

2016 MLK Spirit Awardee

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As director of racial justice for YWCA Metro St. Louis, Amy Hunter is responsible for ensuring that eliminating racism, part of the YWCA's two-prong mission of eliminating racism and empowering women, is incorporated in all of the organization's internal and external programming. She serves as a representative of the YWCA in matters that address institutionalized and systemic oppression. She joined the YWCA in 2008; she has more than 15 years of experience in the corporate sector. She previously worked at Edward Jones in the area of diversity and served on the faculty for the Dismantling Racism Institute, a program of The National

Conference for Community and Justice. Hunter has provided strategic direction for organizational development for universities, school districts and the corporate community. She has published works and is a presenter on issues of race and social justice throughout the United States and Canada.

Hunter is a native St. Louisan and is currently pursuing her PhD in Social Justice from the University of Missouri St. Louis. She has served on several boards and committees in St. Louis.

Hunter's zeal and passion for creating an equitable society is unmatched. She is extremely busy being engrossed in her quest for equality while loving and being loved by her family.

Previous MLK Spirit Award Recipients

- 2015 - Dr. John A. Wright
- 2014 - Annie Mae Buchanan*
- 2013 - Clarice Gladney*
- 2012 - Redditt Hudson
- 2011 - Victor Pichon
- 2010 - Nicole Reed Hutcherson Adewale
- 2009 - Denise Lieberman
- 2008 - Sam Austin, Jr.
- 2007 - Rory Ellinger
- 2006 - Maggie Dagen & Honorable Betty Thompson
- 2005 - Moses Head* & Betsy Grant
- 2004 - Jesse Swanigan & Billie Mayo
- 2003 - Chris Hexter & Rev. Dr. Ronald H. Vail, Sr.

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