



Since 2014, the Social Justice Committee has presented the Courageous Love Award to San Antonio area social justice heroes. Each year, on the Sunday before Martin Luther King Day, the Social Justice Committee of this church presents the *Courageous Love Award* to several individuals or organizations from our larger community that have shown courage and touched hearts in ways that exhibit Unitarian Universalist values.

### **Previous Recipients of the Courageous Love Award**

- 2023: Deborah Bush, Jacquelyn Callanen, and Laquita Garcia
- 2022: Pharoah Clark and Josie Garcia, Reliable Revolutionaries; Doshie Piper, LLD, PhD
- 2021: Ananda Tomas, FixSAPD; Assistant City Manager Dr. Colleen Bridger for her key role in the City's pandemic response and Commission on Domestic Violence
- 2020: Carolina Canizales for her work on behalf of immigrants with SA Stands; Douglas Melnick for his work on San Antonio's Climate change and adaptation plan; and City of San Antonio Manager Erik Walsh for leading San Antonio's compassionate response to the large number of asylum seekers making their way through the city.
- 2019: Mario Salas; Aundar Ma'at and Born Logic Allah
- 2018: Mehmet Oguz, executive director of the Dialogue Institute San Antonio; Sister Denise LaRock, Interfaith Welcome Coalition services to asylum-seekers; and Marissa Bono, Mayor Nirenberg's Chief of Policy.
- 2017: Patti Radle, President of the SAISD School Board, and Pedro Martinez, Superintendent of SAISD.
- 2016: Jeffrey Hons, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood South Texas; Rev. Kelly Allen, Founder and Director of the Interfaith Welcome Coalition; Jonathan Ryan, Executive Director of RAICES
- 2015: Healthy Futures, Planned Parenthood, and Project QUEST
- 2014: Diego Bernal, Planned Parenthood, and CAUSA