

## **The Connie Greer Lifetime Action Award**

***The Promise of Community Action: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.***

The only way in which we can fulfill the promise of Community Action is through *action*. The only way we have made lasting change, and continue as a national movement is through the dedication of everyone involved. From those who have only recently joined our movement, to those that have been building it for decades, we celebrate together every milestone, every community served, and every family lifted from poverty to prosperity.

There are those that stand out in our movement. There are those, through a ***Lifetime of Action***, who have worked tirelessly to build and strengthen our network locally, throughout our state, and across our nation to fight poverty. For those that have demonstrated a commitment to building Community Action, being a voice for the poor at all levels, and have lived a ***Lifetime of Action***, we thank them and we honor them with this award.

The ***Connie Greer Lifetime Action Award*** is named after and dedicated to a woman that dedicated her career to the fulfillment of the Promise of Community Action. She started her career in Bemidji, Minnesota, in 1973 at Bi-County Community Action Council (now known as Bi-County Community Action Partnership (BiCAP)). In 1980 she started with the Minnesota Office of Economic Opportunity, where she worked for decades as the "voice of the poor within state government". Her passion and dedication to the Community Action cause guided her career and led her to national recognition as a leader in Community Action.