

NOTE: Evelyn was originally nominated for the R.H. Albert Award and it was determined that she was better qualified for the Community Impact Award.



**COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

(All nomination suggestions will be forwarded to the Legacy Committee for consideration.)

Due on or before April 30

Award Nominee:

Name: Evelyn McGovern
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Award Nominator:

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About the Nominee:

On a separate sheet, describe the nominee, listing how he/she meets the award criteria.

Supporting Documents:

Please contact 1-2 individuals to supply supporting documentation to accompany your nomination form. Support documents can take the form of letters, emails, news articles, etc.

Return completed form by April 30th:
By email: Nancy@saginawchamber.org
By mail: 515 N. Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607

Evelyn McGovern
Biography
April 2019

In May 2016, retired from the City of Saginaw after 25 Years as a Staff Professional and Special Event Coordinator in the Public Services Department.

Alumni of Delta College. and served eight (8) years as a Personnel Special in the U.S. Army Reserves in Atlanta, GA before relocating back to hometown Saginaw, MI. Certified Recovery Coach

In 1993, co-founded Women of Colors (WOC) and has served as the (acting) president for 21 years.

Help establish and develop programs that include:

- WOC Annual Community Leadership Awards Banquet
- Annual WOC Scholarship Fund
- Students and Future Technology (SaFT) program
- Annual "Warm A Child For Winter"
- Great Empowering Motivational Sessions (GEMS) comprised of several youth mentoring programs to educate and empower at-risk youth ages 6-18 that includes the Girl Pride, Sugar & Spice, and Young Men Who Dare youth programs.
- WOC Prevention Program
- WOC Community Forums – "I'm Still A Man" and "How I Over Came"

Mentor youth at various sites such as the Saginaw Int'l. Academy, Saginaw Lean 2 Earn Academy, and Jump Fresh Academy. For over ten (10) years mentored girls at the Saginaw County Juvenile Detention Center to encourage, build self-esteem and give young people hope.

Other Membership Affiliations include:

- HIV/AIDS Task Force
- MSU-4H
- Healthy Community Partners Advisory Board
- Saginaw Leadership Alumni/1000 Leaders Alumni
- Saginaw Women in Leadership Member
- Michigan Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Program (MI-APPP)

Received numerous awards and she spends countless hours to enrich the culture of volunteerism and service. Evelyn believes to strengthen our community people of all colors must work together, accept diversity, and serve in any way possible.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I would like to nominate Mrs. Evelyn McGovern for the Robert H Albert Award. Evelyn McGovern has been the president of Women of Colors for over 20 Years, she has led this organization with strength and dignity. She has developed several programs within Women of Colors such as: Girl Pride, Sugar and Spice, Young Men Who Dare. She has been in the fore front of our future technology programs; she has a heart for the community and for the young people and that keeps her motivated to do everything in her power to make all the programs a success.

Evelyn is a retiree of the City of Saginaw and although she retired, she did not retire from her community work, in fact it seems as though she has picked up more. Evelyn has also received a degree in prevention and that deals with all kinds of addictions so that she may continue to work the adults as well at the youth. Evelyn has also developed a collaboration with several other organizations so that there is strength in numbers, she doesn't mind sharing her knowledge to help where ever she can.

Please consider Evelyn McGovern for this prestigious award, and she will continue to make us all proud of the work she does.

Sincerely

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Vicki Hill

4/29/2019

To whom it may concern:

Evelyn McGovern is an outstanding person, married, family oriented, a mother and grandmother, who's instilled in her family great qualities to become productive citizens. She has a heart of gold.

Evelyn is passionate about Saginaw the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Evelyn is president of Women Of Colors and has been for 22 years of the organizations 26 year existence. She's recognized the strength of diversity by not focusing on our differences and acknowledging our similarities.

She empowers families, performs community services, collaborate with other organizations and businesses in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

During the six years that I've known Evelyn McGovern I she has demonstrated impeccable leadership qualities and has inspired people around to be the best they can possibly be.

Sincerely,

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Jewery Curry

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I am honored write a letter of support for Evelyn McGovern's nomination for "Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award. I have known Evelyn for over 10 years through Women of Colors, non-profit organization. Her work started back over 26 years as co-founder of Women of Colors, an organization that services Saginaw community by enriching families, especially empowering women of diverse cultures.

Evelyn's activities in servicing Saginaw community involve programs, with youth, through Great Empowering Motional Sessions (GEMS), with include Girl Pride, Sugar and Spice, and Young Men Who Dare. The youth programs have been in progress for over 10 years, and have helped youths build their self-confidence.

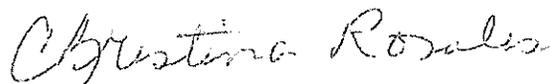
Evelyn's vision has grown over the years to include projects that will enrich youth growth, such as, SaFT (STEM program), LifeSkills and prevention in substance abuse. Evelyn has taken these programs to the schools and Saginaw Juvenile center where students can get involved and help them plan for a enrich future. Evelyn continues to find ways to mentor youths in at risk environments.

As the president of Women of Colors, Evelyn's leadership has taken the membership to work on important issue that effect the community. Programs, such as, "How I Overcome" for women and "I'm Still a Man" for men. This powerful programs give individuals an opportunity to share their stories and challenges and how they have transition into where they are today.

Evelyn McGovern has worked a lifetime helping the Saginaw Community, and I can't wait to see what is next for her. I'm very excited to work with Evelyn!

Evelyn's lifetime commitment and activities to the community truly make her a recipient of the "Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award!

Thank you,

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