PAST WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE REGION HONOREES

2023

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions

Angels' Arms Arriel Biggs, Founder, Young Biz Kidz Keyway: Center for Diversion & Reentry National Blues Museum

Enhancing Regional Prosperity

Ava's Grace Scholarship, a program of the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis Build Back Better Regional Collaboration on Advanced Manufacturing, led by Greater St. Louis, Inc. and St. Louis Economic Development Partnership Building Union Diversity, a program of the Missouri Works Initiative

Save Our Sons, a workforce development program of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

Improving Equity and Inclusion

Black Girls Do STEM Cardinal Ritter College Prep Disabled Athlete Sports Association (DASA) Flance Early Learning Center

Promoting Community Health and Well-being

Girls On The Run Kendall & Wyvetta Granger I Define Me Movement Nicole Nelson, Founder, Equity Legal Services

Emerging Initiatives

GreaterHealth Pharmacy & Wellness Real Estate Tax Assistance Fund Tap In Center The Believe Projects

FOCUS Leadership Award

The Steward Family

Emerging Alumni Award

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2022

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions

Karen Tokarz, Co-founder, St. Louis Mediation Project Nine PBS's Teaching in Room 9 St. Louis Area Foodbank Thinksgiving

Enhancing Regional Prosperity

BioGenerator Elevate/Elevar Accelerator Midwest BankCentre

University of Missouri-St. Louis Succeed Program

Improving Equity and Inclusion

Dream Builders 4 Equity EleVATE Women Collaborative Mental Health Collaborative at Casa de Salud St. Joseph Housing Initiative

Promoting Community Health and Well-being

Music That Reclaims Room at the Inn St. Patrick Center's Hospital to Health Housing Program Tejas Sekhar, Executive Director, EndingCOVID

Emerging Initiatives

Cure Violence Initiative Neighborhood Healing Network Rung for Women St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force

FOCUS Leadership Award

June McAllister Fowler

Emerging Alumni Award

Neal Richardson

FOCUS Honorary Alumni Award

Dr. Terry Jones

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 Acadmey
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

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 Brilliante 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

Ioe 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