

Philanthropy Awards Luncheon

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Philanthropist of the Year

1985 Donald J. Hall
1986 John B. Francis
1987 William H. Dunn, Sr.
1988 Marjorie Powell Allen
1989 Henry W. Bloch
1990 Ewing M. Kauffman
1991 Clarence H. Goppert
1992 Shirley & Stan Rose
1993 Adele Hall
1994 Herman Sutherland
1995 Shirley & Barnett Helzberg
1996 James P. Sunderland
1997 R.R. Osborne
1998 Rose S. Teicher
1999 John J. Sullivan, Jr.
2000 Virginia & James Stowers
2001 Shirley Pryor
2001 Fred Pryor
2002 Elaine & Norman Polsky
2003 Laura & Richard Cray
2004 Jeannette Nichols
2005 Senia & Will Shields
2006 Bernadette & Richard W. Miller
2007 Julia Irene Kauffman
2008 Robert D. Regnier
2009 The Ann & Gary Dickinson Family
2010 Carolyn & Bob Reintjes
2011 Mary & Alan Atterbury
2012 Mary Davidson Cohen
2013 Betty & Tom Scott
2014 Benny Lee
2015 Annette Bloch
2016 Marlys & Michael Haverty
2017 Dr. William A. & Mary Reed
2018 Tom Isenberg, John Isenberg & Carol Barnett

Business Philanthropist of the Year

1999 Sprint Foundation
2000 JE Dunn Construction Company
2001 Bernstein-Rein Advertising
2002 Ford Motor Company
2003 General Motors/United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 31
2004 Applebee's
2005 Right Management
2006 Metcalf Bank
2007 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas City
2008 Commerce Bank
2009 New Theatre Restaurant
2010 KCP&L
2011 Hallmark Cards, Inc.
2012 Burns & McDonnell
2013 McCownGordon Construction
2014 KSHB-TV & KMCI-TV
2015 Country Club Bank
2016 Kansas City Chiefs
2017 The Miller Group
2018 H&R Block

Volunteer of the Year

1996 Mary Shaw Branton
1997 C. Stephen Metzler
1998 Patty Garney
1999 Marcia H. Bailey
2000 Barbara Potts
2001 Beverly Bodker
2002 Judy Henry Hunt
2003 Mary Kay McPhee
2004 David Oliver
2005 Pam & Gary Gradinger
2006 Nancy & John Dillingham
2007 Gayle Price Krigel
2008 Rose Bryant
2009 Anita B. Gorman
2010 Ramón Murguía
2011 Katie & Clyde Wendel
2012 Maurice A. Watson
2013 Gene Wilson
2014 Jan Regan
2015 Peggy Borkon
2016 Peggy & Terry Dunn
2017 Linda & Terry Ward
2018 Kevin Connor

Nonprofit Professional of the Year

1985 T. Henry Stafford
1986 W.L. "Tom" Tompkins
1987 Maurice M. McNellis
1988 Robert L. Campbell
1989 Jane White Brown
1990 John A. Shehane
1991 Kenneth E. Smith
1992 Jessie A. Fuller
1993 Robert W. Buchanan
1994 Sister Olive Louise Dallavis
1995 Marie Whitmer
1996 William J. French
1997 Davoren Tempel
1998 Jeffrey D. Byrne
1999 Harold J. Schultz
2000 Thad A. Henry
2001 Mary Baker
2002 David A. Smith
2003 Daniel J. Bradbury
2004 Paul Gemeinhardt
2005 Sheridan Y. Wood
2006 Myra Christopher
2007 Brenda Sharpe
2008 Sister Berta Sailer & Sister Corita Bussanmas
2009 Barbara G. Head
2009 Mark L. Litzler
2010 Karen T. Haren
2011 John W. Bluford III
2012 David Warm
2013 Hilda Fuentes
2014 Jane Chu
2015 George Guastello
2016 Wayne Sims
2017 Frank Byrne
2018 Jeffrey Bentley

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Emerging Philanthropist of the Year

- 2016 Jennifer Matney
- 2017 Jessica Best & Brian Stewart
- 2018 Randy & Cheryl Reinhardt

Emerging Nonprofit Professional of the Year

- 2016 Deborah Wiebrecht
- 2017 Sarah Reape
- 2018 Jeremy Lillig

Emerging Volunteer of the Year

- 2016 Rachel Hack Merlo
- 2017 Jake Jacobson
- 2018 Nicole Jacobs-Silvey

Excellence in Collaboration Award

- 2016 Kansas City, Kansas Police Department & Rainbow Services, Inc.
- 2017 Artists Helping the Homeless & Saint Luke's Hospital
- 2018 Women's Foundation & City of Kansas City, Missouri

Excellence in Impact Award

- 2016 Community Services League
- 2017 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City
- 2018 United Way 2-1-1 of Greater Kansas City

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Rising Stars 2009

Kate Ferrell Banks
Jamie Montgomery Helzberg
Chris Mounts
Dan Nilsen
Jeanette Prenger
Gwyn Prentice
Ryan Reid
Kimberlee Ried
Abby & Alex Wendel
Jean-Paul Wong

Rising Stars 2010

Bruce Allen
Erika Dickey
Christina Eldridge
Wesley Fields
Kevin Gabriel
Trudy Kopf Gabriel
Bill Gautreaux
Laura & David Hall
Jenny Murphy
Luke Norris
Ken Sonnenschein, MD

Rising Stars 2011

Jamie Berg
Lisa Hallier
Sheri Johnson
Erin Mos
Kathy Schikevitz
Laura Curry Sloan
Rob Smith
Mary Wetzel
Richard Wetzel

Rising Stars 2012

Katie Dunn Fitzgerald & Matt Fitzgerald
Colby Jones
Amy McAnarney
Mark Moberly
Casey Simmons & S. Sloane Simmons
Ursula Terrasi
Dan Walsh
Teal Williams

Rising Stars 2013

Laura Eickman, Psy.D.
Katie Hall
Hayley E. Hanson
Deliece & Brian Hofen
Jennifer Ingraham
Tim McCoy
Courtney Thomas
Hunter Wolbach

Rising Stars 2014

Jenny Erdman
Brandon Fancher
Courtney Goddard
Rebecca Hierholzer
Betsy Lynch
Lauren McCarthy
Dawn Taylor
Luke Wade

Rising Stars 2015

Matthew Clark
Tom Dowling
Sheri Gormley
Tom Houlehan
Dean Newton
Kelly & Steve Stewman
Courtney Wachal

Special Lifetime Achievement

2004 David P. Ross

Nonprofit Impact Award

2012 The Nigro Brothers Auctioneers

Small Business Philanthropist of the Year

2000 River City Studio
2001 Carter Broadcasting Company
2002 Boulevard Brewing Company
2003 Parris Communications

*Nonprofit Connect no longer considers nominations for the awards on this page.
Looking to nominate an emerging professional for a Rising Star Award?
Check out our Emerging Award categories on the Award Nomination Criteria page.