



Just Communities of Arkansas
1400 West Markham, Suite 405
Little Rock, AR 72201

Phone: 501-372-5129
FAX: 501-372-5120
rshepherd@justcommunities.org
www.arkansasjustcommunities.org

NONPROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
LITTLE ROCK, AR
PERMIT NO. 2290

Just Communities of Arkansas builds communities where every person is valued, where every voice is heard, and where every person has a fair chance to succeed.

*10th Annual Walk for CommUNITY, Sunday, Nov. 8th
Teams are forming right now
Click on the Walk logo at:
www.arkansasjustcommunities.org*



Walk for CommUNITY co-chairs Patty Barker and Kareem Moody invite everyone who celebrates our diversity to join them on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8th at 3 p.m. at the Little Rock River Market.

Before the Walk, there will be entertainment for children and adults. The 1-mile walk route is totally accessible and strollers, wheelchairs, and pets on leashes are welcomed. Following the Walk, there will be food and drinks. It's easy to

register on-line:
www.arkansasjustcommunities.org.

Paper registration forms can also be printed from the web site. For help in registering or questions, phone Mallory Jewell at 501-372-5129.

In 2008, over 1,100 people on 80 teams participated, and funds raised support youth and community programs of JCA. To see photos from last year and other JCA events, go to: <http://community.webshots.com/user/shepherd256>.

In case of rain on Nov. 8th, we will still have a party at the River Market.

JCAvoices

Just Communities of Arkansas

JCA Recognizes Governor Mike Beebe at Annual Humanitarian Dinner

At one of the largest Annual Dinners in the history of our organization, over 600 Arkansans came together to honor the life and work of Governor Mike Beebe. Dr. Fitz Hill, President of Arkansas Baptist College, introduced Governor Beebe as the 2009 National Humanitarian of the Year for Just Communities. Ben Combs, Soundscapes, and Waymack and Crew provided a video presentation about the Governor.

Sharon Heflin served as Dinner Chair, and Chris Love shared his personal experiences and reflections about JCA programs in his presentation.



Ginger & Gov. Mike Beebe with JCA Board Chair Sue Weinstein



Dinner Speaker Chris Love with Begonia & Mexican Consul Andres Chao



C.J. Duvall and Joy Secuban



Dinner Chair Sharon Heflin with Exec. Dir. Ruth Shepherd and Sharon's mom, Ruth Windham



Members of "Go Girls YIP" served as ushers for Annual Dinner guests.

Photos by Doris Krain

Program & Partners' Gifts are the Backbone of JCA

Founders (\$10,000 & above)

Comcast Foundation
Fred Darragh Foundation
Little Rock School District
Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation

Benefactors (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Bank of America Foundation
Senator & Mrs. David Johnson
Little Rock Athletic Club
Joe T. Robinson Middle School
Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

Humanitarians (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

Judy & John Bel
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Bruce
Counseling Services of Eastern Arkansas
EStem Public Charter School
Dora Jane & Greg Flesher
Ellen Gray
Kathy & Jack Grundfest
Sharon Heflin
Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation
Pulaski County Special School District
Anna & John Riggs IV
Second Presbyterian Church
Ruth & Steve Shepherd
Gus Vratsinas
Elaine Eubank & Alfred L. Williams

Sustaining Partners (\$300 - \$999)

ATOD Prevention Coalition
Bullock Temple CME Church
Julie & Bob Cabe
Karen & C.J. Duvall
LaVerne Feaster
Sue Frueauff
Dr. Allan & Laura Gold
Greater Second Care Center
Laine Harber
Mary Helen & Joe Henry
Dr. & Mrs. James D. Hester
Ted Holder & Joe van den Heuvel
Jewish Federation of Arkansas
Dr. Marian Lacey
Mr. & Mrs. John Lewellen
Pat Lile
LR Religious Society of Friends
Al Lowery, Jr.
Katherine & Mike Matchett
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Matthews

Bishop Felton Edwin May
Beth & Bishop Larry Maze
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. McLarty III
Allan Mendel
Eddie & Kelly Ochoa
Mary Olson
Dr. & Mrs. James Pappas
Camille & Andrew Parker
Representative David Rainey
REGARD
Sally Browder & David Stricklin
Chief Stuart Thomas
Dr. Sue Weinstein
Dr. & Mrs. Gary Wheeler
Mary & Jim Wohlleb
Milgret Woods
Dr. Richard Wyderski

Associate Partners (\$150 - \$299)

Syd & Greg Adams
Mr. & Mrs. John G. Baker
Dr. Jay Barth
Tami & Brian Bean
Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams
Dr. Brad & Debbie Diner
Senator Joyce Elliott
Frank & Betty Lou Hamlin
Bishop & Mrs. Kenneth Hicks
Sheriff Doc Holladay
Marla K. Johnson Norris
Perrin Jones
Judge Henry L. Jones, Jr.
Zahra Khan
Riley Lipschitz & G Dennis
Dr. Betty Lowe
Mr. & Mrs. David Martinous
Pat & Ed Matthews
Leo Monterrey
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Patterson
Sally & Bill Rector
Jean Rolfs
Derrick Smith
Dr. Theman R. Taylor, Sr.
Dr. Namvar Zohoori

Partners (\$75 - \$149)

Emily Adams
Chris Allen
Kathy Bauman
Buff Blass
Carlos Cervantes
Janice & John Choate

Lela Delgado-Presley
Dr. Jerome G. Die
Maryann & Jack East
Judith Faust
Mary Ned & Winston P. Foster, Jr.
Joe Fox & Lia Lent
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Gordon
Mary Bea & Dave Gross
Mike & Dinda Hemphill
Rev. Ray Higgins
Colette D. Honorable
Mimi & Joe Hurst
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Leverett
Alan Leveritt
Nell Matthews
Jeff & Dina Nash
Lynn & Chris Parker
Bradley Planey
Bob Razer
Scott Schuh
Nan Selz & Chris Barrier
Sue Sims
Dr. Diane Heestand Skinner
Vann & Cathy Smith
Bill & Dana Steward
Jessica & Doug Szenher
Andy Terry
Alan Thalheimer
Patricia L. Youngdahl

In Honor of...

Minnesota Planned Giving Council
Carolyn & Scott Gordon
for John Bel
Ellon Cockrill
Jessica Szenher
Caroline Hussmann Stevenson
for Ruth Shepherd
Cynthia East
for Dr. Marian Lacey
Bill & Cecilia Patterson
for Pat Lile
Kathy & Mike Mayton
for Riley Lipschitz & G Dennis

(Listed are Partner's & Program gifts of \$75 or more received since 12/1/2008. If we have inadvertently listed something incorrectly, please contact us. Space does not permit listing of gifts under \$75, but ALL gifts make a difference and are appreciated. To become a Partner, mail your gift to JCA, 1400 W. Markham, Suite 405, Little Rock, AR 72201, or go to www.arkansasjustcommunities.org.)

OURTOWN FOR TEENS, 2009

JCA Board Members

Chair

Dr. Sue Weinstein

Vice Chair

Dr. Jay Barth

Secretary

Wynona Bryant-Williams, Ph.D.

Treasurer

Laine Harber

John Bel

Carlos Cervantes

Lela Delgado-Presley

Bradley Diner, M.D.

Dr. Beverly Divers-White

Joyce Elliott

Greg Flesher

Sue Frueauff

Sharon Heflin

Rev. Dr. Ray Higgins

Judge Henry Jones, Jr.

Zahra Khan

Dr. Marian Lacey

Rabbi Eugene H. Levy

Pat Lile

Al Lowery, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Felton E. May

The Rt. Rev. Larry Maze

Freeman McKindra, Sr.

Leo Monterrey

Marla Johnson Norris

Dr. Eduardo Ochoa

Andrew Parker

John Riggs IV

Pat Riley, Jr.

LR Police Chief Stuart Thomas

Gus Vratsinas

Dr. Namvar Zohoori

Executive Director

Ruth D. Shepherd



Twenty-four adult and young adult leaders welcomed 50 high school teens from across Arkansas as delegates at Ourtown for Teens in August. On that first afternoon, the teens were likely not sure about what they were in for. But just six days later, they all returned home with new understanding and new skills at building Just Communities in their schools and home towns. One delegate wrote, "Ourtown gave me a better understanding of how my actions affect other people. Before I went to Ourtown, I thought that I was as good as I was going to get, but I was wrong....I now know and understand how other people want to be treated."

Recently, the Comcast Foundation awarded a grant to Just Communities for the Ourtown for Teens program. This grant from the Comcast Foundation is in recognition of Comcast's commitment to the communities where its customers and employees live and work. Since its founding in 1999, the Comcast Foundation has distributed more than \$65 million in cash support of programs implemented locally in Comcast communities.



Sean O'Connell & Ruth Shepherd

"Comcast cares about the community, and we are happy that our partnership with Just Communities assisted them in obtaining grant funds for the Ourtown for Teens program," said Sean O'Connell, Vice-President & General Manager.

In Brief....

- The Stonewall Democrats invite you to a Quiche Brunch, Saturday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 818 Reservoir Rd. in Little Rock. Tickets are \$25. Ruth Shepherd will receive the "Friend of the Community" award. For more information: Samuel Castleberry, 501-730-3994. The objective of the Stonewall Democratic Caucus is to advance equal rights for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

- The JCA Board recently voted to drop the "Central" from our name, becoming Just Communities of Arkansas to better fulfill our mission of making our entire state a better place to live, work and raise our families.

Walk for Unity

COMMUNITY

Take a Step for CommUNITY

Celebrate Central Arkansas' open, diverse and spirit-filled community.

Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 3 p.m.
Little Rock River Market Pavilions

The one-mile Walk route starts at the River Market, crosses the Main Street Bridge to North Little Rock, then returns to the River Market for refreshments.

Early Bird Entry fee is \$20 for individual adults through Nov. 1st, \$25 (Nov. 2nd-7th), and \$30 the day of the event.

To register, complete the form below or go to www.arkansasjustcommunities.org

On-site registration at 3 p.m.
Walk Ceremony at 3:45 p.m.
Walk at 4 p.m.
Refreshments at 4:45 p.m.

Funds raised at the Walk for CommUNITY support JCA's programming including Minitown, Unitown and Ourtown, teen leadership retreats that prepare youth to make Arkansas a better place... for all of us, not just some of us.

Questions? Or need help registering?
Contact Mallory Jewell at 501-372-5129 or mjewell@justcommunities.org



Complete this registration form for each Walker, enclose payment and mail to: JCA, 1400 W. Markham, Suite 405, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Walker Registration Form

Please Print

Complete this form and return it with specified entry fee to your team captain or the JCA office before the Walk or bring it with you the day of the Walk.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____ Apt./Suite # _____ City, State & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

Team Name _____ or Individual Walker _____

T-Shirt Size(s) Youth M Youth L Adult S Adult M Adult L
Adult XL Adult XXL Adult XXXL (please circle)

___ \$20 Individual Adult Early Bird Registration Fee (by Nov. 1st)

___ \$25 Individual Adult Pre-Registration Fee (Nov. 2nd-7th)

___ \$30 Day of Walk Entry Fee ___ \$10 Student ___ \$50 Family

___ \$35 Spirit Walker (T-shirt mailed to donor) ___ \$75 JCA Walk Partner

I hereby waive all claims against JCA and event sponsors and personnel for any injury I might suffer in this event. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I grant full permission for organizers to use photographs of me in legitimate accounts and promotion of this event.

**Signature required - Parent or Guardian Signature if under age 18. Date _____

JCA appreciates the sponsors of this year's Walk for CommUNITY!

Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors

Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

Bird & Bear Medical, Inc.

City of Little Rock

City of North Little Rock

Clinton School of Public Service

First United Methodist Church, Downtown LR

Flesher Family Foundation

La Hacienda Restaurant

Marshall Management, Inc.

Pulaski Technical College

Other Supporters

Blue Bell Creameries

Community Bakery

Little Rock Fire Department

Little Rock Police Department

Sol Alman Company

Starbucks Coffee