

August 4, 2016

Report of the Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee

Dear Board of Directors,

The committee received and reviewed four nominations:

- Street Youth Ministries
- Neighborhood House
- Got Green
- Grandmothers Against Gun Violence

The nominees were ranked and then an average rank for each was created based on the sum of ranks and the number of people who voted for a particular organization. Got Green received the highest average rank and was the clear winner.

Got Green is a grassroots group in the Seattle area led by young adults and people of color that promotes the movement for an equitable, green economy as the best way to fight poverty and global warming at the same time. Because it gives voice to communities of color on economic, racial and gender justice issues within the framework of the new, green economy it is exactly the type of agency the Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award is meant.

Got Green addresses these issues by cultivating leaders of all ages to educate, advocate, organize and build coalitions to ensure that communities of color in Seattle/King County can gain equal access to and reap the benefits promised by the green movement and the green economy—green jobs, access to healthy food, energy efficient and healthy homes, and quality public transportation.

Jill Mangaliman is the Executive Director of Got Green. Jill is a queer Filipino-American community organizer and writer from Seattle. Jill has a background in Human Geography and has organized in local and national campaigns involving health care equity, immigrant rights and protecting social services. In 2009, Jill joined Got Green as part of the City Weatherization program and eventually moved into leadership, from founding board member to lead organizer. Jill was instrumental in the formation and strategy of the Food Access Team. Jill won the 2013 Social Change Reporting award for the Seattle Globalist. In Jill's spare time—singing karaoke and making things are enjoyed.

Working with Michele, members of the committee and I, along with Jill, put together the session to highlight the work of this Social Action Award winner.

Sincerely,

LaShawnDa Pittman  
Chair, 2016 Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee