



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