

Human Service Awards

The UCS Human Service Awards recognize those who make a long-lasting difference in our community which enhances the well-being of Johnson County citizens. The *Citizen of the Year Award* recognizes an individual who has provided lasting contributions in support of human services. The *Distinguished Public Service Award* recognizes an elected official for policy efforts that advance human services. The *Excellence in Community Service Award* recognizes an organization that works through partnerships to lead the way in providing human services.

<u>Citizen of the Year</u>	<u>Excellence in Community Service Award</u>	<u>Distinguished Public Service</u>
1971 Ben Craig		1981 Margret Jordan
1972 Rev. Robert Meneilly	1996 Olathe Family Resource Center	1982 Robert F. Bennett
1973 Rose Grimm	1997 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center	1983 Jan Meyers
1975 Louis "Dutch" Meyers	1998 Sunflower House, Child Abuse Prevention Center	1984 Wendell Lady
1976 Ellen Laner	1999 Domestic Violence Project - 10th Judicial District/COMVAC	1985 Larry Winn, Jr.
1977 Betty Hodges	2003 Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County	1986 Herbert Walton
1978 Orin Nolting	2004 Center of Grace Mission Center - Grace United Methodist Church	1987 Richard L. Bond
1979 SuEllen Fried	2005 TLC for Children and Families	1988 LeRoy G. Fox
1979 Milton Erickson	2006 Johnson County Library	1989 William E. Franklin
1980 Evelyn VanKemseke	2007 Johnson County Mental Health Center	1990 Jack Walker, M.D.
1981 Barbara Buehler	2008 Head Start of Shawnee Mission and Olathe Head Start	1991 Charles Carlsen, Ed.D.
1982 S.R. "Sig" Brunn	2009 Evergreen Living Innovations	1992 Murray L. Nolte
1983 Frances Jarchow	2010 Kansas Action for Children (KAC)	1993 Carol H. Sader
1984 Shirley Rose	2011 Harvesters BackSnack Program	1994 Annabeth Surbaugh
1985 Kathie Champlin	2012 Johnson County Christmas Bureau	1995 Audrey Langworthy
1985 Sandy Eldred	2013 Johnson County Trauma Informed Care Task Force	1996 David Adkins
1986 Claire Ewert	2014 Human Service Fund Cities	1998 Johnna Lingle-Harris
1987 Marilyn Uppman	2015 Family Conservancy	1999 Sue Weltner
1988 Betty T. Keim	2016 Strengthening Families Program Partners	2003 Joan Bowman
1989 Martha Steadman	2017 Johnson County Mental Health Center Co-Responder Program Partners	2004 Allen Slater
1990 Eleanor Lowe	2018 Project Home, SMSD & Impact Olathe, OPS	2005 Ed Eilert
1991 Warren Robinson	2019 Zero Reasons Why Campaign Partners	2006 Peggy Dunn
1992 James B. Lowe	2020 Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund	2007 Dolores Furtado
1992 Kyle Robinson	2021 NCircle, Johnson County Community College, Johnson County Dept. of Corrections - College of Trades	2008 Dennis Moore
1993 Gary Morsch, M.D.	2022 Olathe Leadership Lowrider Bike Club	2009 John Vratil
1994 Myrna Stringer	2023 Johnson County Museum's REDLINED Initiative	2010 Frank Denning
1995 Don Smith, M.D.	2024 Johnson County Eviction Mediation Program	2011 Tim Owens
1998 Georgia Erickson		2012 Pat Colloton
1999 Bev Timmons		2013 Sandy Praeger
2003 Ann Heberger		2015 Hannes Zacharias
2004 Betty Crooker		2016 Hon. Stephen Tatum
2005 Ron Wimmer, Ed.D.		2017 Sen. Barbara Bollier
2006 Stacy and Mark Parkinson		2018 Hon. Timothy McCarthy
2007 Walter Hiersteiner		2019 Melissa Rooker
2008 Pegi Denton		2020 Secretary Lee A. Norman, M.D.
2009 Sue Bond		2021 Hon. Carl Gerlach
2010 Bob Sigman		2022 Hon. Thomas Foster
2011 Fred Logan		2023 Hon. Michael Boehm
2012 Jeffrey O. Ellis		
2013 Alice Kitchen		
2015 Lee Rowe		
2016 Brad Stratton		
2017 Elaine Tatham, Ph.D.		
2018 Barb McEver & Dean Askland		
2019 Mary F. Birch		
2020 Pastor Sylvia Romero		
2021 Mina Foster		
2022 Maria Isabel Gutierrez-Flores		
2023 Komal Kaur		
2024 Robert E. Johnson		

The Karen Wulfkuhle Bridge Spanner Award

2015 Karen Wulfkuhle
2016 Ben Craig
2019 Rick Worrel
2021 Ed Eilert
2023 Hon. Peggy Dunn
2024 Annabeth Surbaugh