**The Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award**

**Nomination Form – 2023 Award Year**

**The Manhattan Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Celebration Committee administers the Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Community Service Award. The award was initiated in 2005 and is presented annually to at least one recipient during Manhattan's MLK Jr. Community Celebration on Saturday, January 13, 2024.**

**Past award recipients:**

2006 – James E. Butler

2007 – Dr. James B. Boyer and William A. Greene (in memoriam)

2008 – Rev. Don Fallon and Geraldine (Gerry) Walton

2009 – Murt Hanks (in memoriam) and Dr. Sherry Wright

2010 – Karen Franklin and Don Slater

2011 – Karen McCulloh and Veryl Switzer

2012 – Ivory Anderson

2013 – Rev. Jim Spencer

2014 – Larry Hackney and Rev. L.E. & Queen E. Madison

2015 – Lynda Bachelor and Linda Morse

2016 – Caela Simmons-Wood and Dr. Zelia Z. Wiley

2017 – Barbara Hartnett and Richard Pitts

2018 - Marianne Cullers and Rev. Sterling & Patricia Hudgins

2019- Dave and Sonya Baker

2020- Rev. Jonalu Johnstone, Mrs. Sharon Patterson Davis and Dr. Cheryl Grice.

2021- Majorie Dorstine Johnson, Linnetta Ann (Johnson) Hill, Debbie Nuss and Brad Fenwick.

**Award Criteria: Guidelines for selecting an award recipient were established through a cooperative**

**effort of the Manhattan MLK Memorial Celebration Committee. The three principle criteria for a**

**nomination is that the recipient:**

**1. Demonstrates service and long-term commitment in uniting the diversity of our community for the**

**greater good.**

**2. Expresses a history and track record of bringing people together in a non-polarizing manner.**

**3. Resides in and/or is currently actively participating in the Manhattan, KS community.**

**Using the criteria described above, attach a well-developed description about why you think the nominee deserves this recognition. Biographical information and a photograph will be important for the award ceremony, the press release, and historical documentation. These materials are considered part of your nomination. The nomination will not be considered unless this information is provided.**

**Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Deadline: all nominations must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2024 midnight.**

**Mail this nomination form and attachments to:**

**MLK Spirit Award, c/o MLK Jr. Memorial Committee, 7850 Lookout Drive Manhattan, KS, 66505 or email this nomination form and attachments to: manhattanmlkcommittee@gmail.com.**

**Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Date Nomination Form and Materials Received by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**