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2014 Peacemaker Awards

On March 1, 2014, NCRC will proudly host the 26th annual Peacemaker Awards dinner, which honors individuals and organizations who are dedicated to peacemaking in their own neighborhoods and around the world. The inspiring evening continues to prove that although conflict can be painful and destructive, it also brings opportunities for growth through improved understanding and insight.

National Peacemaker Honoree

Congressman John Lewis



NCRC awards Congressman John Lewis with the 2014 National Peacemaker Award for his outstanding work as a civil rights champion and inspiring congressional leader. Congressman John Lewis has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties, and inspiring the public to become what he calls "The Beloved Community" in America. Throughout these actions, he has remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of non-violence. As the U.S. Representative for Georgia's 5th congressional district, Congressman Lewis continues to focus his attention on promoting equality and maintaining peace across the nation.

Local Peacemaker Honoree

A Reason To Survive (ARTS)






ARTS, an organization based in National City, is dedicated to helping youth cope with grief, anger and hopelessness through arts-based programming. Depicted in a 2013 Academy Award winning documentary, ARTS provides a safe haven that keeps kids away from gangs, drugs and other violent activities, giving them A Reason To Survive.

About the Awards

NCRC believes that those who have the courage and perseverance to collaborate with others and make notable progress toward a more civil society deserve recognition. Since the first Peacemaker Awards in 1989, NCRC has celebrated the accomplishments of many individuals and organizations for their ability to recognize a need for change, then craft a positive solution to the issue. NCRC has given awards to deserving recipients ranging from well-known elected officials and public figures to reformed gang members and tattoo artists.

Knowing that peacemaking happens in a variety of ways, NCRC celebrates both large and small acts of successful conflict management. By publicly acknowledging and celebrating these outstanding individuals and organizations, NCRC hopes the Peacemaker Awards will broadcast far and wide that there is hope for change and we must always strive to find positive solutions to conflict and violence.

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