

The

Dan Allen
Center for
**Social
Justice**

**2019
AWARDS
DINNER**

with support from the Hille Foundation

“Unconditional Positive Regard for All!”

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 AT 6P | THE CAMPBELL HOTEL | 2636 EAST 11TH, TULSA, OK

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

RECEPTION ————— **MUSIC BY DONALD RYAN**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS ————— **JOCELYN LEE PAYNE
& ED ROSSMAN**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ————— **REVEREND TWILA GIBBONS**

INVOCATION ————— **REVEREND GERALD DAVIS**

POETRY READING ————— **POETIC JUSTICE**

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ————— **DAN ALLEN CENTER FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE BOARD**

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE ————— **POCKET FULL OF HOPE**

BENEDICTION ————— **REVEREND GERALD DAVIS**

Please join us during the reception for light hors d'oeuvres & drinks

2019 DAN ALLEN SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Reverend Chris Moore

FELLOWSHIP CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Reverend Moore is an outspoken voice of social justice in Tulsa. He currently serves on the board of Just Hope, working collaboratively in Nicaragua, ACTION-Tulsa, and Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry. He has addressed many pressing local issues including immigration, police-community relations, education, healthcare, and firearms safety. He actively engages his congregation, citizens, and elected officials to advocate for social justice for all. His actions and statements have been chronicled in the local and national media. In the spirit of Dan Allen, he challenges the community to draw upon its moral and ethical foundations to make Tulsa a better place.

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And at a time in which there is much effort to move us backwards, so much violence and anger and hatred, we must first pay attention to our own circles, making connections when & where we can, seeking understanding and shared witness, coming again to the table where all are welcome, drawing our circle ever wider.”

2019 LOCAL CHAMPION AWARD

Dr. Tiffany Crutcher

Dr. Tiffany Crutcher is a tireless community advocate who has made police reform her mission. In September 2016, her unarmed brother was shot and killed by a Tulsa police officer. Following his death, Dr. Crutcher dedicated herself to preventing what happened to her brother from happening again. Taking time from her professional life outside of Oklahoma, she returned to become an outspoken champion for social justice through her powerful comments made in public forums. She has maintained a steady voice in calling for a transparent and thorough review of the racial and gender biases in arrests and use of force by police. Dr. Crutcher and her family have also established the Terence Crutcher Foundation, which is focused on police reform, sponsoring anti-violence community events, facilitating public meetings, and developing young black leaders.



We don't need another name. We don't need another hashtag."

2019 LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dennis R. Neill Equality Center

TOBY JENKINS, DIRECTOR

The Dennis R. Neill Equality Center serves Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) and allied communities. It is a visible reminder to all Oklahomans of the important role LGBTQ+ individuals and families play in Oklahoma. Under the leadership of Toby Jenkins, the Center offers a variety of services to diverse populations in Tulsa, from seniors to youth, along with facilities access and staff expertise in support of other social justice groups - such as those involved with immigrant rights.

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The battle is fought in one-to-one relationships with people caring for people in spite of what public policy is, regardless of who's sitting on the bench, regardless of who's sitting at the executive level.”

2019 MEDIA AWARD

The Frontier

ROBERT E. LORTON III, PUBLISHER

DYLAN GOFORTH, EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Frontier is a local nonprofit news organization using investigative reporting to give a detailed account of what is really happening across Oklahoma. Launched in 2015, *The Frontier* has since published dozens of stories, videos, and reports focused extensively on the criminal justice system, but also covering ballot access and barriers to voting, maternal and mental health, threats to the environment, treatment of immigrants, the opioid crisis, and the misuse of public and private funds, among many other topics intertwined with the principles of social justice. Like Dan Allen, *The Frontier* serves to speak truth to power to expose injustice and change institutions for the common good. At a time when quality journalism is under attack worldwide, independent, fearless, local watchdogs such as *The Frontier* are more important than ever.

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At *The Frontier*, our mission is to hold public officials accountable, give a voice to the powerless and tell the stories that others are afraid to tell, or that illuminate the lives of people in our community. We will shine a light on hypocrisy, fraud, abuse and wrongdoing at all levels in our community and state.”

2019 OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD

Manna Meals

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

For years, St Paul's United Methodist Church has offered an opportunity for people to break bread in an atmosphere of inclusiveness and respect. Volunteers from St Paul's and sister congregations serve a sit-down, hot meal each Friday for up to 200 people from all walks of life - business owners, community leaders, neighbors, the homeless, low-income families, church members, and the elderly. All are treated with the same respect. Donations and volunteers make the meals happen, while St Paul's provides the space. Food comes from the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and other sources, and the church and community volunteers provide cooking and table service. Everyone is welcome to share a meal in a kind and accepting environment. Guests are more than clients - they become part of the family.

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I think when we serve people, we learn their names and they become a real person.... They've found here that people have an interest in them that goes beyond putting food on their plate.”

(volunteer)

2019 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Dr. Robert W. Block, MD

In the early 1980's, Dr. Robert Block came to visit the Neighbor for Neighbor clinic and decided that he would volunteer in the humble facility to treat sick children. Many good things happened as a result of his decision. Children received great care there, and because of his community status, other pediatricians soon began to follow and volunteer their time. Dr. Block was appointed Oklahoma's First Chief Child Abuse Examiner in 1989 and served in that capacity until 2011. He was a founder and member of the medical team for the Tulsa Children's Justice Center, and served as President and member of the Board of Directors for the Child Abuse Network - where he is now Emeritus Director of CAN. Among his many recognitions, he received the Award for Outstanding Service to Maltreated Children by the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2001, and subsequently has been named one of the "Best Doctors in America." He epitomizes one of Dan Allen's favorite mottos: "Give a Damn!"

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I think the most satisfying part is being a voice for children and their families, trying to convince policy makers to support early childhood programs, children in poverty. The United States has the highest proportion of children in poverty in all of the developed countries, so being able to advocate for them is the most important part of my work.... We're all intertwined as human beings.”

PAST AWARDS RECIPIENTS

DAN ALLEN AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

2014 - Father Bill Skeeahan
2015 - Connie Cronley
2016 - Carmelita Skeeter
2017 - Sheryl Siddique
2018 - Drew Diamond

LOCAL CHAMPION AWARD

2014 - David Blatt, Oklahoma Policy Institute
2015 - Welcome Table, Tulsa
2016 - We the People Oklahoma
2017 - New Sanctuary Tulsa
2018 - Rosa Hernandez

LEADERSHIP AWARD

2014 - Jan Figart, Community Service Council
2015 - Hille Foundation
2016 - Phillips Theological Seminary
2017 - 100 Black Men/Women Tulsa
2018 - Men of Power

NEWS MEDIA AWARD

2014 - Joe Worley, Tulsa World
2015 - The Oklahoma Eagle
2016 - Ginnie Graham, Tulsa World
2017 - KWGS Radio
2018 - Tulsa Voice

OUTSTANDING SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT AWARD

2014 - Eastern OK Area Food Bank, Eileen Bradshaw, Director
2015 - YWCA
2016 - Camp Anytown
2017 - Pocket Full of Hope
2018 - Poetic Justice

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

2015 - Keith Huckabay and Randy Kidney
2016 - Anne Paton
2017 - Carol Falletti
2018 - Ann Sublett

DACSJ 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EDWIN (ED) ROSSMAN

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DAN ALLEN CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Dan Allen Center for Social Justice promotes social justice through education, outreach, advocacy, and demonstration of social justice. The Center works to continue the inspirational leadership of the late Dan Allen. In the late 1960's, Dan Allen, a former Catholic priest, created Neighbor for Neighbor to help the poor and downtrodden of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dan's passion and tenacity inspired a crusade that banded together many people of goodwill - rich and poor, and from many different religions, races, and political views. Dan served as the conscience of the community, showing us all that by working together, we can bridge the divides that separate us. Dan's work continues to inspire those dedicated to the cause of social justice today, and the Center is dedicated to carrying on his legacy.

THE HILLE FOUNDATION

Founded in 1997 by Jo Bob and Mary Ann Hille, The Hille Foundation was born out of the Christian principle that it is a privilege to serve others. Raising the educational, spiritual, and physical well-being of those needing help in society, and promoting projects which benefit and revitalize the Tulsa community, are the primary aims of the Foundation. The DACSJ would like to thank the Hille Foundation for their continued support.

THANK YOU

Thank you all for making the awards dinner a big success and more importantly, for helping highlight the fine people and organizations making Tulsa a more just place.

Special thanks and appreciation to the following for their sponsorship of the 2019 DACSJ Dinner:

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