

Human Rights Commission 2022 Annual Report

Chair: Tia Juby

Vice-Chair: Joshua Starks

2022 Accomplishments:

- Served as the model in the formation of the Oklahoma City Human Rights Commission.
- Volunteered at 918 Day.
- Marched in the Veterans Day parade.
- Honored International Human Rights Day by launching the inaugural Tulsa Humanitarian of the Year Award in December.
 - The commission honored Vicky Langston, and posthumously honored Richard Jackson as inaugural recipients.
- Hosted the inaugural Humanitarian of the Year Award to coincide with World Human Rights Day.
- Throughout the year, the Compassionate Tulsa Committee of the Human Rights Commission awarded a compassionate Tulsan award at each monthly meeting.

This year's recipients were:

- The January Compassionate Tulsan-of-the-Month was Katie Dale, executive director of the Red Dirt Relief Fund, a nonprofit organization that has provided more than \$580,000 to 800+ music people and 38 Oklahoma cities and towns since its inception in 2021.
- The February Compassionate Tulsan-of-the-Month was Eva Unterman, a holocaust survivor who has unselfishly given her time and her story by sharing it with school children and other audiences locally, nationally, and internationally.
- The March Compassionate Tulsan -of-the Month was Fred Freeman. Fred was honored for his strategic and compassionate leadership at AME Church's food ministry, which has allowed the organization to provide meals for nearly 300,000 people since the pandemic.
- The April Compassionate Tulsan of the month was Aliye Shimi. Aliye serves as the Executive Director of the Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry and was honored for her prominent efforts in building bridges both inside and outside of her community, and advocacy of religious tolerance. Her work has served the Syrian and Afghan refugee communities, provided a platform for the Muslim community, and firmly partners with the LGBTQ Community.
- The June Compassionate Tulsan of the month was Rabbi Daniel Kaiman. Rabbi Kaiman was honored for his social activism motivated by Jewish learning, and outstanding service to the community.
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- The October Compassionate Tulsan of the month was awarded to Kent Powers and Bob Sandborn – the Coordinator and Co-founder of the Tuesday Morning Miracle Group.
- The Tuesday Morning Miracle Group consists of over 142 retired volunteers helping to build homes in conjunction with the Green country habitat for humanity program. Since the organization was established, volunteers have helped build and remodel 93 houses and helped sponsor 40. In addition, the group has created cabinets, posts, fencing, etc. The Tuesday Morning Miracle Group will celebrate 30 years of helping build homes this year.