



## 2015 MLK COUNTYWIDE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

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September 9, 2014

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear Community Member:

There are many individuals and organizations in our community who work tirelessly for the good of others. They share their time, energy, experience, and good will to make Champaign County a better place to live and work. Unfortunately, the efforts of these dedicated and compassionate individuals and organizations too often go unrecognized. That is why the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, Champaign County, Parkland College, and the University of Illinois have joined together to recognize and honor those who work for the betterment of our community by offering three awards in the following categories:

- **James R. Burgess, Jr. - Susan Freiburg Humanitarian Award** honors the humanitarian efforts of individuals/organizations that improve the human condition by alleviating suffering and contributing to the basic human dignity of those in need;
- **Doris Hoskins Prestigious Community Service Award** honors individuals/organizations that engage in outstanding volunteerism and in so doing, contribute to the well-being of the Champaign County Community;
- **The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Achievement Award** honors individuals/organizations that work for social justice in the spirit of Dr. King. The principles of justice that Dr. King espoused include promoting equal rights for all persons regardless of race, religion, economic status, or physical or mental disability.

If you know a Champaign County individual or organization who has demonstrated a deep commitment to the betterment of our community by engaging in community services, humanitarian work, or the promotion of equal rights, please consider them for a nomination.

Each nominee that is chosen for an award will be recognized at the **14th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Countywide Celebration**. This event will be held on Friday, January 16, 2015, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at Hilton Garden Inn, 1501 S. Neil Street, Champaign.

Attached, please find a copy of criteria outlining the procedures for submitting a nomination. **All nominations must be received by Friday, October 17, 2014 at 5:00 pm.** Nominations should be submitted in writing to City of Champaign, Community Relations Office, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820 or e-mailed to [CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us](mailto:CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us).

Thank you for helping us honor those who make our community a special place to live.

**2015 MLK Countywide Celebration Committee**

# 2015 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration Award Nomination Form

To nominate an individual or organization for a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration Award, please complete (type or print) and return this nomination form to the City of Champaign by **5 p.m., Friday, October 17, 2014.**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the MLK Celebration Awards is to honor Champaign County individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions, consistent with the philosophy and mission of Dr. King in community service, humanitarian work and the promotion of equal rights.

**NOMINEE** (*check one*):            ( ) Individual            ( ) Organization

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOMINATED BY:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Selection Categories (mark one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **James R. Burgess, Jr. - Susan Freiburg Humanitarian Award:** Honors the humanitarian efforts of individuals/organizations that improve the human condition by alleviating suffering and contributing to the basic human dignity of those in need.

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**Selection Criteria Please respond to the following questions (narrative 3 pages or less, double-spaced):**

**1. Describe the nominee's work:**

- What are the nominee's accomplishments and achievements?
- How has the nominee's work inspired others?
- What evidence is there that others hold the nominee in high regard within the community or field served by the nominee?

**2. Explain how the nominee exemplifies the following criteria:**

- Clear and significant contributions to the local communities.
- A strong commitment to the philosophies of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**3. In addition to the narrative, please provide any supporting material.**  
(e.g. supporting letters, media coverage, etc.)

**4. Previous recipients of MLK Celebration Awards are not eligible for reconsideration.**

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014**

**SUBMIT NOMINATION MATERIALS BY:**

**1. MAIL TO:**

**2015 Countywide MLK Celebration Award Nomination  
City of Champaign  
Community Relations Office  
102 N. Neil Street  
Champaign, IL 61820**

**OR**

**2. E-MAIL IN WORD OR PDF FORMAT TO: [CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us](mailto:CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us)**

- Nomination Forms are available on the websites at: [www.ci.champaign.il.us](http://www.ci.champaign.il.us), [www.co.champaign.il.us](http://www.co.champaign.il.us) or [www.urbana.illinois.us](http://www.urbana.illinois.us)
- For additional information, contact the Community Relations Office at 217/403-8830 or via e-mail: [CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us](mailto:CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us)

**PAST RECIPIENTS:**

**COMBINED AWARDS**

(Established in 2011)

**James R. Burgess, Jr. – Susan Freiburg Humanitarian Award**

2011: Joy George  
2012: Donna Camp  
2013: Crisis Line, Service of Community Elements  
2014: Carmen Zych

**Doris Hoskins Prestigious Community Service Award**

2011: Crisis Nursery  
2012: Alfred Anderson  
2013: Tori Exum-Johnson  
2014: Champaign County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Achievement Award**

2011: Waleed Jassim  
2012: Carlos Donaldson  
2013: Dr. Francis Ihejirika  
2014: Dr. Laura Taylor

## **PAST RECIPIENTS Con't:**

### **CITY OF CHAMPAIGN**

#### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award**

1993: Rev. Benjamin Cox	1999: John Lee Johnson	2005: Lucille Roberts
1994: Vernon Barkstall	2000: Pauline E. Kayes	2006: Tracy Parsons
1995: Willie T. Summerville	2001: Doris K. Hoskins	2007: Rev. Claude E. Shelby
1996: Fannie M. Taylor	2002: Kathryn Britt Humphrey	2008: David Gillon
1997: Ruthie Harper	2002: Dorothy Utley	2009: WBCP 1580 AM Radio
1997: Robert A. Eubanks	2003: Nathaniel House	2010: Arthur Culver
1998: Dr. Stephanie Tatum	2004: Erma Bridgewater	

#### **Susan M. Freiburg Humanitarian Award**

1997: Betty L. Troxell	2002: Bishop King James Underwood	2007: Alejandra Coronel
1998: Kathy Sims	2003: Elizabeth Kakoma	2008: Restoration Urban Ministries
1999: Johnnie L. Harris	2004: Ellen McDowell	2010: Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
2000: Bruce D. Nesbitt	2005: Hattie Paulk	
2001: Vera L. Wesley	2006: Rev. Harold Davis	

### **CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

#### **James R. Burgess, Jr. Humanitarian Award**

2002: Doris Burgess	2006: Ann Einhorn	2010: Joan Miller, League of Women
2003: Maurie Edward	2007: Lester Pritchard	Voters and the University of Illinois
2004: Victor Stone	2008: Marilyn Garmon Starks	College of Law Trial Advocacy
2005: Imani Buzzell	2009: Evelyn Burnett Underwood	Program

#### **Doris Hoskins Prestigious Community Service Award**

2002: Walter Fisher	2005: Peter Thomas	2008: William Sweat
2003: John Lee Johnson	2006: Rev. Dr. Harold Davis	2009: Brenda Eheart
2004: Dr. Thomas Moore	2007: Margaret Neil	2010: Edward Bland, Jr.

### **CITY OF URBANA**

#### **Outstanding Achievement Award**

1998: Judy Lewis	2002: East Central Illinois Refugee	2006: Tanya Chillis
1999: Doris Hoskins	Mutual Assistance Center	2007: Janice Mitchell
2000: Maudie Edwards	2003: PACE, Inc.	2007: Grace Mitchell
2000: James Hays, Jr.	2003: Cunningham Children's Home	2008: Florence Yeri
2000: Men's Safe House	2004: Gladys Pope	2008: Champaign-Urbana Tenant
2001: Patricia Avery	2004: Sophia Ziegler	Union
2001: Esther Patt	2005: Johnnie Harris	2009: Kandi Hart
2002: Shirley Hursey	2006: Nathaniel Banks	2010: Lester Pritchard (posthumous)