

Judges

Ten Thousand Villages of Austin would like to thank our esteemed panel of Judges for their support of the 4th Annual International Women's Day Awards:

Meg Goodman Erskine

Cofounder and Executive Director
Multicultural Refugee Coalition

Carol Thomas

Director of Development
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2012 Award Nominees

Humanitarian

Sandy Allen
Beth Bradley
Simone Talma Flowers
Maria Ines Garcia
Laura Donnelly Gonzalez
Edie Henry
Roni Kendall
Karin Kokinda
Marsha Endahl Kramer
Polly Levers
Jennifer Lucas
Norma Martinez
Maria Noack
Kathy Palmer
Vanessa Stone
Marissa Vogel
Alexis Wadsworth
Francesca Wigle
Ofelia Zapata

Environment

Anne Child
Sarah Evans
Sarah Richards
Brigid Shea

Animal Welfare

ElizaBeth Bellanti-Walker
Patricia Baynham
Edye Ayers Melton

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HUMANITARIAN FINALISTS

Diana Claitor – Cofounder and Director of Texas Jail Project, which improves conditions for 70,000 people in Texas jails. Diana helped get state legislation passed that bans the shackling of female inmates during labor and delivery, and ensures medical treatment and proper diet for women who are incarcerated while pregnant.

Felora Derakhshani – Founder and Executive Director of ACT Women, which empowers women and young girls to become agents of change through service projects in India. Felora also girls in Uganda receive secondary education, and she works with women in Israel and Palestine to promote peace and understanding.

Trudy Marshall – Founder and Director of Libraries of Love, which has built 24 libraries in Uganda, helping over 30,000 elementary school children get better educations. Trudy's volunteer efforts in Africa have helped U.S. students understand global needs and learn the importance of helping others.

Honorable Mention – Marissa Vogel, Founder and Director of Little Helping Hands

ENVIRONMENT FINALISTS

Brandi Clark Burton – Founder of Austin EcoNetwork, she is an influential force in building Austin's sustainability community. Brandi also founded Austin CarShare, Citizen Gardener, and has served on several task forces for the City of Austin.

April Rose – As Executive Director of TreeFolks, she has planted over 13,000 trees in the Austin area in only 15 months. April helped Bastrop fire victims by providing more than 3,000 saplings to help residents rebuild their town and homes.

Andi Scull – Founder and President of HOPE Campaign, which involves artists in social projects that promote education and peace around the world. Andi established Austin's HOPE Farmer's Markets, as well as HOPE for Senegal, which grants scholarships to high school girls in West Africa.



ANIMAL WELFARE FINALISTS

Shari Elkins – As Founder of Schrodi Fund and the Canine Center for Training and Behavior, she helps people who can't afford training be able to train and keep their dogs. Shari has helped over 200 dogs and their families and has dedicated her life to this mission.

Missy McCullough – Founder and Executive Director of Animal Trustees of Austin, she provides vital care to 40,000 pets each year. Missy has helped build 2 clinics to provide low-cost spay/neuter services and veterinary care, and she advocates for animal protection through legislation and public awareness campaigns.

Abigail Smith – As Chief Animal Services Officer for the largest municipal animal shelter, she has led Austin to become the first major urban city in Texas to officially reach No-Kill status. More than 20,000 animals enter Austin Animal Center each year, and in 15 months Abigail has reorganized and led staff members into a new way of thinking about animal welfare.

Honorable Mention - Joyce Martin, Executive Director of Austin Dog Rescue