

# Community Shares: Local leaders in social and environmental justice to be honored

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Madison, WI – On September 17, Community Shares of Wisconsin will celebrate the work of three community leaders who are working to build a better community for all. The virtual celebration will begin on the Community Shares of Wisconsin Facebook page at 5:00 p.m. and will include stories and highlights of Change-Makers award winners as well as the volunteers, advocates, and Madison-based nonprofit organizations that have overcome challenges during the COVID crisis to work for social and environmental justice.

Community Shares of Wisconsin nonprofit groups nominated the following awardees:

**Mark Richardson**, nominated by **Sustain Dane** – Winner of the **Liesl Blockstein Community Leadership Award (sponsored by Baer Insurance)**

**Dee Sweet**, nominated by **Wisconsin Conservation Voices** – Winner of the **Linda Sundberg Civil Rights Defender Award (sponsored by Heartland Credit Union)**

**Marcia Caton Campbell**, nominated by **Rooted** – Winner of the **Sally Sunde Family Advocate Award (sponsored by Zendesk)**

Tickets purchased in support of this event helps Community Shares award three nonprofits \$1,000 each. Nonprofits are chosen by Change-Maker Award winners to

further the inspiring and critical work they do in our community.

“Community Shares of Wisconsin and its member nonprofits have a long history in facing systemic injustices and working to correct the ways people are harmed by racism and inequality,” said CSW Executive Director Cheri Dubiel. “These Community Change-Makers inspire all of us to think about the big picture and work every day to make our community a place where we can ensure food and housing security, clean air and water, and the freedom to live our fullest lives.”

We will also honor 24 Backyard Hero Award Winners for their volunteer work at Community Shares’ member nonprofits. Backyard Hero sponsors include Triple M 105.5 FM, Budget Signs and Specialties, and Isthmus. Learn more about the volunteers: <http://communityshares.com/whats-new/backyard-heroes/>

The Community Change-Makers Awards event is presented by UW Credit Union. Other major sponsors include: CUNA Mutual Group, Summit Credit Union, Alliant Energy, Madison Commons, Wegner CPAs, Wells Print and Digital.

For more information and tickets

visit: <https://2020-community-change-maker-awards.eventbrite.com> or call 608-256-1066. Photos of award winners are available upon request.