

HAINES TURNER & HERB KIESLING AWARDS



About the Awards:

The Community Justice & Mediation Center (CJAM) annually recognizes individuals, groups, or businesses for significant contributions to restorative justice and to the well-being of children and youth in the Monroe County community. CJAM invites nominations to identify those who have demonstrated in the previous year or in their lifetime exceptional commitment to contributing to greater social justice or to helping children and youth. We encourage nominations for folks who have received little or no public recognition for their efforts.

General Guidelines for Both Awards:

1) Nominees must reside in Monroe County; 2) Nominees may be individuals, groups, or businesses 3) Nominees may not nominate themselves; however, individuals of an organization or business may nominate the groups or businesses to which they belong; 4) Nominees may be adults or children; 5) Nominees may be volunteers or paid staff 6) Nominees and the work for which they are being nominated need not be affiliated with any organization; 7) Nominees cannot receive an award in two consecutive years.

The Haines Turner Award:

Haines Turner for many years prodded the community conscience in his efforts to improve treatment of citizens in trouble with the justice system. In this role, he started Citizens for Jail Improvement (CJI), an organization that has developed into Community Justice and Mediation Center. Mr. Turner publicized the shortcomings of the old Monroe County Jail and worked with other community organizers, activists, and leaders to build the Monroe County Justice Building, (now the Charlotte T. Zietlow Justice Center), and to develop programs to improve inmate welfare in the jail. Because of his concern for restorative justice and his advocacy for alternatives to incarceration for offenders, Mr. Turner supported Monroe County's first Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) in the early 1980s and was working to have the program revived when he died.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, nominees must have made contributions to and have a breadth of concern for the development and practice of justice that heals and restores in the Monroe County community.

The Herb Kiesling Award:

Herb Kiesling's passion was that every child and young person would have an equal opportunity to develop his/her talents. He focused much of his work on activities that would remove the "risk" for children in school. Mr. Kiesling led a study to determine how early educators in the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) could identify those children who were most at-risk for dropping out, and he supported efforts to provide mentors in elementary schools for those children.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, nominees must be involved in delivering services (paid or volunteer) or working to make public policy or private organizations more responsive to the needs of children and youth in our community. Examples of human service include but are not limited to, adoption, advocacy, childcare, corrections, counselling, education, family violence, family preservation, foster care, healthcare, housing, mental health, physical and/or developmental disabilities, recreation, social work, sports, or other youth work such as promoting healthy asset development.