



Impact Award Nominations

March 23, 2021

*Spokesperson if nomination drawn as a finalist. They may ask someone else to speak on their behalf.

Nominations:

Building Bridges of Hope

We are dedicated to providing immediate services and support to the underserved, homeless, elderly, and disabled in the Columbus Community. We provide monthly bags of food to the elderly, skills and job training, hotel rooms for the homeless, sponsor back-to-school drives, and host a Christmas Gala every year for over 100 disadvantaged children.

Columbus Arts Council, Inc.

The Columbus Arts Council supports and promotes individual creativity, cultural preservation, and lifelong learning through the arts. Our goal is to inspire a diverse audience and create a sense of community by engaging all forms of art.

Columbus Lowndes Free Medical Clinic (Good Samaritan Clinic) Patricia Lynn Davis*

Neighbors helping neighbors! We are a nonprofit organization that provides free primary health care to the working poor of Lowndes County.

Columbus Lowndes Habitat for Humanity

We seek to put God's love into action. Habitat for Humanity builds homes, communities, and hope.

Community Benefit Committee

We support residents of the City of Columbus/Lowndes County and members of the local law enforcement agencies. Our programs provide assistance during healthcare crises, beds for children, Christmas bikes, and resources for incarcerated fathers, so they can earn Christmas gifts for their children.

Nominated by:

Glenda Burkhalter*

Jan Miller*, Kay Jones, Jo Shumake

Karen Stanley*

Julie Parker*

Dream Center of Columbus

Meg Ebert*

The Dream Center is a faith-based charitable organization that finds and fills the needs of struggling people. We aim to not only meet the immediate needs of communities like providing food, clothing, and beds for children but also focus on the full successful transformation of people's lives, all free of charge. Find a need and fill it, find a hurt and heal it.

Excel by 5 of Columbus-Lowndes

Melinda Lowe*

Our vision is to support families with children under 5 years of age. We encourage community-based collaborations to use and enhance existing resources to optimize the care and education of young children by preparing them to enter school happy, healthy, and with the skills they need to succeed.

Father's Child Ministry

Michelle Whittle*

Our mission is to end fatherlessness by turning the hearts of fathers to their children and turning the hearts of children back to the Heavenly Father through youth mentoring, mother's support group, and operation manhood.

Happy Christmas Fund LTD

Linda B. Hanson*

This organization benefits thousands of adults and children. The fund provides clothing, school supplies, and other necessities to many children in the local schools and community. In addition, 100+ fruit baskets are delivered to shut-ins and the elderly who would otherwise be alone for the holidays.

Hearts After-School Tutoring Program

Margaret Rollins*

The mission of HEARTS (Helping Every Age Reach and Teach Students) is to provide a nurturing and enduring Christian after-school environment and academic tutoring for multicultural children in the Columbus community who are at-risk of falling behind in the academic classroom. Students receive healthy snacks, daily devotionals, instruction in math, reading, and phonics, and help with homework.

Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center

Lisa Read*

As a Christ-centered outreach ministry, we educate, equip and support women and men to make life affirming choices related to pregnancy, parenting, relationships, and God. We do not offer financial support.

Lowndes Co. VFW Post 4272

Millie Rodabough*

Post 4272 focuses on veterans and their families throughout and after their military service. They also support other community needs including assistance for handicapped children and families in crisis.

Lowndes County Imagination Library

Alma Turner*

Our mission is to develop literacy skills in our county by providing free books to PreK children and free literacy skill-building training to their guardians. We are an affiliate of the global Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

New Hope Middle School Adaptive Play Area

Lisa Shaw*

The Adaptive Play Area will promote the developmental growth of students with the most severe and profound cognitive disabilities at New Hope Middle School. Our mission is to create an outdoor classroom and play space for our students to engage in learning activities.

Safe Haven, Inc.

Bridget Pieschel*

We provide emergency shelter and crisis intervention services 24/7 to victims of domestic violence/sexual assault, and their children. All shelter services are free. Our outreach educational program increases awareness and promotes the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Patricia J. Alexander*

As a Catholic lay organization, members “Vincentians” are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group and economic level. Locally, we make person-to-person home visits to those who are needy and suffering. We collaborate with other people and organizations of goodwill in relieving the many needs and addressing the causes whenever possible.

Trinity Place Retirement Community Sunday Fund

Josie Fannon*

The Sunday Fund was created as a benevolence fund to meet the financial burdens of elders who live on the Trinity campus. These elders may have depleted their financial resources and many have no family or other support to assist them in meeting overwhelming financial and emotional obstacles.

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