



## **COMMUNITY SHARES SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

**The Community Shares Social Justice Awards will be presented at the  
2021 Virtual Power Lunch and Annual Meeting on September 30, 2021  
Deadline for nominations is August 13, 2021**

**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 a career social justice advocate who has demonstrated ongoing, long-term leadership in advancement of social justice and has made significant contributions to social justice causes. Preference is given to individuals with a connection to Community Shares.

**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 and/or its members in a significant and positive way.

**RISING 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 inspiring new leadership and engagement in social justice 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, going above and beyond their mission work to stretch or expand their activities.

### **NOMINATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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.

**Electronically** – 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** – Mail supporting documents that cannot be emailed to:

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