

## Bloomington Adult MLK AWARD NOMINATION - 2020

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Is the nominee aware that you are nominating them for this award?	No
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1. What are your reasons for nominating this individual?	Karen is a true servant leader who has worked hard to make Bloomington-Normal and McLean county a community that fosters mutual respect among all residents.

**2. How has the nominee demonstrated commitment to improving cooperation and fostering mutual respect among people of different racial, ethnic, religion and other backgrounds**

Karen has a long history of involvement as a board member and taking leadership roles in many community organizations that address these issues. They include: Multicultural Leadership Program (MCLP), MidCentral Community Action, BCPA/Creativity Center, Boys & Girls Club Advisory Council, the West Bloomington Revitalization Project, United Way–Youth Summit, Not-In-Our-Town (NIOT).

**3. How has nominee’s efforts addressed discrimination, prejudice and the effects of past discrimination?**

In her family, neighborhood and ward, Karen has personally experienced the challenges and opportunities that confront diverse populations. As a member of NIOT, she has confronted bullying, racism and hatred and worked to support those who felt marginalized. She worked with the Human Rights Campaign to help support the LGBTQ community and was instrumental in bringing the Legacy Wall to Ames Library. The Legacy Wall is a traveling exhibit featuring stories of LGBT individuals who have made a significant impact in the world.

Karen was a founding member of the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation’s Women to Women Giving Circle. She coordinated a series of grassroot workshops on “Making Neighborhoods Work” in the City of Bloomington, and helped found the West Bloomington Revitalization Project (WBRP). She was instrumental in bringing together the police department and city churches to form the Moving Forward initiative, helping young people improve their chances for success.

As a colleague at IWU and in the community, I have seen Karen work to develop strong relationships showing mutual respect and the willingness to listen to all persons she encounters.

**4. What recognition has the nominee received for his/her service to others?**

2015 MCLP Community Service Award

I agree that the information provided on this nomination form is true and accurate. I also agree that if any information provided is not true the nomination will be void.

Yes

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