

# Courageous Love Award

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

- 2025: Ada Babineaux, San Antonio International Black Film Festival  
Andrea 'Vocab' Sanderson, former San Antonio poet laureate  
Rev. Rob Mueller, Divine Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
Ramon Vasquez y Sanchez & Ramon Vasquez, American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions
- 2024: League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Region  
Rev. Ann Helmke, Faith Liaison for the City of San Antonio.
- 2023: Deborah Bush, Marquise Jones Foundation  
Jacquelyn Callanen, Bexar County Elections Department  
Laquita Garcia, Texas Organizing Project
- 2022: Pharoah Clark & Josie Garcia, Reliable Revolutionaries  
Doshie Piper, Professor of Criminal Justice, UIW
- 2021: Ananda Tomas, FixSAPD  
Dr. Colleen Bridger, Assistant City Manager
- 2020: Carolina Canizales, SA Stands  
Douglas Melnick, San Antonio's Climate change and adaptation plan  
Erik Walsh, City of San Antonio Manager
- 2019: Mario Salas, San Antonio Civil Rights Leader, Author, Politician  
Aundar Ma'at & Born Logic Allah, Melaneyes Media
- 2018: Mehmet Oguz, Dialogue Institute San Antonio  
Sister Denise LaRock, Interfaith Welcome Coalition  
Marissa Bono, Mayor Nirenberg's Chief of Policy.
- 2017: Patti Radle, President of the SAISD School Board  
Pedro Martinez, Superintendent of SAISD
- 2016: Jeffrey Hons, Planned Parenthood South Texas  
Rev. Kelly Allen, Interfaith Welcome Coalition  
Jonathan Ryan, RAICES

2015: Healthy Futures  
Planned Parenthood  
Project QUEST 2014  
Diego Bernal  
CAUSA