



LEARNING TO A GREATER DEGREE

## **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Past Recipients**

### **1999 (First year of the awards)**

Humanitarian	Ed Elliott
Leadership	Susan Duggins
Service	Tammy Long

### **2000**

Humanitarian	John Culp and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Leadership	Warrensburg Ministerial Assoc. and CMSU ROTC
Service	Joe Alexander, Bob Warns, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

### **2001**

Humanitarian	Alex Wales and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Leadership	CMSU University Housing, Sandra Irle
Service	Joan Mees, First United Methodist Church

### **2002**

Humanitarian	Central Community Leaders, JP Mees, The Food Center
Leadership	Bryan Carter, Yvonne Johnson, Ekuwah Moses
Service	Lucille Gress, Mel Turner Crown Ford, Penny Lund
<i>Special Award</i>	<i>Robert Russell</i>

### **2003**

Humanitarian	Maureen Wilt, The Bridge Builders
Leadership	Sue Whitman, Habitat for Humanity
Service	Robert Dick, Theta Chi

### **2004**

Humanitarian	Jeff Arp, Survival Adult Abuse
Leadership	Jessie Adolph, Walt Hicklin
Service	Kristie Brinkley, Ralph Bardgett

**2005**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Albion and Carolyn Mends, Sprint Foundation  
Beth Tankersley  
Beth Rutt, Africana Studies Club, Kim Drake

**2006**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Dr. James Staab, Johnson County H.E.L.P., Leo Morton  
Jeanne Page, Jackie Harmon and Duane Sterling  
Mike Greife, Joy Mistele, Perry Foster

**2007**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Stephanie Moore, Penny Roberts, Julie Wohletz  
Beth Rutt, Father Dennis Schaab  
Delia Gillis, Kathy Ray-Smith

**2008**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Rev. Alex Wales  
Morris Collins, Rick and Liz Deno  
Sodexo

**2009**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Robert L. Marshall  
City of Warrensburg, Warrensburg Main Street, Inc., Johnson  
County Economic Development Corporation  
Steve Ciafullo

**2010**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Shirley Briscoe  
Lisa Irle and Johnson County Historical Society  
Liz Kostas

**2011**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Ike Skelton, THRIVE Organization  
Stormy Taylor, Johnson County Board of Services, Kyle Schell  
Kristie Brinkley, Salvation Army

**2012**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Erica Collins  
Bulldogs Grocery Store – Leeton High School Students  
John Culp

**2013**

Humanitarian  
Leadership  
Service

Harvest of Hope  
Willie Shields  
Paige Becker, Robert Vickers

**2014**

Community Service Award

Amy Jammeh, International Office at UCM

**2015**

Community Service Award

Melissa Gower, Director of the Warrensburg Senior Center

**2016**

Community Service Award

Marilyn and Hank Hamann, Todd Hamann Foundation

High School Community Service Award

Daphanie Parks, Chilhowee High School

**2017**

Community Service Award

Doug Christie, Johnson County CROP Walk Committee

High School Community Service Award

Gabi Shull, gymnast, disability activist

**2018**

Community Service Award

Diana Herman, Project Community Connect volunteer

High School Community Service Award

Zachariah Toole, student leader, volunteer firefighter

**2019**

Community Service Award

Shirley Briscoe, Volunteer Coordinator for the Manna Harvest Nehemiah Feeding Program

High School Community Service Award

Kaylee Henry, inspiration to all

**2020**

Community Service Award

Kelly Brooks, organizer of the Old Drum Day Festival

High School Community Service Award

Vicki Martins, volunteer with multiple organizations at WHS and in the community

**2021**

No awards given

**2022**

Community Service Award

Dr. Mary McCord, UCM Emerita Professor

High School Community Service Award

Cooper Hamblin, Crest Ridge High School senior

**2023**

Community Service Award

Monica Mitcheltree and family

High School Community Service Award

Sydney Burden, Knob Noster High School

**2024**

Community Service Award

Sharon Franklin

High School Community Service Award

Claire Thomas, Warrensburg High School