

Employee Recognition Awards

2010 YEAR-END EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD 2010:

Edna Sadberry

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. VISTA Leader

As one of her coworkers said, “Edna is a person of exceptional personal integrity who embodies what this work is all about.” Another co-worker stated, “Over the last two years, Edna has evolved as a true leader in anti-racism work.” Edna sat on Solid Ground’s Anti-Racism Steering Committee where she has provided invaluable leadership. She has been a strong voice in moving the anti-racism conversation deeper, both within her department at Volunteer Resources and in the agency-wide Anti-Racism Initiative (ARI) work. Edna is not afraid to challenge the status quo or to bring her real life experience to the work.



SERVICE AWARD 2010:

Evonne Zook

Family Assistance Program
Senior Benefits Attorney

Evonne was nominated for her work in organizing an extensive outreach effort to educate service providers about the severe cuts in the Disability Lifeline program which affected several hundred disabled individuals in our community. She also coordinated her efforts with legal services providers in King County to ensure that legal services would be available to people who were terminated from these benefits. Evonne is working directly with DSHS and the Office of Administrative Hearings to ensure that all Disability Lifeline recipients’ benefits are reinstated. Evonne is a true advocate for public benefit recipients in King County.



LEADERSHIP AWARD 2010:

Michelle Bates-Benetua

Lettuce Link Program Coordinator

Michelle has overseen a huge expansion of the Lettuce Link program over the past two years – the most recent addition being our new Seattle Community Farm in the Rainier Valley. Michelle has increased the visibility of Lettuce Link and Solid Ground among the many community groups involved in these projects and opened the door for exciting future projects and collaborations around food access. As one of her staff members noted, “What Michelle did was practice the leadership skills that allow and encourage her staff and volunteers to flower. She is kind, encouraging and forward-thinking – all the character traits of a true leader.”



LEADERSHIP AWARD 2010:

Ariana Cantú

Administrative Coordinator

Comments about Ariana noted her clear and passionate communication skills as well as her dedication to community accountability. Ariana's work has ensured that we have an active and highly-motivated client Advisory Council. As the co-coordinator of our Language Access Committee, she has led our efforts to develop a clear policy regarding compensation for bilingual staff. She has also coordinated our work with NPower to determine how we can address our data management needs. Ariana is a positive thinker with a strong passion for the work of Solid Ground as well as a true advocate for people living on low incomes.



Congratulations to all employees nominated. Thank you all for the services you provide to our agency, co-workers and clients! We couldn't do it without you!