

## 2017 Jesse Amburgey Excellence in Community Action Award

The Jesse Amburgey Excellence in Community Action Award honors the efforts and achievements of someone who has worked diligently to reduce or eliminate the causes or conditions of poverty. It is named in memory of a tireless champion for Community Action whom passionately believed in the power of people and communities helping themselves and one another.

Nominees for the Jesse Amburgey Excellence in Community Action Award should excel at advancing community action through their efforts at the local, state or national level. They must be an employee or board member of a local community action agency and be nominated by another staff or board member.

### *About Jesse Amburgey (d.2006)*

Jesse Amburgey dedicated twenty-six years to advancing the causes of Community Action. From 1968 to 1974 he lead the LKLP Community Action Council as Executive Director, giving a voice to the voiceless and helping create programs that boosted employment and self-sufficiency in Leslie, Knott, Letcher and Perry Counties of Kentucky.

In 1974, becoming the first Executive Director of Community Action Kentucky (formerly known as the Kentucky Association for Community Action), Jesse Amburgey was instrumental in overseeing the beginning of Community Action Agencies administering the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. During his tenure at CAK, he also contributed to the innovation of the Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP), designed to help rural communities procure safe and sanitary drinking water and sewage systems.

Jesse Amburgey served on a variety of state, regional and national boards, including Board Member, National Association of Community Action Agencies; Board Member, National Community Action Foundation; and President, 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.

