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Presentation

2023 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award

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TO: Portland City Council

FROM: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

CC: City Council Clerk

SUBJECT: The 2023 Lowenstein Trust Award Presentation

Presenters: Joe Hertzberg, Chair, The Lowenstein Trust

Michelle M. Harper, Past Chair, The Lowenstein Trust

This is the 32nd Annual Steve Lowenstein Trust Award being presented.

The Steve Lowenstein Trust Award was created to honor individuals who make an exemplary personal sacrifice and commitment to make a significant difference in improving the quality of life for the most distressed and vulnerable populations in the City of Portland.

The Lowenstein Trust is proud to announce its 32nd annual award to Dr. S. Renee Mitchell for her immeasurable and positive work to instill hope, courage, and healing for Portland's African American community, and beyond.

For decades, Dr. Mitchell has worked as a journalist, author, poet, playwright, and educator. Having survived a lifetime of trauma, Dr. Mitchell channels her experiences to benefit others, identifying creative opportunities and creating effective programs to help heal and inspire them.

In 2018, Dr. Mitchell created the Soul Restoration Center to help low-income youth of color channel their creativity, find their voice, and clarify their purpose. Participants experience what it feels like to be authentically cared for, fully seen, and centered. Having lived through domestic violence and childhood bullying herself, Dr. Mitchell understands how to reach and help heal other survivors of domestic violence. A talented writer, Dr. Mitchell is often invited to read her empowering and heart-centered poetry at community events.

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The Lowenstein Trust is part of the legacy of Steve Lowenstein, a model of public service who worked at local, state, and national levels. Steve's sense of purpose, integrity, and perseverance continues to inspire many who work to advance human rights and social justice today. Before he died in 1990, Steve's created an annual award to recognize and financially assist an individual whose personal commitment serve the poor and underprivileged in the City of Portland. For more information about the Lowenstein Trust, please visit our website: <https://lowensteintrust.org/> (<https://lowensteintrust.org/>).

List of prior recipients see Exhibit A

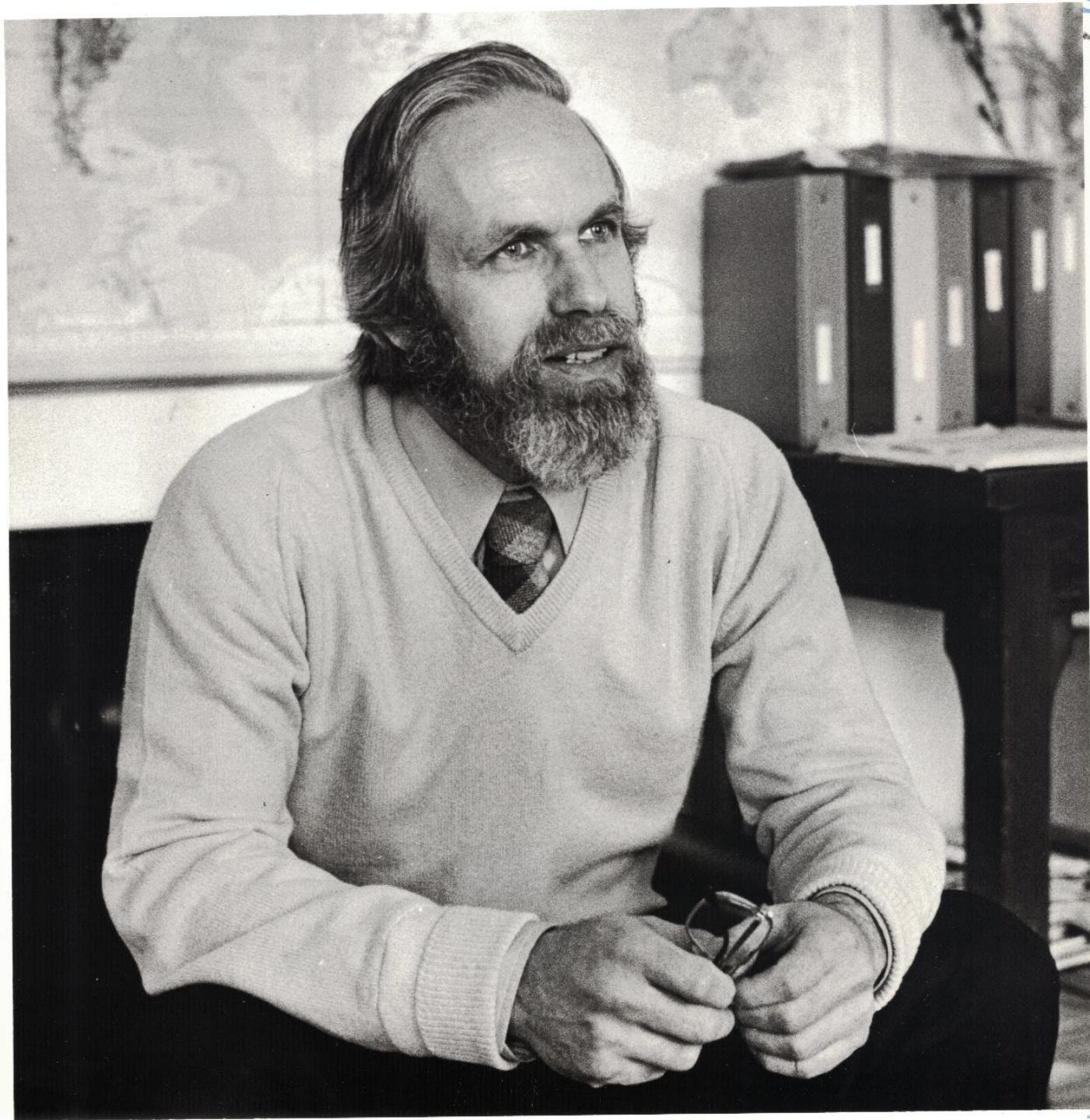
Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/lowenstein-award-recipients-1992-2022.pdf) (<https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/lowenstein-award-recipients-1992-2022.pdf>) 70.89 KB

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1993 Genny Nelson

1994 Alberta Phillips

1995 Odalis Perez

1996 Jeri Sundvall Jimenez

**1997 Crystal Richter
Connie Nelson**

1998 Ronnye Harrison

1999 Kevin Fuller

2000 Casandra Garrison

2001 Sean Cox

2002 Carole Anne Best

2003 Tonya Dickens

2004 Mariah Taylor

2005 Joanne Zuhl

2006 Beth Burns

2007 Diane Sherwin

2008 Marc Jolin

2009 Kayse Jama

2010 Bobby Foucher

2011 Pat Wagner

2012 Bill West

2013 Sandra Guyot

2014 Ignacio Paramo

2015 Paul Schoeder

2016 Aasha Benton

Leigh Bohannon

Dr. Keisha Thomas

2017 Reverend T. Allen Bethel

Reverend LeRoy Haynes

2018 Adrienne Livingston

2019 Billy Anfield

2020 Jeremy Wilson

2021 Allen & Joy Fowler

2022 Eric Knox

2023 Dr. S. Renee Mitchell

www.lowensteintrust.org

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