

Awards Banquet
Thursday, July 18, 2019
Hyatt Riverfront Hotel, Savannah Georgia
7:30pm – 9:30pm

Master of Ceremonies
Tres Hamilton, President, GCAA

Presentation of Awards (7:30pm)

The Earl M Jones Award

This annual award is given by the Georgia Community Action Association in recognition of outstanding leadership and service in the areas of human rights and equal opportunity. The award is presented in the honor of the late Mr. Earl M. Jones, who was employed as the Equal Opportunity Officer for the Savannah-Chatham EOA, Inc. in Savannah, Georgia. He was a respected champion of human rights at the State and Regional levels. Only CAA affiliated persons are eligible to receive this award. The first Earl M. Jones Award was presented in July 1984 to Mr. Wilbur P. Jones.

The Wilbur P Jones Award

This annual award is given by the Georgia Community Action Association to a non-CAA employee who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life for low-income, elderly, handicapped, or minorities. The award is presented in the honor of the late Mr. Wilbur P. Jones who served as Executive Director of ACTION, Inc. in Athens, Georgia for over fifteen years. A scholastic scholarship has been established at the University of Georgia in recognition of Mr. Jones' humanitarian efforts on behalf of the poor and oppressed.

The Scholarship Award

This award is granted annually to a student attending an institute of higher learning (college/university/vocational technical schools) or have been accepted by one of the same.

The student competed in the GCAA Essay Contest, "What Has the Community Action Movement Meant to My Community?"

GCAA Award Committee

Invocation (8:00pm)

Dinner Served

Introduction of Speaker (8:30pm)

Lorraine Daniels, Executive Director, GCAA

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Robert Lemon

"Now Is Your Time To Make A Difference"

Presentation of Special Awards and Recognitions (9:00pm)

GCAA President's Service & Appreciation Awards

Tres Hamilton, President, GCAA

This acknowledgement is given by the President of GCAA to individuals who have consistently represented the Georgia Community Action Association by promoting statewide initiatives, strengthening GCAA partnerships and demonstrating a willingness to further the vision and mission of GCAA.

Mattie Jackson Advocacy Award

Lorraine Daniels, Executive Director, GCAA

This award is given by the GCAA to recognize the work of community advocates who demonstrates courage, effective leadership and service that promotes social justice and equity. This award is named after one of community actions most beloved citizens, Mattie King Ansley-Jackson. Ms. Mattie advocated for her community of Summerhill and Peoplestown in Atlanta, GA for over 50 years. As the War on Poverty was declared, she and several community leaders went to Washington, DC to demand Atlanta's fair share in poverty action funds. There she met Mr. Sargent Shriver, the author of the War on Poverty Movement, which spurred the development of The Economic Opportunity Atlanta (EOA) poverty program and the Summerhill Council of Community Action Advisors.

2018 – 2019 Newly Certified ROMA Implementers and ROMA Trainers
2019 Certified Community Action Professionals

Silent Auction Winners (9:15pm)

Silent Auction Committee

Volunteers Recognition (Randy Weldon)

Drawing for Door Prizes

Adjournment (9:30pm)