



Human Right to Housing Awards

Join us on October 14, 2026 for our annual Human Right to Housing Awards, honoring legislative advocates, change-makers and movement partners across the country leading the fight to end homelessness! Stay tuned for exciting updates.

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2026 Human Right to Housing Awards

History of the Human Right to Housing Awards

For 27 years, the National Homelessness Law Center has hosted an annual awards event to honor organizations, leaders, and changemakers that work to bring awareness to and advance the solutions to homelessness and poverty. These awards pay tribute to two outstanding national leaders: Stewart B. McKinney and Bruce F. Vento.

In 1987, the late Congressman Stewart B. McKinney was a primary sponsor of landmark legislation providing federal assistance to Americans experiencing homelessness. The late Congressman Bruce F. Vento worked in partnership with Stewart B. McKinney and served as one of the original authors of the McKinney Act. After his untimely death in 2000, the legislation was renamed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act in recognition of Congressman Vento's resolve to help homeless persons become self-sufficient. This Act is the first and only significant federal legislative response to homelessness. Since its passage, millions of dollars each year go to support a wide range of services and rights for people experiencing homelessness, from emergency shelter programs to education access for children. Defending these rights continues to be an important part of the work of the Law Center.

New to this year's Human Right to Housing Awards: Our event is FREE for everyone!

To make this year's Awards more inclusive and widely accessible, we're moving to a model where all event tickets will be free. This change opens the door for broader community participation and allows more people to join in celebrating the impact of this work.

Contact Jennifer Toth Clary at jclary@homelesslaw.org or visit Homelesslaw.org/get-involved/hrth-awards for more info.

Previous Honorees

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As of April 2026

Stewart B. McKinney Award

- *CalMatters*
- *A Bigger Picture Films*
- Jessica Bruder & Chloe Zhao for *Nomadland*
- Capital Area Food Bank
- Vernon Davis
- Barbara Ehrenreich
- Fannie Mae Corporation
- Senator Al Franken
- Tipper Gore
- John Grisham
- Joseph Horning
- Kaiser Permanente
- Sandra Lee
- Ted Leonsis, Rick Allen, Kat Byles, Keith Clinkscales, Jack Davies, Raul Fernandez, Sheila Johnson, & Susan Koch
- Abe Pollin
- Senator Jack Reed
- Bruce Rosenblum
- McCormack Baron Salazar
- Richard E. Schaden
- Steve Smith Sr.
- Special Counsel in Supreme Court case *Grants Pass v. Johnson*
- Sports Illustrated
- The U.S. Human Rights Fund (USHRF)
- "Unhoused & Undercounted" Series Award for Excellence in Journalism on student homelessness: Center for Public Integrity, Street Sense Media, WAMU/DCist, and the Seattle Times
- Bruce F. Vento
- John Wall
- Walt Disney Company & Baker McKenzie

State Legislator Award

- Senator Caroline Menjivar, CA
- Senator Kim Jackson, GA
- Representative Nicole Macri, WA
- Senator Mary Washington, MD

Local Legislator Award

- Councilmember Shameka Parrish-Wright, KY
- Councilmember Liliana Bakhtiari, GA
- Councilmember Mike Bonin, CA
- Councilmember Amelia Parker, TN

Justice Award

- Patricia Mullahy Fugere

Bruce F. Vento Award

- U.S. Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester
- Congressperson Joyce Beatty
- Congressperson Judy Biggert
- Senator Cory Booker
- Congressperson Cori Bush
- Senator Sherrod Brown
- Senator Susan Collins
- Congressperson Elijah Cummings
- Education Law Center of Pennsylvania
- Congressperson Keith Ellison
- Congressperson Barney Frank
- Freddie Mac
- Congressperson Maxwell Frost
- Congressperson Pramila Jayapal
- Colbert I. King
- Congressperson Barbara Lee
- Joseph McColley
- Congressperson Gwen Moore
- Senator Patty Murray
- Rhode Island Homeless Advocacy Project
- David K. Shipler
- Gregory Stamas
- Senator John Tassoni, Jr.
- The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless
- Etan Thomas
- Congressperson Maxine Waters
- Judge Jay Zainey

Pro Bono Counsel Award

- Covington & Burling LLP
- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
- Alston & Bird
- Baker Donelson
- Blank Rome LLP
- Covington & Burling LLP
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- DLA Piper
- Fish & Richardson
- Goldman Sachs Pro Bono Committee
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- Jeff Simes & Goodwin Procter LLP
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Presenting Sponsor

\$50,000

- Company banner logo on the Law Center's website with link to company website
- Photo of key company representatives with honorees
- Company logo on the event invitation and event signage
- Company mentioned in all media releases
- One full-page ad on the back cover in the printed event program book
- Formal recognition of the company from the event stage
- Recognition of sponsorship on National Homelessness Law Center Social Media platforms, including company logo
- Opportunity to share brief remarks from the stage
- Opportunity to distribute gift with company logo to all attendees
- One signed copy of the book *And Housing for All* by Maria Foscarinis

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- One full-page ad on the inside or back covers in the printed event program book
- Formal recognition of the company from the event stage
- Recognition of sponsorship on National Homelessness Law Center Social Media platforms, including company logo
- Opportunity to distribute gift with company logo to all attendees

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Cultivators of Justice

\$20,000

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- One full-page ad in the printed event program book
- Formal recognition of the company from the event stage
- Recognition of sponsorship on National Homelessness Law Center Social Media platforms, including company logo
- Opportunity to distribute company giveaways to all attendees

Leaders of Justice

\$15,000

- Company logo and website link on the Law Center's website
- Company logo on the event invitation and signage
- One $\frac{3}{4}$ page ad in the printed event program book
- Formal recognition of the company from the event stage
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Partners of Justice

\$10,000

- Company logo and website link on the Law Center's website
- Company listing on the event invitation and signage
- One half-page ad in the printed event program book
- Recognition of sponsorship on National Homelessness Law Center Social Media platforms, including company logo

Patrons of Justice

\$5,000

- Company or individual's name on the Law Center's website
- Company or individual's name on event signage
- One quarter-page ad in the printed event program book

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- Company or individual's name on event signage
- Company or individual's name & logo printed in the event program book

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\$1,000

- Company or individual's name listed on event signage
- Company or individual's name & logo printed in the event program book

Communities of Justice

\$500

- Limited to community organizations; name listed on event signage
- Community organization's name printed in the event program book

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Benefit	\$50k	\$25k	\$20k	\$15k	\$10k	\$5k	\$3.5k	\$1k	\$500
Name on Website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Name on Event Signage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ad in program book	Full page on cover	Full page on cover	Full page	3/4 page	1/2 page	1/4 page			
Recognition on Social Media	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Recognition from event stage	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Mention in all media releases	✓	✓	✓						
Distribute gift to attendees w/ logo	✓	✓	✓						
Photo w/ honorees	✓	✓							