

Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee Report, 2010

Members:

J. Lloyd Allen, Heather Dalmage (Chair-Elect), Glenn Johnson, Deborah Perkins, Wendy Simonds (Chair), Claire Sterk, Elroi Windsor.

We received 4 nominations from the Atlanta area (and one nomination outside the area which was ineligible). All four would have been worthy of support. Committee members participated in ranking and discussing the organizations by email. A clear winner did emerge, The Youth Speak Truth Program of Project South.

2010 Award Winner:

Youth Speak Truth (YST), a program run by Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty and Genocide, a grassroots community organization, enables young people to create and produce a 30- minute weekly public affairs program (called 'Youth Speak Truth') on local station WRFG 89.3. Project South's programs for youth "provide entry points for youth to engage in community governance opportunities, build leadership through historical analysis and critical development, and breaks isolation through connection to cross- regional youth organizing efforts," according to its website.

Simonds notified the organization and its nominator; drafted letters for the winning organization and the nominees of the non-winning organizations.

Representatives from Project South will present at a special session at this year's conference and attend the Awards Banquet.

Other Nominated Organizations:

Georgia Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Youth Pride

Transgender Individuals Living Their Truth, Inc. (TILTT, Inc.)