



# 2023–2024 HILLTOP Award

**Heroes Inspiring Leadership, Learning,  
Teamwork, Opportunity and Pride**



**Purpose:** To recognize and reward “local heroes” – individuals, consumers, public officials, organizations – who make a positive difference in the lives of people living on a low income and impacted communities in Multnomah County. The Hilltop Award will be presented at the Multnomah County Board Room (Date TBD).

## **Award Categories:**

1. **Individual Achievement** – Given to an individual who has transitioned out of poverty and has assisted other people living on a low income to pursue personal goals and self-sufficiency. We encourage nominations of youth, elders, persons with disabilities, and those of culturally/ethnically diverse backgrounds.
2. **Agency Staff/Volunteer Achievement** – Given to an agency staff or volunteer who has demonstrated extraordinary capacity and caring in helping individuals, families and communities to resolve the issue of poverty. This work can have taken place in a variety of settings or with a diversity of population groups – youth, elders, people with disabilities, and families.
3. **Public Official Achievement**—Given to an elected or appointed official who has made an outstanding contribution to public policy in support of low-income community development or programs to assist low-income individuals and families. This contribution can have been made at the federal, state, or local government level.

**About HILLTOP:** Winners are selected from nominations submitted by individuals or groups. A selection committee comprised of the MCCED members will meet to review submissions. The nominations will be evaluated using the award’s achievement criteria. **Nominations for the 2023–2024 Hilltop Award must be submitted by Friday, May 17, 2024 to be considered.**

***“Moving Mountains One Stone at a Time”***

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## **Achievement Criteria:**

[Note: You may attach additional sheets, if more space is needed for responses.]

### **1. Individual Achievement**

We encourage nominations of grassroots activists. Individual efforts do not necessarily have to be part of the formal social service delivery system.

a. How has the individual overcome poverty to become economically independent?

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b. How has the individual raised the community's consciousness about poverty?

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### **2. Agency Staff/Volunteer Achievement**

Staff or volunteers with non-profit or community-based organizations are eligible.

a. How has the individual accomplished anti-poverty work through an agency or organizational structure?

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b. How has the individual raised the community's consciousness about poverty?

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### **3. Public Official Achievement**

Elected or appointed officials who have demonstrated leadership in planning or public policy efforts to address the needs of communities impacted by poverty. Nominees may have also have lead efforts to improve or enhance government social services in support of low-income consumers.

a. How has the public official demonstrated leadership to address the issue of poverty in our community?

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### 3. Public Official Achievement, contd.

b. How has the individual raised the community's consciousness and support policies to address poverty?

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#### **Contact Information about person being nominated**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Contact Information about person submitting nomination**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**All nominations must be submitted by Friday, May 17, 2024.  
Nomination forms can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to MCCED's  
contact information listed below.**

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