



HEROES *against* HUNGER

At Manna Food Center's annual Heroes Against Hunger Awards Reception, we recognize community champions in the fight against hunger in three categories - Individual Hero, Corporate Hero & Community Hero. The award winners, chosen by Manna's Board of Directors, demonstrate a true passion for fighting hunger and feeding hope in Montgomery County.

Featuring delicious food, a dynamic silent auction and a short, meaningful program, this year's reception in late March 2019 will be the best to date. Nominate our community heroes and make plans to join us!

Award Categories & Selection Criteria

Individual Hero:

- Must live or work in Montgomery County
- An individual who has been an influencer, leader, and friend of the Montgomery County nonprofit food support community, actively contributing to food security initiatives and making a profound impact toward a hunger-free Montgomery County
- Supporter of Manna Food Center through investments of time, treasure, and/or talent

Scoring:

- 35%: Contribution to Food Security in Montgomery County
- 35%: Demonstrated personal commitment to ending hunger
- 15%: Passion for volunteerism toward anti-hunger causes
- 15%: Dedication to the mission of Manna Food Center

Past Awardees include:

- Ellen Teller, Director, FRAC
- Joy & Stuart Stein, Philanthropists & volunteer
- Shondra Jenkins, Executive Director, Sodexo Fdn & Director, Community Relations
- Marla Caplon, Director, Division of Food & Nutrition Services, MCPS

Corporate Hero:

- Must have a significant corporate presence in Montgomery County
- A corporation who has been a consistent partner of the Montgomery County nonprofit food community, supporting with food, funds and friends
- Supporter of Manna Food Center through investments of time, treasure, and/or talent

Scoring:

- 35%: Financial support of Food Security initiatives in Montgomery County
- 35%: Corporate volunteer support of hunger initiatives in Montgomery County
- 15%: Supports community food initiatives (food drives, food rescue, gardens, farmers markets, weekend bag programs, the Montgomery County Food Council)
- 15%: Dedication to the mission of Manna Food Center

Past Awardees include:

- Social and Scientific Systems, Inc.
- Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.
- Giant Food (Ahold)

Community Partner:

- Must have a significant community presence in Montgomery County
- A community entity, group, or organization which has been actively contributing to a hunger-free Montgomery County
- Supporter of Manna Food Center through partnership and collaboration

Scoring:

- 35%: Engages the community in hunger initiatives through volunteerism
- 35%: Collaborates with other food security nonprofits/groups/organizations to create positive changes in our community
- 15%: Contributes leadership to the local fight against hunger
- 15%: Dedication to the mission of Manna Food Center

Past Awardee includes:

- Mead Family Foundation
- Red Wiggler Community Farm (category introduced in 2017)

Submit a nomination. Self nominations encouraged.

The deadline to submit a nomination is midnight on Friday, December 7th 2018.

Award recipients will be notified in January. If you have any questions, e-mail mardia@mannafood.org.

Thank You