

RECIPIENTS OF THE STEVE LOWENSTEIN AWARD

- 1992 Dapo Sobomehin** for his counseling and mentoring work with at-risk youth.
- 1993 Genny Nelson** for her support and service to the homeless.
- 1994 Alberta Phillips** for her counseling and tutoring of school dropouts and teen mothers.
- 1995 Odalis Perez** for her advocacy of low-income Hispanic families.
- 1996 Jeri Sundvall** for her success in improving wages and conditions for low-income workers.
- 1997 Crystal Richer and Connie Nelson** for establishing the Kelly House in the Lents neighborhood.
- 1998 Ronnye Harrison** for work with young musicians in the Accelerated Music Program.
- 1999 Kevin Fuller** for his work with The Bridge Builders Youth Program.
- 2000 Casandra Garrison**, tireless advocate and activist for low-income citizens.
- 2001 Sean Cox** founder of For Us Northwest, providing services for youth diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
- 2002 Carole Anne Best**, a volunteer with Human Solutions' Closet providing baby layettes to poor and often homeless mothers.
- 2003 Tonya Dickens**, manager of NE Coalition of Neighborhoods Youth Gangs Outreach Program.
- 2004 Mariah Taylor**, pediatric nurse practitioner who has provided healthcare for decades to thousands of children with no healthcare coverage.
- 2005 Joanne Zuhl**, managing editor of *Street Roots*, street newspaper which provides homeless and nearly homeless people with flexible employment and the hope to improve their situations.
- 2006 Beth Burns**, founder of *p:ear*, an organization that builds positive relationships and affirms the personal worth of homeless and transitional youth through education, art, and recreation.
- 2007 Diane Sherwin**, volunteer manager of the Human Solutions Holiday Store, which helps 1,200 low-income children enjoy the holiday season.
- 2008 Marc Jolin**, a long-time dedicated advocate for social justice for the homeless community.
- 2009 Kayse Jama**, founder of Unite Oregon (formerly Center for Intercultural Organizing), helping immigrants & refugees exercise their right & responsibility to participate in democratic processes.
- 2010 Bobby Foucher**, community artist, dancer, designer, visual artist, and educator, who dedicates his life to using the power of arts to inspire an appreciation of beauty, and a sense of self-worth.
- 2011 Pat Wagner**, advocate for low-income, homeless, and underserved in the Linnton Community.
- 2012 Bill West**, an advocate for the mentally disabled in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.
- 2013 Sandra Guyot**, a dedicated volunteer of the Golden Harvesters food program.
- 2014 Ignacio Paramo** for developing employment opportunities, safe working conditions, education, and access to resources for day laborers.
- 2015 Paul Schroeder**, founder and executive director of New City Initiative, a grass roots nonprofit working to end homelessness.
- 2016 Aasha Benton, Leigh Bohannon, and Dr. Keisha Thomas**, for their work with young African American women through the Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
- 2017 Reverend T. Allen Bethel and Reverend LeRoy Haynes** for their many years of commitment to racial and environmental justice and social change.
- 2018 Adrienne Livingston** for her work to prevent sex trafficking and support victims.
- 2019 Billy Anfield** for his longstanding commitment to Portland's African American community, helping people rebuild their lives after prison.
- 2020 Jeremy Wilson** for assisting musicians experiencing health crises, with special recognition of rising to meet the special challenges posed by the Covid pandemic.
- 2021 Allen & Joy Fowler** for supporting medically fragile children, their families, and caregivers.