



# **CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD**

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### **Award**

Eligible recipients are individuals or organizations (businesses, volunteers, or religious groups) who make special effort to ensure all Chaska citizens have equal opportunities in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, education and other affairs related to the social well-being of the Chaska community.

### **Selection**

The Chaska Human Rights Commission members will review all nominations and select the Award recipient.

### **Recognition**

The Award recipient will be recognized at the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Breakfast. The recipient may be videotaped or photographed for promotional and recognition purposes. All footage becomes the property of the City of Chaska.

### **Past Recipients**

- 2011: Jonna Herbstritt
- 2012: Guardian Angels Church Homebound Ministry
- 2013: Gordon Stewart
- 2014: The Gathering Place, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 2015: The Blessed Bee Thrift Store
- 2016: Launch Ministry
- 2017: Love INC
- 2018: Libby Fairchild
- 2019: Barbara Colhapp

### **Criteria**

- 1.** Nominee(s) MUST have lived or conducted business in Chaska during the time of their contribution.
- 2.** The contribution MUST represent a substantial effort toward winning or preserving equality and justice for groups of people whose circumstances make them vulnerable to prejudice, discrimination, or injustice. Vulnerable groups may be, but need not be, the "protected classes" defined in the Minnesota Human Rights Act, namely, those who may suffer discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, dependence on public assistance, age, sexual preference or family status.
- 3.** The contribution MAY be in the form of one act, or a series of activities, which should be cited specifically within the application.
- 4.** The Chaska Human Rights Commission MAY give priority to the nominee(s) whose contributions had an impact on a substantial number of Chaska residents.
- 5.** The Commission MAY give priority to the nominee(s) whose contributions impacted more than one class of vulnerable people.
- 6.** Priority MAY be given to nominee(s) who protect or enhance rights outside normal employment, instead of to person(s)/organizations who perform these services as part of their job description or business.
- 7.** The Commission MAY decide not to give an award.
- 8.** The Chaska Human Rights Commission members and City of Chaska staff are ineligible for this award during their term of service and for work accomplished for the Commission during their tenure. They may receive the award after they leave the Commission or City of Chaska employment.



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NOMINATION FORM**



1. Please give name as it would appear on the Award and press releases.
2. Please limit the narrative to 500 words or less.
3. Additional information can be attached but should be limited to two pages.
4. Refer questions to the Chaska Human Rights Commission Staff Liaison Nate Kabat at 952-448-9200 or [nkabat@chaskamn.com](mailto:nkabat@chaskamn.com).
5. Applications can be found on the City of Chaska’s website [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) or by contacting Nate Kabat (see above).
6. Completed applications can be mailed to the Chaska Human Rights Commission, 1 City Hall Plaza, Chaska, MN 55318, or emailed to [nkabat@chaskamn.com](mailto:nkabat@chaskamn.com).
7. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, December 11, 2020.

**Nominated Organization/Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Making Nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative of how this individual/organization has made special efforts to ensure human rights for all citizens of Chaska.** (Please mention specific examples, including length of time, number of people impacted, etc. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.)