. Louis Community Response Network

**Promoting Stronger Communities**

Carondelet Community Betterment Federation Inc.  
Emerson Park Development Corporation  
La Clinica  
North Webster Neighborhood Coalition  
Teen Peer-To-Peer Educators—a Program of Planned Parenthood

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Joe Edwards

## **1999**

### **Improving Academic Achievement and Creating a Safe Learning Environment**

Clay Community Education Center

Vasil Etimoff

Dr. Mary Ellen Finch

St. Paul Saturdays

Dr. Chris Wright

### **Fostering Race Relations**

Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity

Greg Freeman

North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice

Maggie Potapchuk

David Warren

### **Creating Positive Environments for Children and Youth**

Mildred Jamison

Alison Nash

Jerry and Susan Schlichter

United Services for the Handicapped

Joe W. Wiley

### **Building Safe and Viable Neighborhoods**

Joe Edwards

Charlotte Meshell

Mayor Robert Moore

Schnucks

St. Clair County's Welfare-to-Work Program

### **Using Technology to Create Jobs or Improve Service Delivery**

Center for Emerging Technologies

The Cornerstone Partnership

Dana Marshall

Neighborhood Web Fairs

Technology Gateway Alliance

### **Promoting Community Health**

Archbishop's Commission on Community Health

Barbara Bogomolv, RN, BSN, MS

St. Louis ConnectCare

Developmental Disability Services of Metro East

Healthy Communities 2000

### **FOCUS Leadership Award**

Dr. William Danforth

Minnie Liddell

## **1998**

### **Improving Education**

Fort Bowman Academy

Maryville University and Harris-Stowe State College

MO Joint Legislative Committee on School Desegregation and Finance Issues

The Regional Jobs Initiative  
St. Louis Professional Development School Collaboration

**Improving Race Relations**

The Action Circles Initiative  
CommUnity St. Louis  
Covenant 2004  
A Regional Hate Crime Response Network  
The St. Louis Clergy Coalition and the Interfaith Partnership

**Revitalizing the Region's Core**

Downtown Now!  
The Downtown St. Louis Partnership  
Eads Bridge Restoration Work  
Metropolis St. Louis  
Alderman Phyllis Young

**Preventing Crime**

Cease Fire Initiative  
The Family Violence Councils of the St. Louis Region  
The Partnership for Children and Youth  
The St. Louis Drug Court  
The School Resource Officer Program

**Fostering Neighborhood Revitalization**

Delmar MetroLink Revitalization  
The Livable Community Initiative  
The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program of Saint Louis University  
The Neighborhood Web Fair  
Pyramid Construction

**Regional Unity**

The Center for Emerging Technologies  
The Danforth Foundation  
Saint Louis 2004  
The St. Louis RCGA's Community Leadership Exchange  
The State Games of America

**FOCUS Leadership Award**

Gail & Bob Cassily  
Robert Shannon