

## 2017 Altha Jo Hamilton Volunteer Award

The Altha Jo Hamilton Volunteer Award honors the spirit and achievement of someone who has embraced the power of volunteerism as an opportunity to improve lives. There is no better way to serve and connect with your community than to give back. This award is named in memory of someone who chose to give back selflessly and promoted Community Action in those endeavors.

Nominees for the Altha Jo Hamilton Volunteer Award should excel at advancing Community Action through volunteering or by going beyond the scope of their employment. They must be a volunteer, employee or board member of a local community action agency and be nominated by another volunteer, staff or board member.

### *About Altha Jo Hamilton (d.1985)*

Altha Jo Hamilton dedicated seventeen years to Community Action in Kentucky. After learning about Community Action as a recipient of their services, she began working at Central Kentucky Community Action Council in 1968. Mastering many skills at the agency, she was named Assistant Director in 1980, providing a shining example of the power of Community Action.

Through her enthusiastic participation on the Community Action Kentucky Issues and Advocacy Committee, Altha Jo Hamilton exhibited great strength of character, even facilitating citizen involvement by others in shaping public policies and decisions. During the 1982 Kentucky General Assembly legislative session, she played a key role in passing the legislation that authorized Community Action in Kentucky.

She was determined to promote the welfare of Community Action Agencies in Kentucky and those economically disadvantaged Kentuckians served by the agencies. She worked arduously as Board Chairwoman for Community Action Kentucky and was a frequent representative to the Southeastern Association of Community Action Agencies.

**Please submit nominations on the following form by **Thursday, May 11, 2017.****

Submissions may be mailed, emailed, or faxed to CAK. All entries will be reviewed by the Program Committee. The winner will be announced during the banquet at the CAK Annual Conference in June.

**Nomination Form for the 2017 Altha Jo Hamilton  
Volunteer Award**

Name of Nominated Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe this person's impact on Community Action in Kentucky:

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Please fax, mail, or email this form back to CAK no later than **Thursday, May 11, 2017.**