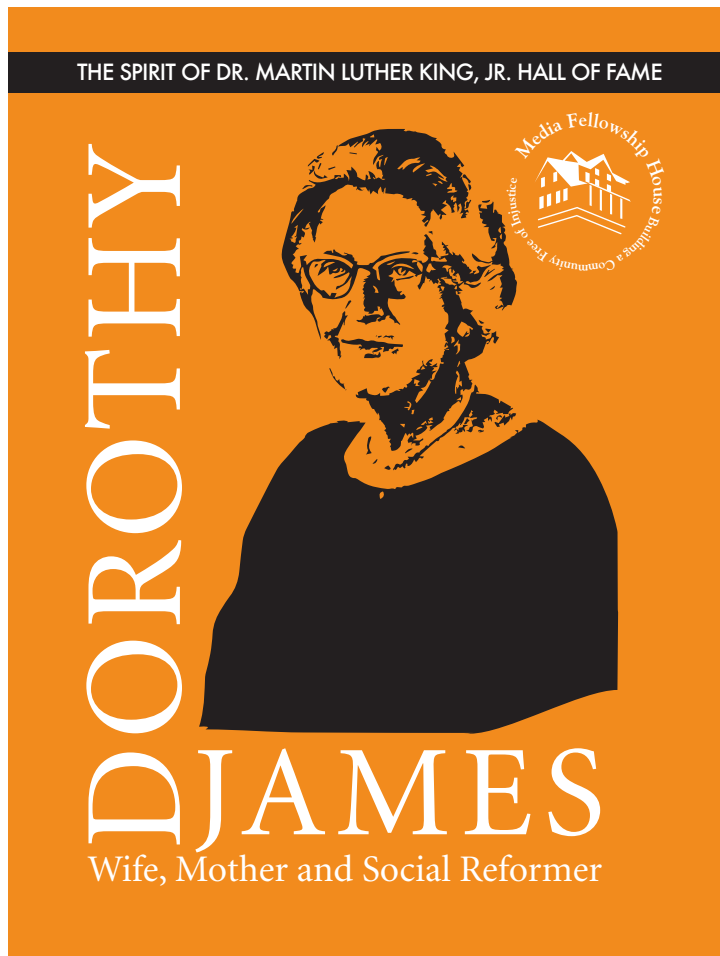


Cast Your Votes for the 2018 “Spirit Hall of Fame”



Co-founder of the Media Fellowship House, social activist and reformer Dorothy Biddle James spent her lifetime fighting for social justice. Her courage, leadership, integrity and determination to make a difference in the world and her community represent the “spirit” of Dr. King and the initial inductee into the “Spirit Hall of Fame.”

Nominations due by December 22

The Media Fellowship House announces the MLK Spirit Hall of Fame to be introduced January 14 during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration at First Church Media, State and Lemon streets.

Inductees will be selected by the community from nominees that include any American having lived within the last 100 years. Nominees exhibit the qualities and character of Dr. King, among which are loyalty, leadership, integrity, honesty, determination and courage.

There will be a total of 10 nominees in the inaugural year. The MFH board has chosen Dorothy James as the first Hall of Fame honoree. Mrs. James, a co-founder of Media Fellowship House in 1944 with Marie Whitaker, performed deeds in defense of human rights from the 1930s through 1950s. These acts of courage in the service of social justice have become iconic in this community, and were the inspiration for our organization’s existence.

Nine additional nominees will be selected from the examples listed on the form below, and additional nominees may be submitted by community members within the program’s guidelines. These examples provide a range of people from various geographic regions, different generations and occupations who MFH and the board feel reflect the values of Dr. King. Our hope is that the community will suggest and champion others to add to the list.

The voting will be online from now until December 22, and the inductees will be revealed, along with posters created, at the King Birthday Celebration. We urge everyone to participate by voting as well as suggest nominees along their qualifications.

**Dr. Martin Luther King is known and beloved for his acts and deeds.
His qualities were many and included:**

Loyalty • Leadership • Integrity • Honesty • Determination • Courage

There are many people in America alive in the past 100 years who have possessed most or all of the qualities of Dr. King. We invite you in picking your selection, either from the list below, or of your own nomination. You may pick as many as you like, or write in as many as 10 others who you nominate. The 9 selected for inductees will be collected from all nominations submitted by mail, drop off or from this online submission form.

Visit mediafellowshiphouse.org to “select” or “add” your nominees. You may select as many as you like. (There are spaces on this form or online for 10 additional nominees).

You may also complete the info on the rear of this sheet, and return it to the Media Fellowship House by mail or by dropping it off at MFH. Inductees will be revealed on January 14 at the Ceremony, and online at mediafellowshiphouse.org.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS SHEET FOR NOMINATION FORM

Cast Your Vote for the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. “Spirit Hall of Fame” NOMINATION FORM

The Media Fellowship House “Spirit Hall of Fame” Committee has preselected the nominees displayed below for consideration for the inaugural year award. Short bios are provided of the committee’s nominees to provide reasons for their inclusion as well as a guideline for selections of your own choosing. You are welcome to select as many as you choose, as well as list others who represent the “qualities” of Dr. King. If you choose to “nominate” online, please visit mediafellowshiphouse.org to access the online nomination form.

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominees selected by the Committee (Please select as many as you please.)

- Marian Anderson** – An African-American contralto and one of the most celebrated singers of the twentieth century. Anderson worked for several years as a delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Committee and as a "goodwill ambassador" for the United States Department of State, giving concerts all over the world. She participated in the civil rights movement in the 1960s, singing at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Anderson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1963, the Kennedy Center Honors in 1978, the National Medal of Arts in 1986.
- Ruth Bennett** – A community activist during the early twentieth century in Chester, PA. She founded the Ruth L. Bennett Improvement Club where members provided clothing to the needy; classes on hygiene, sewing, cooking, dressmaking, and suffrage; and religious instruction. In 1918 the Improvement Club opened the Ruth Bennett Community House for Colored Women and Girls in a house it purchased to shelter and care for women and girls up from the South. From 1915 to 1927, Bennett also served as president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Negro Women’s Clubs, which started clubs in Philadelphia, Coatesville, West Chester, and other towns and cities across the state.
- Jimmy Carter** – An American politician who served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981. Carter won the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination and entered the presidential race as the Dark Horse Candidate. He set up the Carter Center in 1982 as his base for advancing human rights. He has traveled extensively to conduct peace negotiations, observe elections, and advance disease prevention and eradication in developing nations. In addition, Carter is considered a key figure in the Habitat for Humanity project. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.
- Cesar Chavez** – Employed nonviolent means to bring attention to the plight of farmworkers, and formed both the National Farm Workers Association, which later became United Farm Workers. As a labor leader, Chavez led marches, called for boycotts and went on several hunger strikes. It is believed that Chavez’s hunger strikes contributed to his death on April 23, 1993, in San Luis, Arizona.
- Morris Dees** – Civil rights lawyer Morris Dees co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center, which addresses cases of racial discrimination and combats the power of hate groups. The SPLC gained national attention for its innovative tactics against hate groups, such as filing civil suits claiming damages for the violence incited by these groups. After the 1981 lynching of Michael Donald, the SPLC helped his mother receive a \$7 million judgment.
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg** – An Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. In her early years she advocated as a volunteer lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union and was a member of its board of directors and one of its general counsels in the 1970s. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit where she served until her elevation to the Supreme Court. Following Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s retirement, and prior to Justice Sotomayor joining the Court, Ginsburg was the only female justice on the Supreme Court.
- Thurgood Marshall** – An African American lawyer who served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from October 1967 until October 1991. Marshall was the Court’s 96th justice and its first African-American justice. Prior to his judicial service, he successfully argued several cases before the Supreme Court including *Smith v. Allwright*, *Shelley v. Kraemer*, and *Brown v. Board of Education*, which held that racial segregation in public education is a violation of the Equal Protection Clause.
- Constance Baker Motley** – joined the Legal Defense and Educational Fund of the NAACP and worked with Thurgood Marshall as an attorney. Motley won notable civil rights victories in the U.S. Supreme Court, represented Martin Luther King Jr., served in the New York State Senate and was a city borough president. Perhaps most notably, though, she became the first black woman to be appointed to a federal judgeship in 1966.
- Bayard Rustin** – A civil rights activist born in West Chester, Pennsylvania. He moved to New York in the 1930s and was involved in pacifist groups and early civil rights protests. Combining non-violent resistance with organizational skills, he was a key adviser to Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s. Though he was arrested several times for his own civil disobedience and open homosexuality, he continued to fight for equality.
- Sister Mary Scullion** – a founder of Project H.O.M.E., an organization whose goal is to help the homeless of Philadelphia find housing, employment, medical care and education. It is nationally recognized as a very successful program and has been used by numerous cities as a model for development of their own programs. She has been recognized as one of Time’s 100 people who most affect our world.
- Bryan A. Stevenson** – an American lawyer, social justice activist, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, and a clinical professor at New York University School of Law. Based in Montgomery, Alabama, Stevenson has challenged bias against the poor and minorities in the criminal justice system. He has helped achieve court decisions that prohibit sentencing children under 18 to death, or to life imprisonment without parole. Stevenson has assisted in cases that have saved dozens of prisoners from the death penalty, advocated for poor people, and reformed litigation aimed at improving the administration of criminal justice.
- Jerry White** – is known for co-leading high-impact campaigns including the historic International Campaign to Ban Landmines, co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. He co-founded Survivor Corps, formerly Landmine Survivors Network, created by and for survivors to help victims of war rebuild their lives.

Please add your own nominations and a brief statement of “why?” your nomination should be considered as a 2018 Spirit of Hall of Fame inductee.

Name Your Own Nominee

The list of nominees provided by the Committee is meant to serve as a guideline for selection of 2018 Spirit Hall of Fame inductees. Though their character and deeds without question are remarkable, you may know of Americans who have lived (or living) within the last 100 years who deserve recognition. Using the spaces below, please offer your personal choices, followed by a brief statement which clarifies the deeds and influences that make them candidates for this year's award.

Those candidates who get enough votes, but not selected at this time, will be included on the 2019 Nomination Form at which time two more names and portraits will appear on the list of "Spirit Hall of Fame" inductees.

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