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**

Type of Award	Criteria
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.
and	
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.
and	
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 Vis Arts on May 27, 2014.**

Nominations must be received in the Community Action Agency office
4:00 pm on Friday, April 11, 2014

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