

Basic Award Categories

- **Michael Carroll Leadership Award** – Signature or legacy award for a community development industry veteran whose work has positively impacted Hoosiers for many years.
- **Robert O. Zdenek Staff Member of the Year Award** – Any staff member with excellent innovative leadership experience in the community development industry
- **John Niederman Rural Development Leadership Award** – Leadership excellence in the area of rural community development
- **Key Award for Supportive Services Program of the Year** – Innovative program or service-oriented initiative

Tips from Judges in Previous Years

1. Completely read through this document before submitting your nomination
2. A successful nomination narrative will adequately address all criteria of impact, initiative, collaboration and financial soundness/creativity
3. Be sure that your nominee is submitted for the correct category (*organizers reserve the right to re-categorize nominations if they appear to be submitted incorrectly*)
4. It is helpful to include supportive documents such as resumes, letters of support, success stories, etc.

Basic Criteria

- **Initiative:** Evidence of creativity and imagination beyond what is typically expected.
- **Impact:** Measurable evidence of economic change or action on the community and/or constituents because of the project, program or person.
- **Collaboration:** Evidence of facilitating, encouraging, or utilizing cooperative efforts among nonprofits, local government, and constituents.
- **Financial Soundness/Creativity:** Where applicable, evidence that sound financial management techniques were utilized.

Selection Process

- Nominations are judged in the context of positively furthering the community economic development movement in Indiana
- Prior to summit, nominee names are announced via press release, social media, and PI newsletter
- All nominees receive one complimentary ticket to summit
- Winners are selected by a panel of judges with expertise in the community development industry and names are kept confidential until announced during the awards ceremony at summit on February 17, 2022
- Those that nominated a winner are privately contacted for assistance ensuring the winner is available to accept the award at summit
- Winners are recognized during summit and receive a personalized award plaque or trophy along with a check for the designated monetary contribution afterwards
- Winner names are announced after summit via press release, social media, and PI newsletter

Detailed Award Descriptions and Judging Criteria

1. MICHAEL CARROLL LEADERSHIP AWARD

This signature award recognizes a person who has exhibited exceptional leadership, support, and advocacy in the community economic development industry. Impact must be above normal employment expectations and can include activities over the course of several years or a significant activity that resulted in a positive outcome. Nominees are considered industry “veteran or legacy” and may be from nonprofit, local/state government, or private sectors. This “centerpiece” award includes a \$2,500 contribution to a nonprofit organization of the winner’s choice. The award is presented at Summit by the Presenting Sponsor.

Judging Criteria

- Contributes to housing & community economic development field, over and above normal employment expectations
- Contributes to general public service for many years
- Exceptional advocacy and leadership on behalf of the affordable housing & CED industry
- Raises awareness and/or educates others about affordable housing and CED
- Leadership impacts advocacy efforts

Past Winners

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization (if known)</u>
1988	Tom Binford	
1989	Sen. Greg Server and Rep. Bill Crawford	
1990	Wayne Barnett	
1991	Willis Bright	
1992	Fred Hash	
1993	First Lady Judy O’Bannon	
1994	Matthew Rueff	
1995	Daniel F. Evans	
1996	Congressman Andy Jacobs, Jr.	
1997	Rep. John Day and Sen. Luke Kenley	
1998	Mark St. John	
1999	Patricia Wachtel	
2000	John Dorgan	HUD
2001	John Thompson	
2002	Deborah McCarty	
2003	Ed Glover	
2004	Sue Leonard	Muncie
2005	Anne Mannix	Neighborhood Development Services
2006	Sharron Liggins	Continuum of Care Network-NWI
2007	Sister Barbar Ann Zeller	Guerin Inc
2008	Luzada Hayes	Aurora, Inc.
2009	Judge Donald C. Johnson	Lafayette Reentry Problem Solving Court
2010	Linda Klink	Deputy Mayor of the City of Logansport
2011	Jacob Sipe	IHCDA
2012	Mark Lindenlaub	Housing Partnerships, Inc. and Aging and Community Services of South Central Indiana
2013	Jack Brummett	Great Lakes Capital Fund
2014	Bill Taft	LISC
2015	Maynard J. Scales	Fort Wayne Housing Authority
2016	James Taylor	John Boner Neighborhood Centers
2017	n/a	n/a
2018	Pat Gamble-Moore	PNC
2019	Tom Fodor	Morning Light, Inc.
2020	Bruce Baird	Renew Indianapolis
2021	Joe Bowling	Englewood Community Development Corporation

2. **ROBERT O. ZDENEK STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Recognizes outstanding professional leadership and commitment of a staff person working for a community economic development organization. Nominees may include Executive Directors, housing staff, administrative staff, or any other staff member who embodies the dedication and principles of community economic development as well as innovation and leadership within their own organization. *A cash prize of \$1,000 is provided in honor of the winner. The award is presented by the Gold Sponsor at Summit.*

Judging Criteria

- Contributes to organization & community economic development field
- Contributes to general public service
- Leadership, personal initiative, and continuity of participation

Past Award Winners

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization (if known)</u>
1989	F. Eric Utz	
1990	Frank Ryan	
1991	Julia B. O'Connor	
1992	Dennis West	ECI
1993	Greg Volz	
1994	Melanie Green	
1995	Chuck Heintzelman	
1996	Steve Proctor	CAP of Western Indiana
1997	JoAnn Green	
1998	Arden Shank	
1999	Bill Taft & Jeff Pankrantz (tie)	
2000	Janet Ditmire	Housing Assistance Office, South Bend
2001	John J. Niederman	Pathfinder Services
2002	Patricia Stephenson	Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Svcs
2003	Eileen Laughlin	Near North Development Corporation
2004	Kay Fleck	Whitley Crossings Neighborhood Corp
2005	Larry Kleeman	Lincoln Hills
2006	William Gray	Riley Area Development Corporation
2007	Larry Gautsche	LaCasa of Goshen
2008	Susan Rinne	Options for Better Living, Inc.
2009	Paula Craig	Blue River Services, Inc.
2010	Patricia Lewis	Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis
2011	Bruce Baird	Indianapolis Housing Agency
2012	M. Ann Helmke	Vincent Village
2013	David Miller	Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation
2014	Chris Maples	Partners in Housing
2015	Rodney Stockment	IHCDA
2016	Gladys Muhammad	South Bend Heritage Foundation
2017	n/a	n/a
2018	Mark Gould	1 st Source Bank
2019	George Okantey	Purdue Extension
2020	Albert Brownlee	Genesis Outreach, Inc.
2021	Serita Cabell	Memorial Community Development Corporation

3. **JOHN NIEDERMAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Recognizes outstanding leaders in the field of rural community economic development. Individuals have demonstrated outstanding leadership in improving quality of life, policies, and opportunities for growth in rural Indiana. A cash prize of \$1,000 is provided in honor of the winner. The award is presented by the Platinum Sponsor at Summit.

Judging Criteria

- Embodies social entrepreneurship as demonstrated by a mission to create and sustain social value
- Operates in a collaboration first approach to build relationships and leverage impact

- Believes community economic development is a human enterprise; assets and talents of people are center of their work
- Is committed to innovation, constantly searching for community economic development strategies spun from creativity, fast learning, and fast failure to scale success endeavors
- Delivers results through outcome measure

Past Winners

<u>Year</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Organization (if known)</u>
2014	Dr. Janet Ayres	Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
2015	Abby Hoy	Economic Development Group of Wabash County, Inc.
2016	Chuck Heintzelman	Milestone Ventures, Inc.
2017	n/a	n/a
2018	Larry Gautsche	La Casa, Inc
2019	David Miller	Hoosier Uplands
2020	Michelle Pitcher	Face Community Action Agency, Inc.
2021	Charyl Luth	Affordable Housing Association of Indiana

4. **KEY AWARD FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**

The Key Award for Supportive Services Program of the Year honors excellence and innovation in a service-oriented (non-construction) community development initiative. To be considered for the Key Award, the program should be a leader in the area of service provision and/or volunteerism and provide a unique program model for other organizations within Indiana. A cash prize of \$1,000 is provided in honor of the winner. Award is presented by a Silver Sponsor at Summit.

Judging Criteria

- Leader in the area of service provision and/or volunteerism
- Provide a unique program model
- Impact on community and/or constituents
- Creativity and imagination beyond what typically is expected
- Evidence of cooperative efforts among variety of stakeholders

Past Winners

<u>Year</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Organization (if known)</u>
2005	Quality Cleaning Solutions LLC	Lincoln Hills Development Corporation
2006	Action Coalition to Ensure Stability	Choices, Inc.
2007	No Award Given	
2008	Health Recovery Program	Gennessaret Free Clinics
2009	Build a Better Blackford	
2010	Youth Entrepreneur Program	Robinson Community Learning Center
2011	Harvestland Farm	Aspire Indiana
2012	Children and Youth Center	East 10 th Street United Methodist
2013	Public Allies	Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center
2014	Neighborhood Spotlight	Legacy Foundation of Lake County
2015	Robert Miller Veterans Program (Miller's Vets)	Center for the Homeless
2016	Back Home in Indiana Alliance	
2017	n/a	n/a
2018	Building Better Neighborhoods	Ball State University
2019	Indiana Supportive Housing Institute	CSH and IHEDA
2020	Food Prescription for Better Health	
2021	Satellite Kitchen	Second Helping

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