



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 and/or its members in a significant and positive way. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered.**

Nominee Information

Name: _____
Position/Title: _____
Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____
Position/Title: _____
Community Shares Organization(s), if applicable: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
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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? 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 and/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?

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