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DON CARLOS HISTORY

Charles Trumbull Hayden was one of Tempe’s founders and a great humanitarian. “Don Carlos,” as the Hispanic 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
2018  Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson
2019  Christine Hoddy Busch

DON CARLOS HUMANITARIANS

1825-1900

From the beginning, he spent his life working to help those in need.
Making a wide-ranging impact in Tempe that has collectively enriched, improved and advanced the community.

Harold “Woody” Wilson has been a longtime community advocate. As the founder of the nonprofit Lakeshore Music, Woody has been a leading voice in the arts and culture community, organizing special events, educational opportunities, and cultural exchanges to enhance residents’ quality of life. He has worked with the local university and colleges to bring master classes, workshops and performance opportunities to music students and raise funds to support Tempe Center for the Arts and Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor scholarship.

Activism in his own neighborhood led Woody to serve on the City of Tempe’s Neighborhood Advisory Commission, work that highlighted the need to help elderly and disabled adults maintain their properties. Woody and a handful of like-minded volunteers formed Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors (TNHN). This grassroots effort eventually became a vital nonprofit, supporting independent living while bringing fellowship and care to those living alone and feeling isolated. Woody’s served as a volunteer providing direct services and serve as TNHN’s interim executive director.

Woody helped further advance human services in the community through his role as past president and a director of Tempe Community Council. He now serves as an advisory board member of Tempe Community Foundation. In this role, he has helped establish and continues working to build a permanent endowment to perpetually fund and enhance Tempe human service needs currently and in the future.

A strong advocate for preserving Tempe history, Woody has served as president of the Tempe Historical Preservation Foundation and member of the Rio Salado Foundation. Through this leadership and service, he has helped beautify the Rio Salado corridor and has been a beneficial part of helping raise funds to save and restore the Rose Eisendrath House, now known as the Eisendrath Center for Conservation.

Friends and colleagues have shared, “Woody is a Tempean who helps fellow neighbors, a patron of the arts in Tempe, a preserver of historic Tempe neighborhoods, and a person who has and continues to make the Tempe community a better place for all.” “He serves not for the recognition, but simply because he cares so much about the quality of life for every resident.” Woody is a tireless advocate, volunteer, and leader who embodies the humanitarian spirit of “Don Carlos.”
Fostering connections while paying it forward to welcome new community members.

A warm greeting, understanding smile and knack for building connections is how Amela Duric approaches her volunteer work. Amela has greeted over 700 refugees during the past two years as a lead volunteer for the Welcome to America Project. She gives hope to newly arrived community members by helping to provide household goods, bicycles for job commutes, clothing and authentic support. A self-described example of how to successfully become part of the community, Amela’s own personal story inspires her to tirelessly give back to multiple community organizations. She moves hearts and minds to help set up new lives.

Uniting arts and the community to decrease hunger in Tempe.

Since 2001, Tempe Empty Bowls committee has brought together community members including artisans, who collaboratively plan and hold an annual event to sell soup sized ceramic bowls. The Tempe Empty Bowls committee intentionally formed this fundraising effort to raise awareness about hunger and food insecurity in Tempe. The proceeds from the annual program are donated to two hunger relief organizations – Tempe Community Action Agency and United Food Bank. Over the years, Tempe Empty Bowls has raised and donated more than $250,000 to the two nonprofit agencies.
A role model that demonstrates compassion and inspiration.

Daniela Chavira conveys a positive attitude and determination in every accomplishment. She volunteered to help incoming students and provided translation for over 50 families, during this most recent school year, who may not have English as a first language. She is an excellent student who advocates for Dreamers to be able to achieve their educational and community goals. Daniela also volunteered through school clubs like the Key Club, National Honor Society and Student Council at Tempe High School. Daniela is known for her integrity, extremely high moral character and advocacy on behalf of those who may not have a voice - all values that exemplify a young humanitarian.

Compassionate about serving peers and other youth with disabilities and special needs.

Nathaniel is a kind, cheerful, dedicated volunteer. This is evident in his choice of project to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. His volunteerism has benefitted his peers through his involvement in school sponsored clubs at Corona del Sol High School and community activities including the City of Tempe Adapted Recreation, Key Club, National Honor Society, Best Buddies, Special Olympics Arizona and Life Skills Enrichment After School Program (LEAP). He is well respected by his peers, teachers and mentors. Nathaniel strives to make an impact and create new opportunities that may not exist for those who are differently abled. Nathaniel promotes acceptance and inclusivity through advocacy, friendship and volunteerism embodying the values of a young humanitarian.
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OUR MISSION
Since 1972 we have been “Connecting those in need with those who care.”

OUR VISION
Tempe Community Council nurtures Tempe’s sense of community where children, seniors, families and individuals care for and about one another.
CELEBRATING SUCCESS, TOGETHER.

Success is sweeter when it’s shared.

Recognition for an accomplishment or a job well done is better when it’s appreciated by those who support you. Today, we celebrate the honorees of the Tempe Community Council’s 37th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards.

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Congratulations to the 2020 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year, Harold “Woody” Wilson
Thank you for all you do for so many in Tempe and beyond.

A special congratulations also to
Amela Duric, Tempe Empty Bowls,
Karla Daniela Salazar Chavira & Nathaniel Thompson
Tempe is blessed to have such selfless individuals caring for and helping others in our community!

With love and blessings,
Tim and Traci Estenson

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Congratulations to all of this year’s honorees. Your service improves Tempe and inspires us.

A special shout-out to Don Carlos Humanitarian Woody Wilson for his service to our community.

Thank you!
Diane and Bob Kawa
With hallelujahs rising, we wish highest congratulatory blessings to our Tempe Community Council’s Don Carlos Young Humanitarians:

our beloved and worthy scholars,
MS. KARLA DANIELA SALAZAR CHAVIRA & MR. NATHANIEL THOMPSON

Jenny Norton and
Bob Ramsey

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Forging a promising future takes commitment to making a difference. We honor the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award winners for their work to create stronger, more vibrant communities. Their vision for a better tomorrow is what leadership is made of, and we thank them for their contributions.

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- HELEN KELLER

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— Mahatma Gandhi

“Congratulations to Woody and all our 2020 Don Carlos winners!”

~ Christine Hoddy Busch

Congratulations to all of the 2020 Don Carlos Humanitarian Awardees
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