



THE WALTER COE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



In 1922, the first African American police officer, Walter Coe, was hired. Captain Coe rose through the ranks making sergeant in two years; lieutenant in ten years; and earned the rank of captain in 1950, commanding his Special Investigation Division within the detective bureau. Because of his concern for the city's youth, he took an active role in the Youth Commonwealth Program. He was an advocate for those less fortunate than himself. Walter W. Coe suffered a fatal heart attack while serving in the police department's detective bureau in 1957.

2020 Walter Coe Public Service Award Honoree Ovell R. Barbee, Jr.

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2019	Mari Beth Johnson-Jelks	2000	Harriet Ann Singleton
2018	Christina Y. Johnson	1999	Delton A. Heard
2017	Frederick S. Brown	1998	Mayor Clyde Preston William
2016	Senita R. Lenear		Hardiman, III
2015	Floyd Wilson, Jr.	1997	Kent County Deputy Leroy McIntosh, Sr.
2014	LeMark Payne	1006	Lt. James Farris
2013	LTC. Shawn A. Harris		
2012	Anita Christopher		Officer Marla Freeman
2011	Larry Barnes		Clyde A. Poag
2010	Michael Remo		Dennis Booker
2009	Grand Rapids Public Schools	1992	Eugene Davis
	Department of Public Safety	1991	Donald Williams, Sr.
2008	Dareather Greer	1990	Leroy Edmond
2007	Lt. Ralph James Mason	1989	Elias Lumpkins, Jr.
2006	Sonya Hughes	1988	Alberta Gray
2005	Richard Clanton	1987	Baxter Community Center
2004	Mary E. Williams	1986	Albert Willis
2003	Clemma Gwendolyn Brown	1985	Detective Harriet Hill
2002	Concerned Citizen Council	1984	Officer Harry Bolden
2001	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Grand Rapids Chapter	1983	Officer Maurice Barnes



THE SUGENE BROWNING MEDICAL SERVICE CAWARD



Dr. Browning began his medical practice in Grand Rapids in 1905. His educational background included the Detroit College of Medicine, the University of Chicago, and internationally, the University of Vienna. His commitment to the community and its health needs established Dr. Browning as a pioneer of the present day well-baby clinics. He operated a weekly well-baby clinic at First Community A.M.E. Church. His services were given regardless of ability to pay.

2020 Eugene Browning Medical Service Award Honoree Clarence Teddy Henderson

Past Honorees

2002 Joseph Daniels, M.D.

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2019	Jason Slaikeu M.D., MBA	2001	Jimmie Lassic, D.D.S.
2018	Dr. Valencia L. Agnew	2000	Brenda Daniels
2017	Dr. TaLawnda Bragg	1999	Sheila VanLowe, M.D.
2016	Herman C. Sullivan, M.D.	1998	Earnestine Tolbert, R.N.
2015	Larry Arnold Brewer, PA-C	1997	Janet M. Stafford, D.O.
2014	Candace Smith-King, M.D.	1996	Andre V. Jubert, M.D., FACS
2013	Lennox Forrest, Ph.D.	1995	Helen Brent, M.P.A., R.N.
2012	Cle J. Jackson	1994	Veneese V. Chandler
2011	Ludie Weddle, R.D.	1993	Laura Moody, R.N.
2010	Paul Doyle	1992	Mary C. Thomas
2009	Lisa Lowery, M.D.	1991	Lorine Smith
2008	West Michigan Medical Society	1990	Joyce Hassen, R.N.
2007		1989	Birthale Lambert, R.N., M.S.N.
	(Kalamazoo-Muskegon Michigan National Black Nurses Association)	1988	Dorsey Ligon, M.D.
2006	Shahidah M. ElAmin	1987	Harambe Black Nurses of Grand Rapids
	Dr. Tracy Blount	1986	Ralph Mathis, M.D.
	Khan J. Nedd, M.D.	1985	Sarah Glover, L.P.N.
	Denice M. Logan, D.O.	1984	Edward Jones, M.D.
	Joseph Daniels M.D.	1983	Robert Claytor, M.D.



THE W. W. PLUMMER HUMANITARIAN CAWARD



Known for his long history of service as a dentist and as a member of a variety of organizations, Dr. Plummer donates services each summer to the Foundation Pedodontique, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. He is active with the A.C.L.U., N.A.A.C.P., Big Brothers, Opera Grand Rapids, Community Health Services, the Kent County Council on Alcoholism, and a number of other organizations.

2020 W.W. Plummer Humanitarian Award Honoree Eddie T.L. Tadlock

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2019	LaSandra A. Gaddy	2000	Harrison David Jones (Asadada)
2018	Renee Williams	1999	Charles R. Lewis, Sr.
2017	Veverly Austin	1998	Janice M. Hanley
2016	Roy Ford (posthumously)	1997	Betty S. Burton
2015	Dallas Lenear	1996	Vernita Ware-Perry
2014	Shannon L. Wilson	1995	The Youth Companion Program
2013	Johngerlyn "Jonse" Young		Volunteers
2012	Darius L. Quinn	1994	Reverend Robert Dean
2011	Reverend Tony Campbell	1993	Carolyn Tate
2010	Not Awarded	1992	Hazel Buford
2009	Christopher Macon	1991	Margaret Sellers
2008	Yvonne L. Mathis	1990	Mattie Holliman
2007	Jason L. Paulateer	1989	Melvin Tardy
2006	Clifton Charles, Jr.	1988	Ellen James
2005	Linda S. Likely	1987	Ted Rasberry
2004	Melvin Atkins	1986	Eugene Proctor
2003	Maxine Cage-Meek	1985	Silver Charms
	Jeffery J. Kimbrel	1984	Reuben Smartt
	Eve Manley	1983	Leona Spencer
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THE STHEL COE SUMANITIES SWARD



Ethel Coe was a vocalist who also enjoyed acting. She is remembered for her performances in local Civic Theatre productions of *Member of the Wedding* and *Raisin*. She was also active at the X.Y.Z. Center and with V.I.S.T.A.

2020 Ethel Coe Humanities Award Honoree Eddie L. Stephens, Jr.

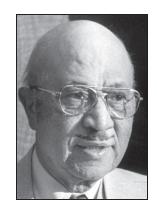
Past Honorees

2001 Larry D. Manley, Sr.

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4	2019	Lisa M. Knight	2000	Bonita Roberts-Harvey			
2	2018	Not Awarded	1999	Elder Marvin L. Sapp			
2	2017	Edith Evans Hyde	1998	Eugenia D. Marve			
4	2016	Clarice Smith Drew	1997	Veruynca C. Williams			
2	2015	Lawrence N. Redd, Ph.D.	1996	Ethel Footman Smothers			
2	2014	Not Awarded	1995	Jon McDonald			
4	2013	Not Awarded	1994	Catherine Large			
4	2012	Dr. Malinda P. Sapp (posthumously)	1993	Jerome Benton			
4	2011	Melita Travis Johnson	1992	Charsie Sawyer			
4	2010	Vanessa Allen	1991	Frank Grant			
4	2009	Dr. James R. Sawyer	1990	Duane Davis			
	2008	Cassonya Carter Pugh	1989	Ernestine Harris			
	2007	Gladys Long	1988	Alma Perry (posthumously)			
	2006	Debra L. Perry	1987	WKWM Radio			
	2005	Catherine Barrow-Williams	1986	Jimmy Carr			
	2004	Lois Smith Owens	1985	Robert Gill			
	2003	Cheryl LaMar	1984	Robeson Players/Cedric Ward			
2	2002	Lyman S. Parks, Jr. &		Randolph Brown			
		Glenda F. Pittman-Parks	1983	Paul Collins			



THE MILO BROWN BUSINESS AWARD



Milo Brown opened his first funeral home in Grand Rapids in 1925. He was a charter member and officer in various civic and social activities including the N.A.A.C.P., Urban League, Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, North Star Lodge #5, F. & AM, and Victory Lodge of Elks #1029.

2020 Milo Brown Business Award Honoree Crystal T. Hardley

	2019	Troy Yarbrough	2001	Hawkins & Company, C.P.A.
	2018	Wayne D. Wilson	2000	Sherman D. Gillespie
	2017	and Si March	1999	Bernice Brown
			1998	Endia Weekly
	2016	Skot Welch	1997	John L. White
	2015	Keli Christopher, Ph.D.	1996	Leo Michael Burns
	2014	Mildred Norris Norris Beauty Salon	1995	Eugene Grady
	2013	Ophelia Graves (Graves Deli and O's Hats & Accessories)	1994	Lee N. Howard (posthumously)
	2013		1993	Moses B. Holmes
	2012	James Edward McClain	1992	James Price (Lady Love)
	2011	Sandmann's	1991	First Choice Restaurant
	2010	Jeremiah White, Jr.	1990	The Madison Square Co-Operative, Inc.
	2009	Jarvis Beene, Sr.	1989	Terri Weekley
	2008	Jimmie L. Taylor, Sr.	1988	Wilson Tate & Frank Thomas
	2007	Isaac V. Norris	1987	Johnny Burton
	2006	Not Awarded	1986	E.J. Mathis & Edward Jackson
	2005	Daniel C. Oglesby	1985	Julia & Nolan Groce
	2004	Brian Harris	1984	Rosa Ledbetter
2	2003	Darel E. Ross	4000	William Jobe (posthumously)
	2002	Johnnie Myles	1983	Milo Brown



THE PHYLLIS SCOTT ACTIVIST AWARD



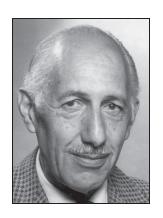
Phyllis Scott worked actively in the interest of youth in our city. She believed in improving one's heritage. She organized parents to work with schools to meet the educational needs of children. She voiced her opinions whenever she felt the need to do so. Whether the stance was a popular or unpopular one, she stood firmly behind her convictions.

2020 Phyllis Scott Activist Award Honoree Misti L. Stanton

Past I	Past Honorees						
2019	Cole Williams	2000	Reverend David G. May				
2018	Rhondo Cooper	1999	Armand M. Robinson				
2017	Daniel Williams	1998	Mary J. Copeland				
2016	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,	1997	Harriet S. Jones				
	Incorporated Theta Chi Omega Chapter's lvylette/	1996	Charles L. Assenco				
	Rosette Program	1995	The Grand Rapids Black Professionals Association, Reverend Donnell Smith				
2015	Dianne Green-Smith, Ph.D.	100/	Willie Thurman, Sr.				
2014	Brian Douglass Cloyd		Walter Mathis				
2013	Mary Harden Johnson		Paul Mayhue				
2012	Anneshia Freeman T.A. El Amin	1991	•				
2011			Olivia Margo Anderson				
2010	Arlen Dean Gaddy		Daniel L. Groce				
2009	Minnie Farris (posthumously)	1989	Thomas Jackson John Hair				
2008	Vanessa Greene	1988	Walter Brame				
2007	Wendy Lewis Jackson	1987	Coalition for Representative				
2006	Temprance Mayfield-Mann		Government				
2005	Marguerite A. Morgan	1986	Ora Belle Motley & Raymond Tardy				
2004	4 Lydia Lee		(posthumously)				
2003	Not Awarded	1985	Mary Edmond				
	Gerald Brown (posthumously)	1984	N.A.A.C.P. Noah Seifullah				
2001	Emily Bayard	1983	Carl Smith				



THE WILLIAM GLENN RAILBLAZER CAWARD



Mr. Glenn made his voice heard for the cause of civil liberties. In 1941 he was one of the first African American employees in a Grand Rapids war production factory. He played an active role in getting all Grand Rapids war production plants open to hiring African Americans, in planning the Campau Housing Project, and in demanding the city take a stand against dilapidated housing. In 1972, he was honored by the A.C.L.U. for his lifelong action to the basic intent of the Bill of Rights.

2020 William Glenn Trailblazer Award Honoree Judge Christina Elmore

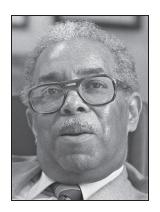
Past Honorees

2003 Patrick Johnson

Past F	Honorees		
2019	Victoria Ann Upton (posthumously)	2002	Patricia E. Newby
2018	Bill Manns	2001	Calvin Jeter
2017	Montford Point Marines (Bishop	2000	Curtis Graves
	Darvis Beene, Frederick Johnson, Bobby E. Jones, David T. King, and	1999	Eugene Craig Chivis
	Cpl. Reuben Smartt) (posthumously)	1998	Doretha Ardoin
2016		1997	Christopher D. Sain, Sr.
2015	Beverly Grant	1996	Clifford McClain
	George Grant, Jr., Ph.D.	1995	Rondy Brown
2014	Eddie M. Rucker	1994	Virginia M. Love, M.D.
2013	Teresa Weatherall Neal	1993	Mary Thomasson
2012	City of Grand Rapids Rosa Parks	1992	First Community A.M.E. Church
	Sculpture Committee	1991	Jesse Warren
2011	Ron Snead	1990	Sergeant Percy Brown
	Lauri S. Parks	1989	Grand Rapids Study Class
	Charles "Sparky" McEwen	1988	Katherine Miles
	Wesley Jones	1987	Ethel Barnett Coe
	Tyrone Bynum	1986	Hazel Grant
	Wayne Boatwright	1985	Teasther Smith
	Harriet Burns	1984	Reverend Lyman S. Parks
2004	James H. Eaddy	1983	William Glenn



THE RAYMOND PARDY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Raymond Tardy's interests focused on the concerns of the low income citizenry. He organized G.A.P. from which the Kent Community Action Program evolved. He encouraged numbers of programs that are still in existence and have become separate agencies. He was also active in efforts to obtain suitable housing for low income families and in efforts to encourage others to attain the educational goals needed to elevate their lifestyles.

2020 Raymond Tardy Community Service Award Honoree Angela D. Nelson

Past I	Honorees		
2019	India Manns	1999	Pauline L. Blakely
2018	Gertrude G. Croom	1998	Wilhelmina Wright
2017	Darel Ross II	1997	Shirley A. Allen
2016	Wayman Britt	1996	Leroy Tucker
2015	Reverend Joseph D. Jones		Robert Eubanks
2014	Jonathan Jelks	1995	Billie Pharms
	Sarah Brooks	1994	American Legion Crispus Attucks Post 59
2012	Jennifer Moss Hawkins	1993	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
2011	United Methodist Community House		Improved Benevolent Protective
2010	Chana' Yvette Edmond-Verley	1332	Order of Elks of the World
2009	Bill Joseph	1991	Grand Rapids Club of the National
2008	Reverend Chico Daniels		Association of Negro Business &
2007	Mary K. Butler	4000	Professional Women's Club, Inc.
2006	Faye Richardson		Michael Johnson
2005	John C. Smith	1989	Shirley Perkins
2004	Grand Rapids Reach, Inc.	1988	John Bankston
2003	Dorothy Irvin	1987	Charles and Lorna Wade
2002	Will Moody Brown	1986	Yvonne Sims
2001	Ellen W. Brown	1985	Beverly Drake
2000	Messiah Baptist Missionary Church	1984	Ta-Wa-Si and Urban League
	African American Male Conference	1983	Dr. Julius Franks, J.E. Adams, Joseph Lee, Sam Triplett, Ella Sims



THE H.C. OOLIVER RELIGIOUS LIFE CAWARD



Reverend Toliver moved to Grand Rapids in 1937. He was Pastor of True Light Baptist Church. He was tireless in his efforts to help people obtain employment. To those who could repay, he lent money. For those who were unable to repay, he gave money. If you needed help, he was always there to eat with you, weep with you, and pray with you. The community knew that he was there and that no one had to be alone.

James Lee Abney, Sr.

ı astı	Hollorees		
2019	Bishop Dennis J. McMurray and Dr. E. Jean Lackey-McMurray		Renaissance Church of God In Christ
		2000	Reverend Charles H. Hudson, Sr.
2018	Lois Jene Thomas	1999	Pastor Jessie M. White
2017	Brenda Brame	1998	Reverend Dozie Cox
2016	Carolyn Allen	1997	Elder James Holloway
2015	New Hope Baptist Church	1996	Reverend Leonard Gant
2014	Dr. Jermone Glenn	1995	Reverend Nathaniel Moody
2013	Reverend Kyle A. Ray	1994	Reverend Maurice Jones
2012	Pastor James C. Stokes	1993	Reverend Willie Applewhite
2011	The Sensational Gospel Tones	1992	Reverend Charlie Jones
2010	Reverend David R. Jarrett, Sr.	1991	Reverend Jesse Cotton
2009	Robert Upton	1990	Reverend and Mrs. Richmond Jones
2008	Reverend Zannie M. Mitchell and Grand Rapids Urban Young Life	1989	Reverend John Bryant
2007		1988	Reverend Clifton Rhodes, Jr.
	Reverend James B. White, Sr.	1987	Reverend H.V. Hutcherson
2006	Pastor Kenneth W. Hoskins	1986	Mrs. Lillian Gill
2005	Charles "Willie" Butler (posthumously)		
2004	Reverend Jerry Bishop		Reverend Erskin Robertson
2003	Reverend Marvin Williams	1984	Reverend W.L. Patterson
	Reverend Bruce E. Garmon, Sr.	1983	Reverend John. V. Williams Reverend William Abney



THE HATTIE BEVERLY SOUCATION AWARD



Hattie Beverly was a pioneer for African Americans in education in Grand Rapids. She was hired as a teacher at Congress School in 1899 and was assigned in 1913 to Henry School where she remained for a number of years. She assumed her position in spite of the protest surrounding the hiring of an African American to teach there. The opposition is reported in articles in the Grand Rapids Herald (1899). Her case was one of the several incidents that led to Booker T. Washington coming to Grand Rapids to bring about a better understanding of the races.

2020 Hattie Beverly Education Award Honoree Jerry F. McComb

2019	Not Awarded	2000	Dr. Faite R-P. Mack
2018	Carolyn J. Evans	1999	L. Helen Johnson
2017	Dr. Mattie P. Hampton	1998	Audrey L. Mayfield
2016	Dr. Nkechy Ekere Ezeh	1997	Sidney Bailey, III
2015	Diane J. McMillan	1996	Arneada Smith Alexander
2014	Cornell Bailey		Cheryl Chambers
2013	Dr. Shirley Johnson	1995	Dorothy Jo Butler
2012	Sharon Satterfield	1994	Eddie West
2011	Donna Poag	1993	Jacob Robinson
2010	Bernice Elizabeth Graves	1992	Lola Davis
2009	Margaret Elizabeth Lewis (posthumously)	1991	Anita Watson-Phillips
	Vertlee & Mary Trice	1990	Shirley West
2008	Dr. Randal Maurice Jelks	1989	Frances Gill
2007	Doris Ward	1988	Patricia Pulliam
2006	Robert B. Hurd		The Sarah Allen Neighborhood Advisory Committee
2005	Colleen Tyson	1987	Loretta Harris
2004	Ruth Jones		Lottie Brown
2003	Ruth A. Lumpkins		
2002	Charles E. Cannon		Mary Hardin
2001	Charles Sturdivant		Linda Johnson
		1983	John Dow



THE MARTHA REYNOLDS LABOR AWARD



Mrs. Reynolds was an international representative of the United Auto Workers. She was a vital force in labor and community affairs in Grand Rapids. Martha was committed to the union's Fair Employment Practices program and the Community Services department. An active participant in local politics, she was involved in the election of Lyman Parks to the City Commission. She was a long-serving member of the N.A.A.C.P. and a member of C.O.R.E. Martha was committed to her church, First Community A.M.E., and dedicated to the many socially active projects that were generated from there.

2020 Martha Reynolds Labor Award Honoree Larry Donston

2019	Carrie L. Jackson	2001	Willie D. Jones (posthumously)
2018	Deborah A. McMillan (posthumously)	2000	Joyce A. Walker
2017	Ken C. Godwin	1999	Carrie McCaleb
2016	RiChard Jackson	1998	Lonnie McCaleb
2015	Not Awarded	1997	Rocky Love
2014	Kathy Jackson	1996	Not Awarded
2013	Not Awarded	1995	Friley Johnson
2012	Gerald Kariem	1994	Aurelia Weatherford Crawford
2011	Essie Bunn	1992	Debra Nixon
2010	H. William Dungey	1991	John Snead
2009	Not Awarded	1990	Joseph Crump
2008	Bennette Gay	1989	Esther Turner
2007	Orin S. Holder	1988	Clarence Coleman
2006	Janice Hilliard	1987	Willie Suber
2005	Kathi Harris	1986	Bobby Jones
2004	John Hyatt	1985	
2003	Sandra K. Smith		Loree Glover (posthumously)
2002	Robert Betts	1984	Georgia McGhee

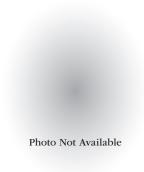




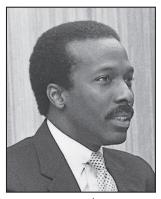
1983 Paul Phillips



1983 Helen Claytor



1984 Donna Carter



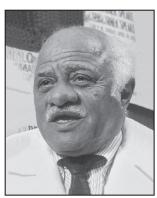
1984 Roy Roberts



1985 The Right Reverend John M. Burgess



1986 Joseph H. McMillan



1987 W. Wilberforce Plummer





1988 The Reverend John V. Williams



1989 Roger Wilkins



1990 Cedric Ward



Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance



1992 Myrna Granderson



1993 The Reverend W. L. Patterson





1994 Beverly Drake



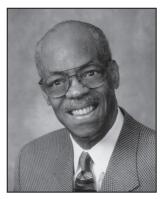
1995 Patricia and Yergan Pulliam



1996 Benjamin H. Logan II



1997 Paul Collins



1998 Bishop William Abney



1999 Stephen R. Drew



2000 Faite Mack, Sr.





2001 Reverend Charlie Jones



2002 Nina Lewis-Sleet



2003 Reverend Lyman S. Parks



2004 Dr. Edward Jones



2005 Ella Mary Sims



2006 Leona Spencer

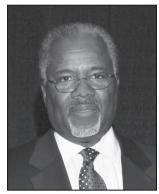


2007 Elias Lumpkins, Jr.





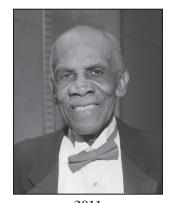
2008 Don Williams, Sr.



2009 Nolan Groce



2010 Mary A. Edmond



2011 Reuben Smartt

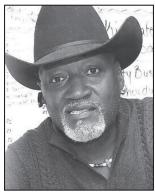


2012 Dr. Marvin L. Sapp



2013 Ingrid Scott-Weekley





2014 Jeffery J. Kimbrel



2015 Rev. Dr. Clifton Rhodes, Jr.



2016 Teresa Weatherall Neal



2017 Larry Johnson



2018 Ellen James



2019 Michael B. Johnson, Sr.



2020 Rev. Nathaniel Moody



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