



call for nominations!

2024 Human Relations Awards

**Do you know a
COMMUNITY
CHAMPION?**





53rd Human Relations Awards Celebration

Friday – February 23, 2024

The Human Relations Commission will host the 53rd Human Relations Awards Celebration in 2024. The awards will recognize volunteers in our community who work diligently in helping people in need and encouraging a new vision for Wilson that includes a better community for all. The Human Relations Commission bestows honors and awards to amazing volunteers. They receive recognition they never asked for, but highly deserve. Your nominations will help identify the Community Champions of Wilson.

**NOMINATE
SOMEONE
AWESOME**

Paul Lee Stevens Humanitarian of the Year Award – This prestigious award is the highest honor the Commission bestows. Mr. Stevens was a well-known humanitarian in the Wilson community for nearly a quarter of a century. The recipients are those that have given unselfishly to help the neediest in our community. Nominations are accepted for those volunteers that have a long standing history in the community for helping the disadvantaged. While many have impactful jobs in the community, the Commission is seeking those that volunteer to improve the lives of the needy, lift up the oppressed, make an effort to overcome obstacles and open doors to solutions. The Commission would like to recognize volunteers that have demonstrated a proven track record of leadership and service, focusing on human rights, improving the quality of life, and justice for all citizens. This is a life-time achievement award.

**KNOW SOMEONE
AWESOME?
YEAH YOU DO!
NOMINATE THEM.**

Community Service Awards – Nominate the Community Champions that have served and given back to the community within the past year. Nominate individuals, groups, youth, churches, civic groups, non-profits, businesses and neighbors who deserve a special “thank you”. Nominations must be based on volunteer service and community contributions. Nominations may not be based on employment or profession. Should the nominations overlap with employment, the nomination letter must clearly provide evidence of going above and beyond job expectations and responsibilities.

Accepting nominations for the *Community Service Award*, such as....

- **Adult Volunteers** – Nominate an individual volunteer that serves others in the community and is focused on helping and improving the Wilson community.
- **Youth Volunteers** – Nominate a young person (6th-12th grade) with a high level of community involvement, leadership or volunteerism. (*Youth nominations will be reviewed only with those of similar age groups, not adults.*)
- **Group Volunteers** – Nominate a group, organization or club that serves others in the community brings about change or improves the Wilson community.
- **Volunteers Taking Initiative** – Nominate a new community program, established within the past 1-3 years, focused on helping the disadvantaged or improving the quality of life for all citizens with continued success.
- **Social Justice Volunteers** – Nominate an individual or group that has been crucial in creating positive community responses and promoting the advancement of underrepresented groups during the past year with acts of social justice, advocacy, awareness or reconciliation to ensure fair and equal treatment of all citizens in Wilson.
- **Civil Servant** – nominate an adult that works for city, county, government, law enforcement or emergency services that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Letter and materials submitted must demonstrate the employees’ contributions to the community stretch well beyond a typical job responsibility and elevate the community.

Submit Online



All nomination forms and support letters are due by: Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024

For more information, call the City of Wilson’s Human Relations Office (252) 399-2308 or visit the City of Wilson’s website at: www.WilsonNC.org enter “Human Relations Awards” in the search box. Enter your nomination by using the convenient online form, upload recommendation letter and supporting documents, or print the PDF and submit materials to the Human Relations Office in person. All materials must be received by the deadline.

