

# Community Relations Committee

## Agenda / Action Items / Minutes



<b>Date:</b> 9/26/2024	<b>Co-Chairperson:</b> Gladys Powers	<b>Co-Vice-Chairperson:</b> Open
<b>Time:</b> 10-11am	<b>Co-Chairperson:</b> Kelsey McClasky	<b>Co-Vice-Chairperson:</b> Open
<b>Location:</b> LBOR President	<b>Staff Liaison:</b> Jill Ballew	<b>Staff Liaison:</b> Rob Hulse

### AGENDA ITEMS

No	Topic	Presenter	Done	Notes/Update
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**1 River City Recognition Awards - Review Nominations and Select 2024 Recipients**

- a. Review Humanitarian Award Nominations at:  
<https://lawrenceboardofrealtors.growthzoneapp.com/ap/CloudFile/Download/rXmvw7dp>
- b. Review Architectural Enhancement Award Nominations at:  
<https://lawrenceboardofrealtors.growthzoneapp.com/ap/CloudFile/Download/PdKkD6Bp>

**Prior Years Nominations**

- 1. Review 2020-2023 Humanitarian Award Nominations at:  
<https://lawrenceboardofrealtors.growthzoneapp.com/ap/CloudFile/Download/rXmvw7dp>
- 2. Review 2020-2023 Architectural Enhancement Award Nominations at:  
<https://lawrenceboardofrealtors.growthzoneapp.com/ap/CloudFile/Download/p9Wqwz8L>

**2 Lawrence REALTORS Community Foundation Report**

- a. Discuss the 3 Open Positions for 2025-2026 LRCF Board of Trustees
  - 1. Thank you Susan Parker, Bev Hill, and Jessica Wollesen for your service on the LRCF Board of Trustees.
  - 2. Candidates for Election to the LRCF Board of Trustees. Additional Nominations to the Board of Trustees?
    - \* There are 2 open positions for REALTORS® and 1 open position for an Affiliate Member.
    - \* Current Nominees are: Deborah McMullen, Greta Carter Wilson, and Jessica Wollesen
  - 3. **Election** - Complete Nominations/Election today or at the September 26th Meeting?
- b. Currently Reviewing Proposed Bylaws - Governing Docs - Next Meeting on September 26th at 11am.
- c. [Applications for Funding are Open July 1 to October 22 - Go to https://www.lawrencerealtor.com/apply-for-funding/](https://www.lawrencerealtor.com/apply-for-funding/)
  - 1. LRCF to Meet to Review All Applications - October 24th immediately following the 10am Community Relations Committee Meeting.
  - 2. Notification of Funding to Applicants on October 29.
  - 3. **LRCF Annual Luncheon - November 19 at Arterra Event Gallery**

**3 Update/Report on the Charity Classic - October 21st at LCC**

Jill Stueve and Secily Rees are Co-Chairpersons form 2024.

a. Team/Player Registration is SOLD OUT Hole sponsors -

b. Eight (8) Hole Sponsors are Still Needed: <https://www.lawrencerealtor.com/charity-classic/>

**4 Lawrence Lights 2024**

a. Lawrence Lights Steering Committee meeting scheduled for September 4th at 4pm-5pm, at LBOR Office

b. Three work days planned at LBOR Office - putting 6' lighted trees together

1. Thursday-September 19th / Tuesday-September 24th / Thursday-September 26th: Each day from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

b. Lawrence Lights Opening Night - Saturday, November 30th ---- Closed Mondays ----- Open Through December 27th.

c. LL Committees include: Sponsorships-Karie Magee; Volunteers-Kate White; Marketing & Promotion? Setup of Static Lights (trees, etc.).

**5 Blood Drive scheduled for October 28, 29, 30 - Halloween theme to try to get Member participation numbers up?**

**6 Needed: Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons for 2025**

**7 New Business:**

**8 Next Meeting: October 24th at 10am / to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month thereafter.**

**9 Adjourn**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

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Tabled or Old Business	Due Date	Responsible Member	Done	Notes/Update
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# Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> 8/22/2024	<b>Co-Chairperson:</b> Gladys Powers	<b>Co-Vice-Chairperson:</b> Open
<b>Time:</b> 1pm - 2pm	<b>Co-Chairperson:</b> Kelsey McClasky	<b>Co-Vice-Chairperson:</b> Open
<b>Location:</b> LBOR President	<b>Staff Liaison:</b> Jill Ballew	<b>Staff Liaison:</b> Rob Hulse

## AGENDA ITEMS

No Topic	Presenter	Done	Notes/Update
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>			
1	<b>The Committee Received an update on the Charity Classic, October 21st at Lawrence Country Club</b>		
2	<b>The Committee discussed the annual River City Recognition Awards - Nominations are due September 6th.</b>		
5	<b>The Committee discussed the upcoming Blood Drive on October 28, 29, 30.</b>		
	a. The Committee needs an additional push for day 3 of the drive. We will revisit on September 26th.		
	b. Deborah McMullen and Gladys Powers agreed to volunteer in costume to help make the event fun!!		
4	<b>The Committee Received a Report on the Lawrence REALTORS Community Foundation</b>		
	a. Thank you to outgoing members Susan Parker, Bev Hill, and Jessica Wollesen.		
	b. Candidates are needed for the 2025 Board of Trustees.		
	c. Complete nominations and do the election at the September 26th meeting.		
	d. Currently Reviewing Bylaws and Policies to have a more comprehensive set of governing documents.		
5	<b>Lawrence Lights 2024</b>		
	a. The Steering Committee is meeting now. Help is needed with Fundraising and assembly of fixtures. Three work sessions are scheduled for September 19th, 24th, and 26th from 1-3pm.		
6	<b>Other Community Outreach Opportunities in 2024?</b>		
	<a href="https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach">For Reference about Committee Purpose/Role - https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach</a>		
5	<b>Committee Members were asked for help identifying next year's Committee Chairpersons.</b>		
8	<b>New Business:</b>		
9	<b>The next meeting is scheduled on September 26th at 10am / to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month thereafter.</b>		
10	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>		

Community Relations Committee 2024	Role	Jan.	2/15	March	4/10	May	6/27	7/25	8/22	9/26	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Present	Excused	Unexcused
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Kelsey McClasky	Co-Chairperson		P		E		E	P	E							
Gladys Powers	Co-Chairperson		P		P		P	E	P							
Amy Newell	Committee Member		E		P		E	U	E	E						
Amy Wilson	Committee Member		U		E		E	U	U							
Andrew Drinkard	Committee Member		P		E		E	E	P							
Bev Hill	Committee Member		P		P		P	P	P							
Cindy Glynn	Committee Member		E		E		U	E	U							
Deborag McMullen	Committee Member		U		E		P	E	P							
Jessica Wollesen	Committee Member		P		P		P	E	E							
Jill Stueve	Committee Member		P		P		E	P	U	E						
Karie Magee	Committee Member		P		P		P	E	U							
Kate White	Committee Member		E		P		U	P	U							
Kelly Rodriguez	Committee Member		P		E		E	P	U	E						
Kent Fisher	Committee Member						P	P	P							
Laura Polite	Committee Member		U		U		P	P	E	E						
Linda Dischner-Hawley	Committee Member		U		P		U	U	E							
Mary Jones	Committee Member		P		P		E	E	P							
Nesreen Iskandrani	Committee Member		U		E		U	U	U							
Scott Boling	Committee Member		P		P		P	P	P							
Secily Rees	Committee Member		P		P		E	P	E							
Steve Allen	Committee Member		P		P		P	P	E							
Susan Parker	Committee Member		E		E		P	E	E							
Wilna Strydom	Committee Member		E		P		E	P	P	E						

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# **2024 Humanitarian Contribution to the Community Nominations**

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**Nominee:**

Amy Brockman-Live Love Lawrence, and Oh for the Love Police

**Reason for Nomination:**

Amy and her team donate numerous hours daily to keep Douglas County informed of community events, police scanner issues, etc. She is the go to for events in town and keeps in close contact with community partners in regard to the unhoused, etc. Individuals are normally online 24/7 to keep everyone updated on what may be happening.

**Nominated by:**

Michelle Fales

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**Nominee:**

Deb Engstrom

**Reason for Nomination:**

Deb is a retired Special Educator for USD 497. I think she is still retired. Throughout her career she has been an advocate for those people that need help. She has coordinated the Community Christmas Dinner for 22+ years, and the Link Community Thanksgiving Dinner for longer. I have volunteered with Deb, She would give you the shirt off her back and throw in her shoes. She welcomes everyone!.

**Nominated by:**

Mary Jones

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Mary plans to share more with Committee at the September 26th Meeting of the CRC.

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**Nominee:**

The Kaw Valley Kickball Charity Committee

**Reason for Nomination:**

I wrote a long nomination that can't fit in the field provided. I will email this answer to Rob.

**Nominated by:**

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See Attachment on following page





River City Recognition Humanitarian Award Nomination for the **KVKL Charity Committee**:

Founded as a rogue kickball league in 2002 while playing the traditional elementary school yard game in Southpark with no official blessing from the city of Lawrence to use the park, Kaw Valley Kickball (KVKL) has not only grown into a 36-team league full of passionate athletes, but also a tight-knit group of hundreds of local individuals who use their passion for kickball to help raise money for and support a wide variety of local organizations.

Since 2009 (when they started keeping tabs), KVKL has raised over \$100k to donate to charities while also donating time from league members for local events and even building a manually operated scoreboard for the community to use at the historically protected Municipal Stadium at Hobbs Park. While KVKL raises funds for multiple charities every year, one charity is the main focus. Last year, the league raised \$15,000 for Baby J's Legacy of Hope. The year before that, \$10,000 was raised for the Haus of McCoy, and the year before that, \$13,000 was donated to Bert Nash. KVKL has given to many of the same organizations that the Lawrence Board of Realtors also supports. The main recipient of the 2024 fundraising endeavors will be the Douglas County Special Olympics. Previous recipients of KVKL funds are the Ballard Center, Just Food, the Lawrence Human Society, the Kansas Suicide Prevention Headquarters, and Big Brothers Big Sisters, just to name a few. Visit <https://kawvalleykickball.com/charity/> to see a more comprehensive list.

KVKL also partners with other local non-profits. There is a strong relationship with Cans for the Community (adult sports leagues tend to produce a fair amount of aluminum cans!) and the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association raises quite a lot of money for themselves by providing a concession stand at Hobbs Park for the KVKL Game of the Week where literally hundreds of spectators fill the stadium on summer Sunday nights to watch the week's featured matchup. KVKL hosts a spring charity tournament at the beginning of each season and an end of the season party / charity auction. Throughout the season, money is raised with raffles during Game of the Week; the mid-season Kickball is for All kickball clinic; the annual KVKL garage sale; and sometimes a friendly wager between two teams or individuals where the charity fund is the recipient of the winning wager.

Many LBoR members have been part of the league over the years. Brian Johnson (McGrew), past LBoR President, played on the R BAR team. Abigail Hummel (Stephens) plays on the KBC Tropics, Todd Forster (ACRES) and I (Nicholas Lerner, McGrew) play on the Red Lyon. My claim to fame is that I'm the only person to play every single season of KVKL, and I am so very proud to have watched this league grow, prosper, and do good for the Lawrence Community.

While the league, as whole, participates in raising money, the KVKL Charity Committee is a smaller group of individuals who devote countless hours to the cause to make it all happen. These are the people who deserve recognition for their humanitarian efforts. I am not a member of the Charity Committee, and I don't want this nomination perceived as a self-nomination because of my involvement in the league. The KVKL Charity Committee members are TOTAL ROCKSTARS!

I am nominating the Kaw Valley Kickball Charity Committee for the River City Recognition Award for Humanitarian Contribution not only because the entire body of charity work is impressive but because I know that receiving the award would give more prominence to KVKL and further the ability to do more good.

Kaw Valley kickball is a non profit 501(c)4. Tax ID #: 26-0564822

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**Nominee:**

Louise Pennewell, 100 Good Women

**Reason for Nomination:**

She is a longtime volunteer and advocate for the Lawrence community through 100 Good Women. Louise helps with their social media, answer's the website questions and takes the requests. She is a constant presence at all of the fundraisers. She coordinates many of the donation drives/needs and has helped recruit volunteers. Louise is who I think of when someone asks about 100 Good Women!

**Nominated by:**

Jessica Wollesen

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**Nominee:**

Nicole Van Velzen

**Reason for Nomination:**

She works closely with the Human Society and other rescues as a foster mom and would say that she'd fostered 100+ animals in her time and her goal is to own a farm one day and take care for and rehabilitate pets.

**Nominated by:**

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**Nominee:**

One Hundred Good Women

**Reason for Nomination:**

See attached

**Nominated by:**

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## One Hundred Woman Nomination

I understand that the Humanitarian Award from LBOR is usually one person who goes above and beyond in this community. However, I'm of the belief that the culmination of giving from a grassroots organization consisting of women and men in Lawrence who wish to help those less fortunate is the sum total of **ONE** individual as well, as everyone involved has **ONE** desire to assist those who need it.

In May and June of 2024, the organization helped 108 families, including 41 children. \$2950.00 in gift cards were provided, \$2450.00 in new beds and bedding, \$3300.00 in car repairs, and \$450.00 for a lift chair and other necessities.

The numbers just tell a bit of the story of what One Hundred Good Women do. They keep people employed by helping with car repairs and gas, kids get to doctor appointments, necessities are purchased that other services don't cover, such as laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, diapers and other baby items, and special dietary needs. The beds purchased helped 2 cancer patients and let some homeless families find a place to call home. And they also assist women in DV situations by providing temporary housing until they are established in more permanent locations.

What this organization has done for Lawrencians is nothing short of a miracle. By giving them the Humanitarian Award, we can build awareness of the organization so that they can continue to help others in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Parker

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Past Chairperson Lawrence Realtors® Community Foundation

Realtor with Platinum Realty

September 21, 2024

**Selection Committee**

LBOR Community Relations Committee

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to nominate Kar Woo for the 2024 River City Recognition Humanitarian Award. His unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others and his remarkable achievements in community service make him an exemplary candidate for this honor.

Woo arrived in America as a young man with only \$50 in his pocket. He has transformed his initial adversity into a beacon of hope for countless individuals. His incredible journey, marked by extraordinary artistic talent and a profound sense of purpose, led him to establish Artist Helping the Homeless (AHH). This organization has become a cornerstone of support for hundreds of people each year, providing essential resources in numerous ways.

Woo has been instrumental in facilitating crucial transitional programs for young men emerging from the Douglas County court system as well as in the Kansas City area. Please watch this video from the Douglas County Sheriff's Department: <http://ahh.org/2024/07/sherriff-office-donates-van/> Woo identified an incredible need to help these individuals change the direction their lives were heading. "Be the Change" is Woo's mantra and wow does he ever exemplify these words with far reaching positive change.

Everything from helping homeless people find services in Lawrence and the Kansas City area to feeding numerous Lawrence houseless individuals on a weekly basis. Woo and his team can be relied upon each week to respond to and help in a variety of ways to assist other charitable organizations. They really do provide wrap-around services. Woo was featured in Women's Day Magazine in April of 2024. Please look at this article. <http://ahh.org/2024/08/kar-woo-featured-in-my-perfect-day-series-premiere-and-womans-day-magazine/>

One example of Woo assisting fellow charities is when the "Lawrence Lights Making Spirits Bright" volunteers were in desperate need of assistance with set-up. Woo responded to the call by immediately sending two vehicles full of helpers to the set-up site. Woo also brings his support to the Lawrence Realtor's® Community Foundation's fundraising efforts by attending our "All in for the Community" Texas Hold'em Tournament each year. Several of his staff, either from the Kairos House and/or the Meraki House can be found at this event playing poker, interacting with others, and just having an overall good time at this event.

Through Woo's dedicated efforts, countless young men have had the opportunity to turn their lives around, find stability, and achieve success within their communities. Many of these individuals have begun their journey by entering one of the AHH respite homes in Lawrence. Many of these individuals have not only gone on to thrive in leadership roles but have also become pillars of their families and communities, demonstrating the powerful impact of Woo's work. Many of these young men now serve as inspiring role models and exemplary parental figures, further amplifying the positive ripple effect initiated by Woo's vision. Some have become so successful they have even been able to realize the American dream by purchasing their own homes.

Woo's impact extends beyond the immediate scope of his organization. His humble demeanor, kindness, and relentless drive to touch more lives reflect the true essence of humanitarianism. Woo would be the first to tell you that he couldn't do any of the work he's doing without the help of many of those inside the AHH organization, as well as the many community partners who come alongside him in to make it all possible. His personal journey of overcoming hardship, coupled with his artistic talents, has inspired and uplifted thousands, creating a legacy of compassion and service.

In summary, Woo's profound contributions to society, his ability to transform lives, and his unwavering dedication to helping those in need illustrate the highest ideals of humanitarian work. His extraordinary efforts have made a significant difference in our community, and I believe he is most deserving of this prestigious recognition. It is without reservation that I recommend him for the 2024 River City Recognition Humanitarian Award.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Susan Parker  
Realtor

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Community Relations Committee  
Lawrence Realtors Community Foundation

Re: River City Recognition Humanitarian Award

Kar Woo is a worthy candidate for this award for many reasons. As background, Woo came to the U.S. to attend college. That pursuit took him to KU. While a student, the apartment building where he lived burned leaving him unhoused and in debt for his new furniture that had become ashes. A co-worker's mother invited him to stay with them until he got back on his feet. Woo went on to get a B:S. in Psychology from KU. He was taking post-graduate studies in Counseling when his parents immigrated. True to Chinese custom, he curtailed his studies to support the family by creating and operating a business. When he moved his store, he encountered unhoused people for the first time. Learning meal programs did not operate on Sunday nights, Woo formed Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH) as a 501(c)3 public charity to fund one through the proceeds of art events and sales.

In 2010, Woo put the business he'd created and run for over two decades "on hiatus" to tackle the community challenge of homelessness. Woo brought fresh eyes to this old problem when he created a transportation-based hospital diversion program. It worked. One hospital attributed a \$1.7 mln annual savings in homeless ED cases to the program. The trips were an opportunity to learn riders' challenges and soon, working with other providers, he was finding innovative solutions to individual and systemic challenges. Woo likened the process to "giving an artist a blank slate."

One of those solutions was a respite house that filled housing gaps enabling unhoused men who lacked resources to avoid being unhoused while wait-listed for services. Respite house residents could address co-existing issues while they waited. This proved effective with young adult men whose behavior had alienated them from families and the very agencies that could help them. In 2019, the respite house concept was replicated in Lawrence with Kairos House and adapted to the needs of the re-entry population. Two years later, a transitional house, Meraki House, opened to fill another local gap, limited transitional housing.

Food, shelter, transportation and full wrap-around services are provided, free of charge, so respite house residents can take inventory and focus on creating and implementing re-entry plans. After hitting life's "reset button," residents have gone on to thrive with jobs in fields of their interest, become husbands, fathers and home owners. Today, they are contributing to the local emergency services they once relied upon, often heavily.

Woo's tireless effort results in regularly working 12-14 hours days and 7 day weeks assisting those in need. He frequently meets people at their lowest point, often in crisis. Woo cares and he has instilled a culture of caring that is evident in both AHH's procedures and success. Keenly aware transportation is a major challenge for the unhoused, AHH meets people where they are, literally and figuratively. By design, AHH staff are program graduates whose lived experience of substance



use, being unhoused and/or incarcerated enable them to relate and build trust with clients. They understand, empathize, and provide living examples the seemingly daunting task of recovery and re-entry is possible.

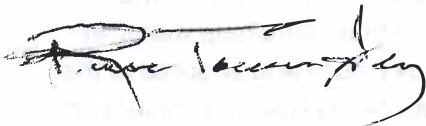
That culture is also evident in how AHH measures success. Rather than citing the number of nights housed, rides or other services rendered, AHH measures success by the progress of residents in navigating their path to recovery/re-entry. That involves coordinating the services of other safety net providers while filling any gaps that may arise. Fostering communication, collaboration and engagement increases the efficiency and outcomes for both participants and safety net agencies. As a result, the collective impact of the local safety net is improved.

That culture is also evident in comments of participants. Last summer, Woo received a thank you note from the bride of a program graduate for attending their wedding. "Your being there meant so much because without you, all this would not have been possible." Another former resident wrote, "You believed in me when no one else did, not even me." Yet another wrote, "Because of you, my son has a father and my father has a son."

Beside the humanitarian benefit, AHH's programs present a financial benefit for the community. Studies have found AHH participants have significantly reduced hospital and jail stays, interaction with law enforcement, and ambulance calls. The program's transportation and coordination of services reduced costly duplication and fragmentation of services.

I've known and worked with Woo for many years. He justifiably credits AHH's Douglas County staff for its accomplishments. He also says his entire life, being a foreign student, studying psychology at KU, suddenly losing his home, and creating and running his own business, prepared him for what he does today. He is just paying forward the help so many people gave him. Yet, now in the 15th year of his "2 year project," Kar Woo continues to make a difference in the lives of people who are, have been or are at risk of becoming unhoused and in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Townsley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Charlie Jacobson

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Dear Community Relations Community Members,

We are writing this letter to nominate Kar Woo, founder of Artists Helping the Homeless, for the 2024 River City Recognition Humanitarian award. His dedication to his mission of uplifting and empowering men dealing with the issues of homelessness, addiction and incarceration has had a transformative impact on both our lives and the lives of the countless men we have joined him in serving. Immigrating from Hong Kong on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, becoming homeless after an apartment fire shortly thereafter, and triumphing to put himself through college and bring his family to the US, he has coupled his personal understanding of what it is to be an outsider and an underdog with an artist's eye for opportunity and improvement. The two houses AHH operates in Douglas County, Kairos House and Meraki House, get their names from Ancient Greek words whose meanings appealed to Kar and his ethos of service to others. Kairos means 'the right or critical moment', and for those of us who have been aided by him, it was at this exact moment that he offered us the support and sanctuary we needed most. For those of us who have joined him in his mission as AHH employees, the meaning is two-fold, for just as we were pondering our next steps in life, having built our foundations at Kairos House, we were provided with an opportunity to give back to the program as we built our futures. Meraki literally translates to 'essence of yourself', more practically translating into putting your own flair, pride and passion into every endeavor you undertake. To know Kar is to know that he lives and breathes his mission – no days off, working all day, every day, and with an eagerness to re-define the limits of what is possible that has transformed both our lives and the lives of countless others. He has remained committed to his vision through personal health challenges and public health crises, opening new houses and expanding the scope of the program to bring aid to those who need it most. As the City of Lawrence begins a new chapter in its fight to end homelessness, he has emerged as an invaluable partner. We are proud to nominate him for this award, and humbly request your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

The AHH Lawrence Staff

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**Nominee:**

Kar Woo - AHH

**Reason for Nomination:**

He is an outstanding humanitarian in Lawrence. He helps feed and house the homeless!!

**Nominated by:**

linda Hawley

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September 24, 2024

To the LBOR Community Relations Committee

Hello, my name is Timothy Shoulderblade, I was raised in Montana's Lame deer Reservation. I took my first drink when I was 9 and began using meth at 13 when I lost my father and brother. For much of my youth I was in and out of juvenile detention. After moving to Tulsa, I became homeless when a long-term relationship ended. I was 22. Over the next eight years, I turned to crime to support myself and my substance use. Following the death of my mother, I moved to Kansas City to work for a childhood friend. When he left town, I set up camp by the river in North Lawrence. In 2022, I was again in jail.

That's where I met Kar Woo. Artists Helping the Homeless gave me the opportunity to hit life's "reset button". I moved to Kairos in January 2023 and was accepted into Douglas County Drug Court shortly thereafter. I got a job, attended outpatient treatment, completed Kansas certified peer mentor training, obtained my GED and enrolled at Haskell, all while at Kairos and, later Meraki. This spring I completed Drug Court.

Recently, my wife and I moved into our own apartment. I'm in my third semester studying social work at Haskell Indian Nation University and working as an Outreach Specialist with AHH. I'm active in Douglas County Drug Court alumni group and working toward becoming an accredited facilitator with the Medicine Wheel 12 Step program geared toward bringing culturally based healing to Native American Communities.

I'm honored to nominate Kar Woo for the 2024 River City Recognition Humanitarian Award. My life has been changed because of his vision, guidance and generosity.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Timothy Shoulderblade

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# **2024 Architectural Enhancement in the Community Nominations**

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**Nominee:**

Alpha Roofing

**Nominee's Organization**

Jessica Wollesen, First State Bank & Trust

**Address of Property Location:**

1220 N 3rd St. Lawrence KS 66044

**Reason for Nomination:**

The building has really improved the look of that corner of North Lawrence. The new beautiful building can be seen from the interstate. It is nice to see updates to that area and it really enhances the City of Lawrence, and I believe it will attract even more businesses to North Lawrence, too.

**Nominated by:**

Jessica Wollesen

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**Nominee:**

Tony Krsnich

**Nominee's Organization**

Flint Hills Holding

**Address of Property Location:**

8th and Pennsylvania, 11th and Mass, 11th and New Hampshire

**Reason for Nomination:**

While Tony has won before on Cider Gallery, Tony continues to put his energy into giving Lawrence additional opportunities to build new housing, infill empty lots, restore old buildings, and change the landscape of East Lawrence. Additionally, his projects receive tax credits and in return the buildings offer rent controlled housing for Lawrence individuals.

**Nominated by:**

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Lawrence Board of Realtors  
River City Recognition Awards  
2024 Architectural Enhancement

Dear Selection Committee,

I am excited to nominate the Delta Delta Delta Chapter at the University of Kansas and the collection of professionals that collaborated on the new chapter house at 1630 Oxford Road.

Delta Delta Delta completed the process of removing their previous home and constructing a beautiful new home in its place this summer. The architectural details, scale, materials, colors, & craftsmanship of this new chapter house are all award worthy and have made a significant improvement to the neighborhood.

The home totals roughly 24,000 square feet, is three stories and is home to 72 occupants.

Wier Boerner Allin, Nashville – Architect  
MarLan Construction – Contractor  
Bartlett & West – Planning, Civil Engineering & Landscape Architecture

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Oliver Minnis  
Co-Owner, Sales Manager  
Stephens Real Estate