

All Human, All Equal

Prince William County Human Rights Commission Oath

I, (my name), do solemnly vow, on the 14th day of January 2024, Universal Human Rights Day, to commit myself to the following:

I pledge to recognize the dignity, equality and inalienable rights to the pursuit of happiness for all members of the human family.

I pledge to support the principles of freedom, justice and peace in Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park.

I pledge to promote social progress and higher standards of living for all individuals.

I pledge to address the needs of families in our community in a shared partnership, as well as show love and fight intolerance and bigotry.

I pledge to respect the honor and reputation of humankind and not participate in rumors, hearsay, backbiting or bearing false witness.

I pledge commitment to the community effort that will serve as a beacon to the goal of human justice and global harmony.

To these principles, I make this solemn pledge.

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PRINCE WILLIAM
Human Rights

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY *Celebration*



2024 marks the 70th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Ralph Smith, Guest Speaker

Manassas City Councilman

January 13, 2024 | 10 a.m.

James J. McCoart Building
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

Human Rights 2023 Awardees

This year's theme is "Freedom, Equality and Justice for All." Also, we are highlighting the 70th anniversary of the landmark civil rights decision of 1954, better known as Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, which occurs in May of 2024.

Traditionally, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission celebrates this day by recognizing persons and/or organizations that by their actions express and promote the principles of Human Rights. This year we are recognizing the following two individuals and three group awards.

Introduction by Commissioner BruMar

The Prince William County Police Women's Mentorship Program

Founders Lieutenant Astrid Robinson and Detective Michelle McAllister, for empowering, encouraging and advancing women's professional growth and self-improvement in the Prince William County Police Department.

Introduction by Commissioner Benjamin Baldwin:

The Prince William County Community Foundation (PWCCF)

Founder Dr. Vanessa Gattis, for providing multi-faceted support to the county's most vulnerable, emphasizing the dire need to combat food insecurity.

Introduction by Commissioner Young:

Chrissy Fauls

Prince William County resident Chrissy Fauls, for relentlessly fighting to provide local resources to educate and empower community members to make a difference in their neighborhoods and households on tough subjects such as addiction, gangs, human trafficking, online exploitation and mental health.

Introduction by Commissioner Aaron Muz:

MATCH UP (Maternal and Child Health Upliftment and Progress)

Founder Rania Lateef, for striving to improve the lives of new mothers and babies who do not have access to essential postnatal items. MATCH UP has forged successful partnerships with local healthcare organizations to deliver diapers and care packages to needy families.

Introduction by Commissioner William Johnston:

Elizabeth Goldstein

Rabbi Goldstein of congregation Ner Shalom, for her dedication to a career of drawing from Jewish history and values to work toward social justice. She is happy to serve the Ner Shalom community and Prince William County and is actively involved in fighting antisemitism in Prince William County through education and community dialogue.

Presentation of Colors

Prince William County Joint Public Safety Honor Guard

Master of Ceremonies

Curtis O. Porter
Chair, Human Rights Commission

Welcome & Introduction

Chairman Porter

Greetings

Deshundra Jefferson
Chair at-Large, Prince William Board of County Supervisors

Remarks

Christopher Shorter
Prince William County Executive

Keynote Address

Ralph Smith
Councilman, City of Manassas

Presentation of Human Rights Awards

Human Rights Commissioners

Human Rights Oath

Ramunda Young
Parliamentarian

History of the Human Rights Commission Chairman Porter

Closing Remarks

Raul Torres
Executive Director,
Human Rights Commission