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**Peace Center Honors their 34th Peacemaker**

Each spring for the last 34 years, the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and the Missoula Peace Quilters have honored a local Peacemaker. These are the unsung heroes among us who walk the walk of peace and justice and inspire us with their long-term commitment to a better world. We are thrilled to announce that our honoree this year is KD Dickinson. She is the founder of Portico Real Estate and her business and personal mission has always centered on people over profits -- **“**to honor diversity, build community and create a lifestyle that promotes the health and well-being of our planet and work to bring integrity and trust into the real estate profession while creating tremendously satisfying and fulfilling lifelong relationships with the people in our community.” That sense of people over profit makes her a perfect Peacemaker for 2020 when we so need to remember our humanity and our connections to each other.

KD is also known for her courage – as the first out gay woman firefighter back in the 70’s and not afraid to stand up for the values she holds dear -- smart growth, open space, saving agricultural land, housing for the low income population, green building and the city’s anti-discrimination ordinance to name a few. She was the only realtor among the vocal advocates of a bond that preserved Mt Jumbo in 1995. She has helped countless people, often times at no cost and she has given generously of her time, talent and treasure to many of our local organizations.

This year, we are unable to celebrate in the same way we usually do with a large gathering, music, food and lots of speeches! But KD’s history of service to so many nonprofits in our community has given us the idea for the perfect way to celebrate and honor her.

We invite the Missoula community to make a donation in honor of our 2020 Peacemaker KD Dickinson to JRPC or ANY participating organization during the Missoula Gives event which runs from 5 pm April 30 to 7 pm May 1. Not only will we be able to see the impact KD has had around Missoula with donations to several of our organizations, but we can also truly celebrate our connections to each other through this remarkable lady. KD Dickinson’s service to our community runs deep. We will plan a gathering in her honor when we are able and present her with the unique quilt made by the Missoula Peace Quilters as we do for every honoree. In the meantime, we ask you to join us in letting KD know we appreciate her commitment to justice, sustainability and peace.

The community is also invited to nominate someone they would like to see honored as a Peacemaker in 2021 as well as nominating a young person between the ages of 5 and 18 for our Youth Peacemaker which we hope to honor in the fall with a cash prize. Both nomination forms can be found on our website, www.jrpc.org

PAST PEACEMAKERS

1986 Flo Chessin

1987 Jim Ranney

1988 Butch Turk

1989 Connie Skousen (deceased)

1990 Perry Gliessmann

1991 Pat Ortmeyer

1992 Anita Doyle

1993 Beth Sirr

1994 Scott Morgan & Tom Javins

1995 Julie Grant (deceased)

1996 Alice Campbell (deceased)

1997 John Agner & Tammy Elser

1998 Pete Lawrenson

2000 Jim Hogan

2001 Liz Rantz

2002 Scott Nicholson (deceased) & Bryony Schwan

2003 Rita Jankowski-Bradley

2004 Amy Martin

2005 Ethel MacDonald

2006 Peter Shober

2007 Josh Slotnick

2008 Carel Schneider & Women In Black

2009 Jim Caron

2010 John Baugh (deceased)

2011 Jane McAllister

2012 Dan Gallagher (deceased)

2013 Meyer “Mike” Chessin (deceased)

2014 Claudia Brown

2015 Kathi and Glenn “Woody” Wood

2016 Patrick Weasel Head

2017 Mary Poole

2018 Steve McArthur

2019 Fernanda Menna Barreto Krum & Robert Rivers