Program

Wednesday
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2018

September
5:30-9:00 PM
Opening Remarks
Jill Kimmel, Master of Ceremonies

Sponsor Welcome
Dave Roberts, Associate General Manager, Water Resources, SRP

Young Humanitarian Scholar
Nathan Kleve, Principal, Corona del Sol High School

Spirit of Tempe Karma Volunteer Award
Woody Wilson, Board President, Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors

TCC Impact Award
Reverend Sue Ringler, Board President, Women4Women Tempe
Claire Nullmeyer, Church Member, Tempe First UMC

Don Carlos Video Presentation
Produced by Spectrum Video & Film

2018 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year
Betsey Bayless, President Emeritus, Maricopa Integrated Health System

City of Tempe Proclamation
Mark Mitchell, Mayor

TCC Inspiration and Vision
Brandon Willey, TCC Board President

Closing Remarks
Jill Kimmel
Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson has been a fixture in our community for decades, generously giving of herself to serve a wide range of organizations focused on education, healthcare, diversity, youth, special needs and more. Time and again, she has offered vital leadership, expertise and advocacy to improve the lives of others in Tempe and beyond.


Throughout her adult life, Dr. Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson has taken on these critical roles in service to others.

Her tireless work – aptly described as an “awe-inspiring journey of purpose” - has impacted countless lives in ways big and small: mentoring a student leader or new nonprofit chief executive, tackling a healthcare initiative or need among those experiencing homelessness, growing programs for underserved populations, encouraging innovation, empowering others to achieve their dreams.

As the Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards marks its 35th anniversary, it is especially fitting that Tempe Community Council recognize Christine for her longstanding commitment to community. It is also notable that Christine’s parents, Margaret and Bill Kajikawa, were recognized in 1986 as the third recipients of the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award.

At Arizona State University, Christine serves in multiple roles, as senior vice president and secretary of the university, managing director for the Trustees of ASU, and president of the ASU Alumni Association. The Tempe resident’s affiliation with ASU extends more than five decades, to her undergraduate studies at the university.

Over those decades, Christine has contributed to and worked for the betterment of the Tempe community. She has served Tempe Community Council, Tempe St. Luke’s Hospital, the Vision Tempe Task Force, Tempe Salvation Army Advisory Council, the Tempe Sports Authority Board. In addition, she has served advisory groups and partnerships with the Tempe Elementary and the Tempe Union High School Districts. Christine has also offered her leadership to organizations as varied as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona, the Pat Tillman Foundation, Valley of the Sun United Way and the American Red Cross. Among her many accolades, Christine was inducted last year into the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame as a Living Legacy.

Throughout her life, Christine has remained devoted to education and reaching underserved individuals to help them achieve their potential. At the university level, she has created programs and scholarships that welcome and serve members of underrepresented groups in higher education and that foster the development of new generations of community leaders. In the community, she has supported programs for youth and special needs populations as well as programs that address the needs of diverse populations. Whether serving in a national role to address human service needs or meeting one-on-one with a student leader, Christine stands as a humanitarian devoted to impactful and lasting work and continues to enrich our community.
Making a difference for those in need with a much-needed shower, clean clothing, hot meals and compassion.

For the past 15 years, the Urban Outreach Ministry program has been playing a vital role in our community providing life-changing services to people who are experiencing homelessness. The work began by offering showers and grew into a larger program that meets so many basic needs: regular showers, hot meals, clean clothes and sense of community. Through the program, those in need can also access social services to address health concerns, connect with agencies that assist veterans and Native Americans, and more. Remarkably, more than 100 people turn to the church twice a week for this crucial assistance.

Helping low-income and homeless women access personal hygiene products and maintain their dignity.

A longtime community volunteer for organizations like Tempe Community Action Agency’s food pantry and I-HELP shelter program, Kay is no stranger to serving her community. So when she learned about an unmet need — access to expensive feminine hygiene products by low-income and homeless women — she took action and founded Women4Women Tempe. The organization collects the products and works with partner organizations to distribute them. Kay’s vision and leadership has inspired individuals, faith communities, businesses, schools, health providers and social service agencies to work together to support women by providing these essentials.

Ensuring that seniors can remain in their homes and communities as they age through selfless volunteering.

What started as an interest in giving back after retirement has turned into a full-fledged passion for volunteer work that is making Tempe a better place to live. With 2,000-plus volunteer hours logged, Frank has dedicated himself to the nonprofit Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which provides critical services for seniors such as transportation, basic home and yard maintenance and friendly visits. This work allows seniors to maintain independence and age in place. Starting as a volunteer driver, Frank has also briefly served as special programs coordinator to propel the organization as it grew to serve more seniors. He happily slides behind the wheel whenever a neighbor needs his help.

Putting passion into action to provide peer support to teens and enrich the lives of special needs children through music.

A natural-born leader, Tatum, a recent graduate of Corona del Sol High School, has been rising to the challenge since elementary school to strengthen her school campuses, her church and the community. At the core of Tatum’s work is a passion for helping others, leading her to found two important organizations: Music as Therapy, a nonprofit that provides music therapy and instruments for special needs children, and the Aztec Strong Club at Corona, focused on suicide prevention through peer support, education and awareness efforts. Whether raising funds for a cause, providing outreach or helping others be leaders, Tatum has embraced the role of a young humanitarian.
Don Carlos History

Charles Trumbull Hayden was one of Tempe’s founders and a great humanitarian. “Don Carlos,” as the Spanish pioneers affectionately called him, was known across Arizona for the assistance he provided to people in need. To honor the Hayden legacy, Tempe Community Council annually presents the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, Tempe’s most prestigious distinction.

DON CARLOS HUMANITARIANS

1984 Dr. William Payne
1985 Leonard Monti, Sr.
1986 Margaret & William Kajikawa
1987 Jinnett B. Kirk
1988 Peggy Bryant
1989 Eliza Carney
1990 Naomi Harward
1991 Mimi & Mac Bohlman
1992 Virginia Tinsley
1993 Betty & John Waters
1994 Pat Hatton
1995 Lawn Griffiths
1996 Rudy Campbell
1997 Bobbie & George Overby
1998 Sue & Bob Lofgren
1999 Carol E. Smith
2000 Sue Searcy

2001 Zita Johnson
2002 Bobbie & Don Cassano
2003 David B. Cutty
2004 Joseph P. Spracale
2005 Jane & Dick Neuheisel
2006 Gail Fisher & Mel Kessler
2007 Linda Spears
2008 Pen Johnson
2009 Sue Ringler
2010 Catherine May & Dan Abbott
2011 Alice & Ralph Goitia
2012 Harry Mitchell
2013 Kerry Fetherston
2014 Neil G. Giuliano
2015 Raveen Arora
2016 Shana Ellis
2017 Kathy Stevens

CELEBRATING
35 YEARS

HONORING TEMPE’S FOUNDING HUMANITARIAN
Charles Trumbull Hayden
1825-1900

In the beginning, caring for and serving the needs of Tempe.
SRP applauds the 35th annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards honorees.

Learn more about our commitment to the community at srpcares.com.
Congratulations to the 2018 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year, Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson
Thank you for all you do for so many in Tempe and beyond.

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A special congratulations also to Urban Outreach, Kay Wright, Frank Quijada and Tatum Stolworthy
Tempe is blessed to have such selfless individuals caring for and helping others in our community!

With love and blessings,

Tim and Traci Estenson

TNTCharities
On behalf of Arizona State University, its faculty, students, alumni and staff, congratulations to Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson, recipient of the 2018 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year award. Few have been more committed to the cause of education in Tempe than Christine. In service to ASU, she’s been an associate professor, vice president of student affairs and interim athletic director. Today, she’s senior vice president and secretary of ASU, president and CEO of the ASU Alumni Association, and managing director for the Trustees of ASU. Thank you, Christine, for your exemplary leadership and your work to shape the next generation of leaders.

Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson
Congratulations to all of this Year’s Honorees!
Your service improves Tempe and inspires us.

A Special shout out of appreciation to Frank Quijada for his service to Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Thank you!
Diane and Bob Kawa

Mountain Park congratulates those being recognized at the 2018 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Ceremony.

Visit our clinic on the corner of Broadway and McClintock in Tempe.

Congratulations to all of this year’s award recipients!
With hallelujahs rising, we wish highest congratulatory blessings to our Tempe Community Council’s Don Carlos Young Humanitarian: our beloved and worthy scholar, MS. TATUM STOLWORTHY.

Jenny Norton and Bob Ramsey

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

– Mahatma Gandhi

Congratulations to all of the 2017 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Nominees

Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Congratulations
Volunteer of the Year, Frank Quijada,
for his unfailing commitment
to the Tempe community.

We love you, Frank!

Celeste, Woody, Barbara, Gary, Laura, Bob, Elaine, Todd, Kate, Joe, Jan, Karen, Sherena, and Charyl.

Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors works with community volunteers to help Tempe adults safely age in their homes.
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