



## COMMUNITY SHARES SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Community Shares Social Justice Awards will be presented at the 2017 Power Lunch and Annual Meeting on June 23, 2017.

**Deadline for nominations is April 3, 2017**

*Our mission is to support social justice organizations through workplace giving programs and other philanthropic initiatives. Our member organizations address the root causes of social problems facing our neighborhoods, our community, and our region. They provide education, promote health care, protect children and women, advance home ownership, provide job training and employment, build neighborhoods, and work to end discrimination. The Community Shares philosophy of change is based on the power of participation -- the power of individuals to shape change. When considering potential award winners, we enthusiastically encourage you to consider the people and organizations who embody these ideals.*

**ELEANOR R. GERSON LEADERSHIP IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD** – *This award honors an individual who has demonstrated ongoing, long term leadership in the advancement of social justice and has made significant contributions to social justice causes.*

**DISTINGUISHED ACTIVIST AWARD** – *This award honors an individual connected to Greater Cleveland Community Shares whose social justice activism and efforts have demonstrably contributed to the mission and/or effectiveness of Community Shares in a significant and positive way in the past year.*

**RISEING ACTIVIST AWARD** – *This award honors an individual under the age of 40 connected to Greater Cleveland Community Shares whose demonstrable contributions of social justice activism and efforts in the past year set a strong example for young adult leadership and engagement in the social justice arena in Greater Cleveland.*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD** – *This award honors outstanding communications in Greater Cleveland regarding social justice issues, helping strengthen social justice awareness, advocacy, and/or action. Nominations can include individuals; specific news stories or organizations; relevant public relations/marketing; social media campaigns by specific organizations; innovative and/or effective communications initiatives by/about social justice oriented organizations or individuals; or other media/communications efforts that specifically fit the social-justice themed description above.*

**MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD** – *This award honors the Community Shares Member Organization that has made the most notable and significant contributions to building a stronger local community and to advancing social justice in the past year.*

Please complete each nomination form electronically, including scanned support documents and email to [forms@communityshares.org](mailto:forms@communityshares.org) with "Social Justice Awards Nomination" in subject line

Mail supporting documents that cannot be emailed to:  
Social Justice Awards Committee - Greater Cleveland Community Shares  
3631 Perkins Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

Be sure to include your name and nominee's name with supporting documents with EACH nomination. Keep a copy for your records. Members receive 2 points for each nomination and an additional 2 points for each nomination receiving the award.



**NOMINATION FORM: ELEANOR R. GERSON LEADERSHIP IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD**

*This award honors an individual who has demonstrated ongoing, long term leadership in the advancement of social justice and has made significant contributions to social justice causes.*

**1. Nominee Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Nominator Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominating Essay (1 - 4 pages):**

Please attach a brief essay illustrating the reasons to honor this nominee. Guiding samples and questions that you might address include:

- Why should this person be honored with the Eleanor R. Gerson Leadership in Social Justice Award? Describe how this person fits the description of *“an individual who has demonstrated ongoing, long term leadership in the advancement of social justice and has made significant contributions to social justice causes.”*
- What social justice issue(s) are impacted by the nominee’s efforts?
- What evidence can you provide to illustrate the effectiveness of their leadership?
- How have they innovated or broken new ground in their work for social justice?
- What networks, circles of influence, and/or collaborations have grown from their efforts?
- What obstacles have they had to overcome?
- What initiatives have they created and/or been involved with?
- What publications or coverage demonstrate their leadership?
- Whose lives are improved by the leadership of this nominee?

**4. IMPORTANT: Please attach any additional material** that describes the work of the nominee, illustrate the nominee’s work, highlight the nominee’s commitment to social justice, and/or provide supportive information to the essay. Additional material can include, but is not limited to:

- A letter or letters of recommendation from someone other than the sponsor
- Articles (newsletter, bulletin, newspaper, online media, etc.) highlighting the work of the nominee
- Photos showing the nominee’s social justice activities



**NOMINATION FORM: DISTINGUISHED ACTIVIST AWARD**

*This award honors an individual connected to Greater Cleveland Community Shares whose social justice activism and efforts have demonstrably contributed to the mission and/or effectiveness of Community Shares in a significant and positive way in the past year.*

**1. Nominee Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Nominator Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominating Essay (1 - 3 pages):**

Please attach a brief essay illustrating the reasons to honor this nominee. Guiding samples and questions that you might address include:

- Why should this person be honored with the Distinguished Activist Award 2016? Describe how this person fits the description of *“an individual connected to Greater Cleveland Community Shares whose social justice activism and efforts have demonstrably contributed to the mission an/or effectiveness of Community Shares in a significant and positive way in the past year.”*
- What social justice issue(s) are impacted by the nominee’s efforts?
- What evidence can you provide to illustrate the effectiveness of their social justice activism?
- How are they innovating or breaking new ground in their work for social justice?
- What networks, circles of influence, and/or collaborations have grown from their efforts?
- What obstacles have they had to overcome?
- What specific campaigns and/or initiatives have they created and/or been involved with?
- What publications or coverage demonstrate their leadership?
- Whose lives are improved by the leadership of this nominee?

**4. IMPORTANT: Please attach any additional material** that describes the work of the nominee, illustrate the nominee’s work, highlight the nominee’s commitment to social justice, and/or provide supportive information to the essay. Additional material can include, but is not limited to:

- A letter or letters of recommendation from someone other than the sponsor/nominator
- Articles (newsletter, bulletin, newspaper, online media, etc.) highlighting the work of the nominee
- Photos showing the nominee’s social justice activities



**NOMINATION FORM: RISING ACTIVIST [SECOND YEAR]**

*This award honors an individual under the age of 40 connected to Greater Cleveland Community Shares whose demonstrable contributions of social justice activism and efforts in the past year set a strong example for young adult leadership and engagement in the social justice arena in Greater Cleveland.*

**1. Nominee Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age at time of nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Nominator Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominating Essay (1 - 3 pages):**

Please attach a brief essay illustrating the reasons to honor this nominee. Guiding samples and questions that you might address include:

- Why should this person be honored with the Rising Star 2016? Describe how this person fits the description of *“an individual under the age of 40 connected to Greater Cleveland Community Shares whose demonstrable contributions of social justice activism and efforts in the past year set a strong example for young adult leadership and engagement in the social justice arena in Greater Cleveland.”*
- What social justice issue(s) are impacted by the nominee’s efforts?
- How does their leadership set an example and/or empower other young adults to engage in social justice activism?
- What evidence can you provide to illustrate the effectiveness of their social justice efforts?
- How are they innovating or breaking new ground in their work for social justice?
- What networks, circles of influence, and/or collaborations are they influencing with their efforts?
- What specific campaigns and/or initiatives have they created and/or been involved with?
- What publications or coverage demonstrate their leadership?
- Whose lives are improved by the leadership of this nominee?

**4. IMPORTANT: Please attach any additional material** that illustrate the nominee’s leadership as a young adult social justice influencer, highlight the nominee’s commitment to social justice, and/or provide supportive information to the essay. Additional material can include, but is not limited to:

- A letter or letters of recommendation from someone other than the sponsor/nominator
- Articles (newsletter, bulletin, newspaper, online media, etc.) highlighting the work of the nominee
- Photos showing the nominee’s social justice activities



**NOMINATION FORM: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD**

*This award honors outstanding communications in Greater Cleveland regarding social justice issues, helping strengthen social justice awareness, advocacy, and/or action. Nominations can include individuals; specific news stories or organizations; relevant public relations/marketing; social media campaigns by specific organizations; innovative and/or effective communications initiatives by/about social justice oriented organizations or individuals; or other media/communications efforts that specifically fit the social-justice themed description above.*

**1. Nominee Information:**

Name of Individual or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Nominator Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominating Essay (1 - 3 pages):**

Please attach a brief essay illustrating the reasons to honor this nominee. Guiding samples and questions that you might address include:

- Why should this nominee be honored with the Social Justice Communications Award 2016? Describe how this nominee fits the description of “*outstanding communications in Greater Cleveland regarding social justice issues, helping strengthen social justice awareness, advocacy, and/or action.*”
- What social justice issue(s) are addressed by the nominee’s work?
- What social justice awareness, advocacy, or action has come about due to this nominee’s work?
- What social-justice conversations are happening in Greater Cleveland as a result of this nominee’s work? Who is involved?
- What evidence can you provide to illustrate the effectiveness of their social justice communications?
- What void are they filling in providing this communications effort?
- How are they innovating or breaking new ground with the communications in their social justice communications?
- What networks, circles of influence, and/or collaborations are they influencing with their efforts?
- Whose lives are improved by the communications work of this nominee?

**4. IMPORTANT: Please attach additional material that provides supportive information**, including but not limited to samples of the social justice communications work done by the nominee; and publications or media about the work of the nominee.



**NOMINATION FORM: COMMUNITY SHARES MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*This award honors the Community Shares Member Organization that has made the most notable and significant contributions to building a stronger local community and to advancing social justice in the past year.*

**1. Nominee Information:**

Community Shares Organization Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person at the Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Nominator Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominating Essay (1 - 3 pages):**

Please attach a brief essay illustrating the reasons to honor this Member Organization. Guiding samples and questions that you might address include:

- Why should this organization be honored with the Member Organization of the Year Award? Describe how this organization fits the description of *“the Community Shares Member Organization that has made the most notable and significant contributions to building a stronger local community and to advancing social justice in the past year..”*
- What social justice issue(s) are especially effectively addressed this year by this organization?
- What evidence can you provide to illustrate the effectiveness of contribution to a stronger local community and/or advancement of social justice in the past year?
- What sets their work for social justice apart this year from previous years?
- What new initiatives, collaborations, campaigns, or innovations have they brought to the community this year?
- How does this organization support their staff, volunteers, and organizational team in professional development? Social justice growth? Leadership development? Community engagement?
- What networks, circles of influence, and/or collaborations have grown from their efforts?
- What obstacles or roadblocks have they had to overcome or address in their work this year?
- What changes are occurring because of this organization’s work this year?
- Whose lives are improved by this year’s efforts from this organization?

**4. IMPORTANT: Please attach any additional material** that illustrates the nominated organization’s relevant efforts and effectiveness related to the mission of Community Shares this year, especially samples of their work and publications/media coverage highlighting the efforts that qualify them for this award. Photos of their work this year, with explanatory captions, are also encouraged.