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Hope-Filled Organizations:



The Courage Project Celebrates and Honors Everyday Acts of Civic Bravery

The Courage Project distributes awards to organizations and honors everyday people for acts of courage and compassion that demonstrate bravery in their communities.

The Courage Project is a bold new initiative honoring everyday acts of civic bravery — the quiet, often unseen actions that uphold our shared values as Americans and strengthen democracy at the community level.

The initiative shines a spotlight on individuals and organizations who take principled stands in the face of adversity. It is supported by a national coalition including: United Way Worldwide, the Freedom Together Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Marguerite Casey Foundation, the McKnight Foundation, the Public Welfare Foundation, The Skillman Foundation, the Surdna Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, and CFLeads.

- For organizational awards, local nonprofit organizations will receive recognition for specific actions, whether that's supporting free speech, championing equality, or building community.
- For individual recognition, recipients may recommend donations to values-aligned American non-profit organizations, seeding civic engagement in their communities and strengthening our democracy.

By allowing recipients to “pay it forward,” the project gives Americans the chance to seed lasting change in their own communities. The award amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Whether it's a librarian defending free speech, a teacher protecting vulnerable students, or a local leader bridging divides, these recipients embody core national values: kindness, empathy, and community. For individual honorees, The Courage Project also provides an opportunity to “pay it forward” by directing funds to nonprofit organizations aligned with their values – helping to foster long-term impact at the grassroots level.

To learn more about the Courage Project, click on this link: [Major Funders and Nonprofits Unite Behind 'Courage Project,' Announce Awards](#)

Hope-Filled Organization:



MERCY SHIPS

Globally, 5 billion people lack access to safe surgery. With the support of people like you and me, Mercy Ships deploy hospital ships to combat this overwhelming statistic.

Around the world in places without access to medical care, there are children and adults suffering and dying from treatable causes. Without help, 1 in 11 will die before age 5. Together, we can reach these vulnerable children and families and provide the hope and healing they have been praying for.

Our hospital ships are filled with state-of-the-art medical equipment and a volunteer crew of doctors, nurses, medical staff, technicians, teachers, physical therapists, and other caring people driven by mercy to help make the world a better, healthier place for all.

To learn more about Mercy Ships, click on this link for a 3 minute, 44 second video: [Bing Videos](#)

Hope-Filled Organization:



106 years of volunteering services and leadership



Mission: To realize a thriving, equitable community through purposeful engagement.

Vision: To inspire, equip, and mobilize a movement of people to make a positive difference through community engagement and service.

Our Equity Statement: At HandsOn Twin Cities, we understand that systemic racial inequities have led to the need for the creation of nonprofit organizations. To that end, we participate in active efforts to work against racism's multidimensional aspects.

To actively acknowledge systemic imbalances, we work to ensure that individuals have the opportunities, resources, and support that suit their unique circumstances.

We are constantly striving to create an environment where everyone is a valued, respected, integral part of the whole.

We make space for varied lived experiences and want people to feel comfortable and confident to be themselves.

We are committed to understanding and engaging with difference in all of its many forms.

We continually work to identify and oppose racist ideas, actions, and ways of being throughout the volunteer ecosystem and beyond.

To learn more about this organization, and the wonderful work they are doing, click on this link: [About Us | HandsOn Twin Cities](#)

The Arts: Please take 5 minutes to listen to and enjoy Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" <https://youtu.be/87qT5BOI2XU>

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