

Community Shares
2024
Circle of Change
Awards



The Circle of Change Awards honor people in east Tennessee who are working to bring long-term solutions to current problems in our community. Each of these five awards represents a different part of that circle that makes our community a better place to live.

The DANNY MAYFIELD CHAMPION OF CHANGE award, named for the Knoxville City Council member whose life embodied social change, honors leaders in our community who have championed an initiative or campaign to change conditions that create injustice.

The GARDNER OF CHANGE award is presented to an educator who teaches their students to think critically about issues of injustice (locally, nationally, or internationally) and encourages them to take action.

The SEED OF CHANGE award recognizes a young person who has shown leadership, vision, and courage in addressing injustice.

The ARTIST OF CHANGE award is presented to an artist who uses their medium to create social change or to demonstrate a connection between art and social change.

The CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE award honors a recent campaign that has worked in pursuit of social change, included grassroots support, and has had a significant impact on a constituency or the community at large.



Danny Mayfield Champion of Change:

Ralph Hutchison

This year's award goes to Ralph Hutchison for more than 30 years of leadership in the fight against nuclear weapons, and for his efforts to address other issues of justice including antiwar, death penalty

abolishment, stopping gun violence, antiracism, immigration rights and other important issues in our community.

Renaming Gardner of Change Award

The Gardener of Change is awarded to an educator who teaches students to think critically about issues of injustice and encourages them to take action. The consummate "teacher" in the classroom and community, Fran Ansley exemplifies



this award and we wish to honor her legacy by permanently naming this award the Fran Ansley Gardener of Change Award.



Fran Ansley Gardener of Change:

David Krebs

The newly named
Fran Ansley Gardener
of Change Award
goes to David Krebs
for his dedication to
addressing complicated
social, political and
environmental issues
in the classroom
and beyond, his

commitment to ensuring students are included at the table and that the community is at the center of government decisions around education.

Seed of Change: Eimy Quiroz

This year's award goes to Eimy Quiroz for her part in putting the question of tuition equity in the larger conversation about social justice and



educational access in Tennessee and her tireless work in service to East Tennessee's Latino immigrant community.

Artist of Change:

Rachel Milford

Rachel Milford is this year's recipient for creating and sustaining an art organization that addresses social issues, creates and strengthens communities and involves hundreds of people.





Campaign for Change:

Justice for Palestine Campaign

Over the past 6 months, an array of organizations and individuals have come together to call for a ceasefire in Gaza and justice in Palestine through a variety of

activities and tactics. This campaign includes members of the Palestinian diaspora and their allies, Students for Justice in Palestine (UTK), Ramallah, Palestine Club, Jewish Voices for Peace, Riverside Community CW, Women in Black, Palestine Action Liberation, LAMP and more.

CONGRATULATIONS

To All 2024 Circle of Change Award Honorees

Ralph Hutchison

Danny Mayfield Champion of Change

David Krebs

Fran Ansley Gardener of Change

Eimy Quiroz

Seed of Change

Rachel Milford

Artist of Change

Justice for Palestine Campaign

Campaign for Change

And In Remembrance of

Fran Ansley

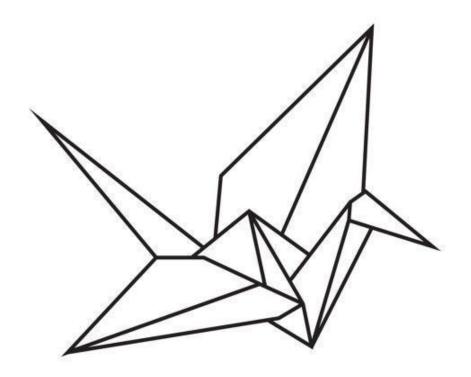
Educator, Activist and Friend Par Excellence

In Admiration and Gratitude to all,

Laurel Goodrich and Jim Harb

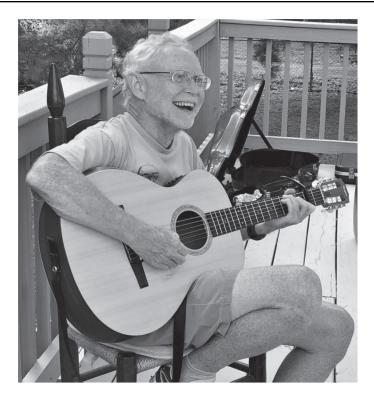
HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO RALPH HUTCHISON, A TRUE CHAMPION OF CHANGE, FOR HIS DECADES OF FOUNDATIONAL SERVICE TO OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE ALLIANCE

IN THE NAME OF PEACE.



WITH DEEP APPRECIATION,

OREPA STAFF, BOARD AND SUPPORTERS,
PAST AND PRESENT

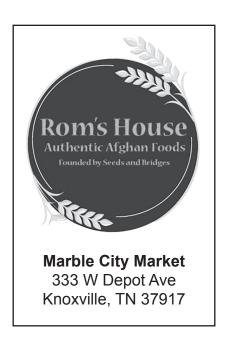


Congratulations to our band brother who writes great songs with shifting titles but lives the lyrics.

Love – Guy-Larry, Kevin, and Mitzi

"This is the time to be strong, look into my eyes / We can do it together if everyone tries / They try to hold us down but still we rise." – Ralph Hutchison, "Be the Chain"







"I came here with nothing but the community changed my life for the better.

Thank You Knoxville!"



KNOXVILLE WOMEN IN BLACK celebrates

Ralph Hutchison, Danny Mayfield Champion of Change

for promoting peace and justice over decades, especially through leadership and nonviolent action in opposition to nuclear weapons.

Rachel Milford, Artist of Change

for bringing transformative power and human connection to public spaces through art, play and theater.

Justice for Palestine Campaign, Campaign for Change

for creatively mobilizing our community to promote a ceasefire in Gaza and justice for Palestinians.

and the Memory of Fran Ansley,

who ushered generations toward activism in the service of social justice.

We cherish her memory and we surround her family with love.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE HONOREES for their vision and courage

We salute the efforts and dedication of tonight's awardees Ralph Hutchison, Rachel Milford, and the Palestine Coordinating Committee for all their valiant work for peace, justice, and a compassionate world.

We also honor the memory of Fran Ansley, a dedicated teacher, scholar, and activist whose life became a shining example for how to work for a just and loving world.

Thank you all for your inspiration!



LAMP (Local Alliance for Mideast Peace)

Congratulations and gratitude to the creative and courageous 2024 Circle of Change Award Winners:

Ralph Hutchison, David Krebs, Eimy Quiroz, Rachel Milford, and the Justice for Palestine Campaign

We are inspired and mobilized by your example.



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CONGRATULATIONS

To all Award Recipients and especially our friend, Ralph Hutchison!



Over 500 acres of rural land held in conservation





Promoting sustainable living and care for Earth and her inhabitants in our Earth literacy programs



Natural Burial Preserve offers a sustainable burial option



Eco-lodging for solo and group retreats

Community Shares thanks donors who made special gifts in honor of this year's Circle of Change award recipients.

Ralph Hutchison

Linda Ewald Glenda Keyes

Fran Ansley

Dean Rivken Charles & Geraldine Mulligan

Campaign for Change

Ingrid Haun

All Honorees

Gordon & Judy Gibson Clint and Phyllis Allison Corinne Rovetti

In Honor of: Justice for Palestine Campaign, Rachel, Eimy, David and Ralph.

Thank you for your courage, compassion and commitment.

And In Memory of:

Fran Ansley Helen de Haven Marcus Keyes Mary Dennis Lentsch

- Gaye Evans



New location in Powell!!!
3531 West Emory Rd, Powell
327 Union Ave, Downtown
coffeeandchocolate.com



Congratulations to all Circle of Change Honorees











HOW WE ORGANIZE



identify shared problems, concerns, hopes

DEVELOP & IMPLEMENT STRATEGIC CAMPAIGNS:

Group sets clear, measurable goals and plans how they will act together to accomplish those goals



ANALYZE POWER:

Group finds out who has the power to resolve the issue and how to get them to act (persuasion, negotiation, direct action etc)



TURN PROBLEM

INTO ISSUE:

BUILDING OUR BASE

*listening to other people in our community, inviting new people into the work, and developing leaders are all at the *root* of how we create positive change.



Member Groups

Appalachian Community Fund
Black Children's Institute of TN
Bridge Refugee Services
CISV Smoky Mountain Chapter
Highlander Research & Education Center*
Ijams Nature Center
Jubilee Community Arts
Little River Watershed Association
Mid-Tennessee Council of the Blind
NAMI-TN

Nashville Peace & Justice Center Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (ONE)

People for Animals

Planned Parenthood of TN and North MS Radio Free Nashville

Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE)

Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning

TN Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

Tennessee Disability Coalition

TN Environmental Council

TN Health Care Campaign

TN Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)*

TN Pride Chamber

TN Scenic Rivers Assc (TSRA)

Workers Interfaith Network

Call for Nominations

2025 East Tennessee Circle of Change Awards

Nominations Due January 7, 2025

Seeking nominations for: (Honorees must be able to be present)

Danny Mayfield Champion of Change: A leader in our community who has championed an initiative or campaign whose goal is to change conditions that create injustice.

Institution/Business for Change*: A business or institution that has implemented an initiative that demonstrates socially conscious business practices in its dealings with the community. *CS Member Groups ae not eligible for the Institution for Change Award

Campaign for Change: A recent campaign that worked in pursuit of social change, included grassroots support and had a significant impact on a constituency or the community at large.

Seed of Change: A person under age 25 who has shown leadership, vision and courage in addressing injustice.

Fran Ansley Gardener of Change: An educator who teaches students to think critically about issues of injustice (locally, nationally or internationally) and encourages them to take action.

Artist of Change: An artist or group (not limited to the visual arts) who uses their art to create social change or demonstrates a connection between their art and social change.

Send nominations to Shelley@communitysharestn.org. You may also fill out the form online at: https://forms.gle/4igPSsq4137GavvW8

Please include:

- Your name and email;
- Name of person being nominated;
- Award they are being nominated for;
- Any contact info you have for nominee, and
- The reason why you think they deserve this award.