

Standing Up for Black Mothers & Babies Nominations

The Standing Up for Black Mothers and Babies Awards will be presented in recognition of outstanding leaders and advocates for mothers and babies during the Standing Up for Black Mothers and Babies Awards Event in September 2024. As a key partner in the maternal and child health community, you can identify people or organizations that have been exemplary in **advancing racial equity in the health of women, birthing people, and children** in the St. Louis region. **Please submit nominees by May 30, 2024**, in the following categories:

Judy Wilson-Griffin Maternal Health Equity Champion

This award category is for an individual making a remarkable contribution to advancing racial equity in maternal health and demonstrates a commitment to bridging community and health care.

Previous recipient: 2020 – *Rebecca Bennett*; 2021 – *Eboni Hooper-Boateng*; 2022 – *Honorable Cora Faith Walker (posthumous)*; 2023 – *Rep. LaKeySha Bosley*

Dr. Terry Leet Researcher Award

This category is for an individual, collaborative, or institution making significant research contributions to maternal and child health.

Previous recipients: 2009 – *Terry Leet PhD*; 2010 – *Louise Flick DrPH*; 2011 – *Melissa Jonson-Ried PhD & Kathleen Rice Simpson PhD*; 2012 – *Gina Secura, PhD*; 2013 – *Donna R. Halloran, MD, MSPH*; 2014 – *For the Sake of All Research Team*; 2015 – *Deborah Kiel, PhD., RN, PHCNS-BC & Lavinia M. Lewis*; 2016 – *Pamela K. Xaverius*; 2017 – *Darcell P. Scharff, Ph. D.*; 2018 – *Vetta Sanders-Thompson, Ph.D.*; 2019 – *Anne Sebert Kuhlmann, Ph.D. MPH*; 2020 – *Amber Johnson, Ph.D.*; 2021 – *EleVATE Women Collaborative*; 2022 – *Nancy L. Weaver, Ph.D., MPH*; 2023 – *Abigail Barker, Ph.D.*

Dr. Corinne Walentik Provider/Practitioner Champion

This category is for an individual or institution that provides direct health or community services and uses their knowledge/practice to advocate for improvements in child health.

Previous recipients: 2009 – *D. Michael Nelson, MD*; 2010 – *Corinne Walentik, MD, MPH and Helen Risse RN, MSN*; 2011 – *Rebekah Hassler, CNM, FNP*; 2012 – *Daniel Berg, MD, MPH*; 2013 – *Katie Plax, MD*; 2014 – *Nurses for Newborns*; 2015 – *Matthew Broom, MD, FAAP*; 2016 – *Jaye M. Shyken, MD, FACOG, Signature Medical Group's Strong Start Program, Maribeth Hollinshead*; 2017 – *Cynthia E. Rogers, MD & Melissa D. Tepe, MD, MPH, FAGOG*; 2018 – *Jamaa Birth Village and Tru Kellman*; 2019 – *Angela Schiefelbein, FNP, BC; CARE in Pregnancy at BJH*; 2020 – *Kanika Turner, MD*; 2021 – *Jesse Davis, MD, MBA*; 2022 – *Nicole D. Carr, MSN, FNP-BC*; 2023 – *Affinia OB/Gyn Group*

Alderman Gregory Carter Community Champion

This category is for a volunteer, consumer, or frontline employee who exemplifies a commitment to the health of mothers and babies.

Previous recipients: 2011 – *Lillie Dale*; 2012 – *Cbabi Bayoc*; 2013 – *Rev. Rodrick & Mrs. Carlotta Burton*; 2014 – *Rev. Fran Pieper*; 2015 – *Stephanie Williamson*; 2016 – *Bethany Johnson - Javois, MSW*; 2017 – *Black Mama Bailout Collaborative*; 2018 – *Kim Martino-Sexton*; 2019 – *Monica Wade; Junior League of St. Louis*; 2020 – *Angela Ross*; 2021 *Village of Moms STL*; 2022 – *LaKisha Redditt, B.S., CHW*; 2023 – *Candice Ward, IBCLC*

Award Selection Process

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Nominations may be submitted by anyone. Nominees will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Selection Committee, based on the categories above. Selected individuals or organizations will have demonstrated impact on maternal and child health over time. Award winners will be notified in advance of the awards event.

Nomination Form

Nominator (name, email, telephone):

Name of Nominee:

Title: _____ Organization:

Address:

Telephone Number: _____ Email:

Award Category (check one):

Judy Wilson-Griffin Maternal Health Equity Champion

1. What contribution has your nominee made to maternal health equity such as advocating for policy change, new program development? Provide examples.

2. Describe how your nominee demonstrate a commitment to bridging community and health care? Provide examples.

3. Why do you think this person deserves the award?

4. What other ways does your nominee create racial equity in maternal health?

□ **Dr. Terry Leet Researcher Award**

1. What contribution has your nominee's research made to maternal and infant health? Provide examples.

3. Why do you think this person deserves the award?

4. How does your nominee create racial equity in maternal & infant health?

□ **Dr. Corinne Walentik Provider/Practitioner Champion**

1. Describe the direct health or community services provided by the nominee.

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2. Describe how your nominee uses their knowledge/practice to advocate for improvements in child health. Provide examples.

3. Why do you think this person deserves the award?

4. How does your nominee create racial equity in infant / child health?

Alderman Gregory Carter Community Champion

1. Describe the role of the nominee (volunteer, consumer, or frontline worker.)

2. Describe how your nominee exemplifies a commitment to the health of mothers and babies. Provide examples.

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3. Why do you think this person deserves the award?

4. How does your nominee create racial equity in maternal & infant health?

Nominations must be submitted by May 30, 2024 For more information or to submit your nomination, please contact Kendra Copanas at (314) 880-5701 or kcopanas@generatehealthstl.org. Submissions may also be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SUMB2024>.