



2014 COMMUNITY ACTION AWARDS IN HONOR OF HENRY L. DIXON AND MARCIA PLATER

Background: Henry L. Dixon, former member of the Montgomery County Community Action Board, and Marcia Plater, former executive director of the Community Action Agency and a renowned local and national leader, were both friends to poor and low-income County residents, and unrelenting advocates committed to fighting poverty and its causes. In their memory, the Community Action Board, Montgomery County, Maryland's federally-designated antipoverty advocacy group, seeks to recognize organizations and individuals who volunteer to help poor and low-income residents, embodying Community Action's vision, "*to change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities, and make America a better place to live.*"

Community Action Awards Criteria:

Nominations to recognize volunteers may be accepted from:

- Current or past members of the Community Action Board
- Community Action Agency staff
- Community Action Agency partners (*i.e. Head Start, CAA contractors, TESS, and VITA programs*)
- Staff and partners with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Community Affairs
- Community members

<u>Type of Award</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
The Henry L. Dixon Community Action Award for Organizational Achievement	Recognizing involvement in activities that, through a group volunteer effort, helps lower-income individuals in Montgomery County move toward or achieve self-sufficiency. Or, for advocacy by an organization to reduce poverty among County residents.
<u>and</u>	
The Henry L. Dixon Community Action Youth Award for Organizational Achievement	As above, a group effort recognizing a Youth nominee.
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The Marcia Plater Community Action Award for Individual Achievement	Recognizing involvement in activities that, through an individual volunteer effort, help lower-income individuals in Montgomery County move toward or achieve self-sufficiency. Or, for advocacy by an individual to reduce poverty among County residents.
<u>and</u>	
The Marcia Plater Community Action Youth Award for Individual Achievement	As above, an individual effort recognizing a Youth nominee.

Applicants must follow the Nomination application and format. Self-nominations accepted.



Recognition: First Place honorees will receive a plaque and their name will be added to an historic plaque. All honorees will receive a letter of appreciation, a certificate, and along with sponsors, will be invited to join Community Action Agency's evening reception at the Silver Spring Civic Center on May 27, 2014.

**Nominations must be received in the Community Action Agency office
4:00 pm on Friday, April 18, 2014**

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