

THE CHARLES A. THOMPSON AWARD

The Charles A. Thompson Memorial Award for Distinguished Service is named to honor the memory of the man who, up until his life was taken in 1977, was for many years Executive Director of the Inkster, MI Housing and Redevelopment Commission. Charlie served as president of the Michigan Chapter, as president of the North Central Regional Council, and on the NAHRO Board of Governors. Each year the NCRC president appoints a Thompson Award Selection Committee, which solicits nominations for the honor from among the eight state chapters, and from individuals within those chapters. From among the nominations received, the committee selects as recipient the person who most typifies the dedication of Thompson in his pursuit of better communities, adequate housing for all citizens, service to fellow man, and the high ideals of NAHRO.

Past recipients

- 1978 – Mark Herley, Detroit, MI
- 1979 – R. Clayton Jones, Pontiac, MI
- 1980 – Chester Amedia, Youngstown, OH
- 1981 – Bill Hammond, Chicago, IL
- 1982 – Jim Guest, Omaha, NE
- 1983 – Alice Nettle, Virginia, MN
- 1984 – Vance Coleman, Milwaukee, WI
- 1985 – Fred Lindstrom, Chicago, IL
- 1986 – Homer Saunders, Detroit, MI
- 1987 – Vicki Miles, Anna, IL
- 1988 – Doris Kunkle, Lincoln, NE & Henry Rubin, Detroit, MI
- 1989 – Frankie Boylan, Chicago, IL
- 1990 – Al McIlwain, Canton, OH (Posthumously)
- 1991 – Deborah Erlanson, Decatur, IL
- 1992 – Sammie Smith, Benton Harbor, MI
- 1993 – James Inglis, Livonia, MI
- 1994 – Steve Falek, Milwaukee, WI
- 1995 – Paulette Pool, Hastings, NE
- 1996 – Tom Hannen, Fort Wayne, IN
- 1997 – Robert Armstrong, Omaha, NE
- 1998 – Branna Lindell, So. St. Paul, MN
- 1999 – Roland Turpin, Dayton, OH
- 2000 – Gerald Schock, Port Huron, MI
- 2001 – Carlos Sanchez, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2002 – Danethel Whitfield, Benton Harbor, MI
- 2003 – Karen Bennett, Washburn, WI
- 2004 - Ken Dey, Battle Creek, MI
- 2005 – Michael Hagemeyer, Brazil, ID
- 2006 – Elaine Wiseman, Kearney, NE
- 2007 – Pati Toops, Fort Madison, IA
- 2008 – Doug Rise, Bay City, MI
- 2009 – Bill Jacobs, Macomb, IL
- 2010 – Kim Holman-Short, Bloomington, IL
- 2011 – Kay Hestekin, Eau Claire, WI
- 2012 – Bill Pluta, Chicago, IL

2013 – Gary Keller, Wellston, OH
2014 – Brenda Coates, Peoria, IL
2015 – Larry Williams, Freeport, IL
2016 – Sheila Miller, Douglas County, NE
2017 – Rick Moore, Evansville, IN
2018 – Sharon Carlson, Belding, MI
2019 – Alan Zais, Rockford, IL

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