

ARKANSAS PEACE & JUSTICE
HEROES AWARDS 2007
OMNI Center For Peace, Justice & Ecology
Statewide recognition for outstanding work in peace and social justice

Preliminary Nomination Form

Nomination requirements:

1. Resident of the state of Arkansas
2. Spread geographically in different areas of Arkansas
3. Attendance at the awards banquet (June 9, 2007)
4. Acknowledged by her/his service community to be a fine example of commitment to, and work for, their cause
5. Omni Center Steering Committee members are not eligible

Purpose of the award series is to highlight exemplary peace and social justice work in this state. People and programs nominated can expect to receive some publicity. Both individuals and groups may be nominated. You may nominate yourself, but our experience is that it's easier to nominate someone else. Nominations will be encouraged from many statewide sources. When nominations are closed, a committee of judges will select four Awardees who will be honored at the annual Banquet in Fayetteville. Each awardee will receive a peace heroes medallion and the deep appreciation of the people of Arkansas. Awardees and Nominees will all be honored at the banquet. Nomination forms can be printed from the OMNI website: omnicenter.org, from the Peace Heroes Awards page.

Nominee Contact Information:

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Program or organization name:

Arkansas and global activist

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Nominated by (contact information):

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Please include contact information for the local media you would like to have informed about this program, nominations, and awards. Contact names, phone numbers, email and ground addresses make this useful.

For more information, contact Dick Bennett, Founder (479-442-4600), Gladys Tiffany (479-973-9049 – gladystiffany@yahoo.com), and Melanie Dietzel (479-442-8600 – melaniesd@sbcglobal.net), co-Presidents. **Return nomination forms to:** OMNI Center for Peace, Justice & Ecology, Peace Heroes Awards, 902 W. Maple St., Fayetteville, AR 72701; or to any steering committee member.

Tell us why you feel this candidate should be acknowledged as an Arkansas Peace & Justice Hero? What specific contributions to peace and social justice stand out in your mind, that exemplify the candidate's commitment to a more peaceful and just world?

From Jean Gordon:

Betty has two big claims to fame. As the governor's wife she started the childhood immunization program "Every Child by Two," – and then later with Roselyn Carter, continued it nationally. Then in 1982 she started Peace Links. Her biggest plus in Peace Links was that she is so "home spun" and obviously not a professional speaker, but a great storyteller. She could encourage ordinary women to speak out about their fear of nuclear weapons. You don't have to be an expert to know we've got enough weapons to blow up the world a thousand times...

Betty said she got interested in the peace movement when her daughter, Brook, was in college. She asked Betty how the family would get back together in case of a nuclear attack. Betty realized her daughter was serious. She went home and got some Senate wives together around her kitchen table to talk about what they could do to prevent nuclear war.

Arkansas Peace Links got a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation that paid for a director for five years. We had members all over the state and she traveled a lot to speak to groups. One time I went with her to Northwest Arkansas. On the way home we stopped in Charleston and picked purple hull peas on a hot, hot day. Our husbands complained about having to shell them when we got home.

When we closed the Peace Links office, we gave our leftover money to UALR for training teachers in conflict resolution. Barbara Stanford (2006 Peace Hero) was involved in that.

Attach separate pages if necessary. Feel free to send us news clippings, photos, or other things that illustrate the nominees work, and help the judges to understand their contributions. The banquet committee will contact the nominee for a complete biography.