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PEACE ACHIEVER OF THE MONTH 2005

Doing Good Things In the Community

Each month K97 selects one person that is doing good things in the community for the Peace Achiever of the Month Award. This award is in recognition of their dedication to service and the tireless hours they work in order to make Memphis and the Mid-South a better place. Each recipient will be recognized with a month-long on-air announcement on K97, a plaque and an invitation to a banquet held in their honor. Check out this year's recipients. To check out pictures from the 2004 Peace Achiever of the Month Banquet [Click Here](#)

January

[Aretha King, Carver High School Tutor](#)

Momma King, as she is affectionately called, is a long-time tutor at Carver High School. A graduate of Carver, a resident of the area and a grandmother to several students attending the school she is giving back by helping young people excel and believe they can accomplish great things if they apply themselves.

2004 Recipients

December

[X-Camp, Hip Hop Volunteers](#)

This five member group spends their free time raising funds for the less fortunate, registering people to vote and volunteering in the Whitehaven community. They say they do it to be a positive example for youth.

November

Chauniece Conner, Ballet Instructor

Chauniece Conner is founder and artistic director of Ballet On Wheels Theatre of dance. Her goal is to impact the community through the exquisite art of dance. Her love of young people prompts her to offer her reasonably priced dance classes at several different locations. For more info call (901) 870-4348.

October

Melvena Leake, Executive Director of Women's Transitional Housing

Melvena Leake is the founder and executive director of Karate Place, Inc. transitional housing for women recently released from prison. Her six month program helps these women pick up the pieces of their life and start building a better future. For more info call (901) 525-4055

September

LaDell Beamon, Positive Film Producer

LaDell Beamon uses his company 3 B's Production to produce films for youth to participate in that promote positive messages that they can emulate.

August

Jennifer Taylor Miller, Uniform Provider

Jennifer Taylor Miller is the founder of Caring For Our Future. She started the non-profit three years ago after seeing how crack cocaine was leaving some children without the proper care. They now work to provide students with school uniforms and have plans to open a foster home in the future.

July

Tim Robinson, Little League Baseball Coach

Tim Robinson is the founder and coach of the Clearbrook Athletics little league baseball team. Three years ago, Tim began teaching his son to play baseball and started the team when he realized other boys were interested in learning to play too.

June

Mr. Del, Gospel Hip Hop Artist

Mr. Del began as a secular artist but discovered his true calling in 2000. Since then he has dedicated his life to youth ministry that provides music, church services and events that encourage young people to make positive choices.

May

Mervyn Peters, Spinal Chord Counselor

Mervyn Peters has been a quadriplegic for 14 years. For

more than a decade he has traveled to local hospitals to help others who have been paralyzed learn, that even though they have to use a wheelchair, they can still have a fulfilling life.

April

LaVerne Buford, Education Advocate For Children With Mental/Physical Disabilities

Ms. Buford is a former Special Education Assistant for Memphis City Schools. When she retired she decided to continue advocating on behalf of children with mental and physical disabilities to make sure they get the education and care they deserve.

March

Cedric Noel, Opportunity 38 Foundation

Cedric and his brother Torry started the foundation as a way to give back to youth in the Orange Mound community. They expose kids to professional sporting events, help them attend college and sponsor an annual Easter Egg Hunt.

February

Rosalyn Nichols, Founder of A More Excellent Way

After a childhood friend was killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1998 Rosalyn began a program called A More Excellent Way to help reduce domestic violence.

January

Marene Austin Founder, Executive Director of Choice, Inc.

Choice Inc. is a non-profit that helps to educate the financially disadvantaged so that they can achieve financial success and a happier life.