

PAST WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE REGION HONOREES

2021

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions

HOME WORKS! The Teacher Home Visit Program

Sri Jaladi, Founder of NANO-Lending

UMSL, MU Extension & St. Louis Promise Zone Neighborhood Leadership Fellows

Wyman Center's Teen Connection Project

Fostering Creativity for Social Change

Britt Tate-Beaugard, Art Teacher, St. Louis Public Schools

Dance the Vote

Faces Not Forgotten

Hope Creates

Improving Equity and Inclusion

Computer Village

Construction Career Development Initiative

Jamaa Birth Village

The SoulFisher Ministries

Promoting Stronger Communities

Concordance Academy of Leadership

Employment Connection of St. Louis

Eye Thrive

Gateway Pet Guardians

Emerging Initiatives

Dasha Kennedy, Founder, The Broke Black Girl

Navigate STL Schools

Racial Healing + Justice Fund

St. Louis Teacher Residency

FOCUS Leadership Awards

Constance Gully

Michael McMillan

Alumni Award

Kathy Lambert

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

BEST Summer 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 9th & 10th 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

Affton 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 Soetjpto

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 Bogomoly, 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