



## Lee Hampton receives 2011 Sadie and Ex Rhodes Barham Award



Lee Hampton

The Jackson County Branch NAACP presented the 2011 Sadie and Ex Rhodes Barham Award to Lee Hampton on October 9, 2011 at The Jackson Country Club. The inscription on plaque reads, "In recognition of your unselfish acts of support and tremendous courage in the fight for justice and equality."



Sheila Patterson

"The Sadie and Ex Rhodes Barham award is given each year to recognize a person(s) who has made extraordinary sacrifices to protect the Civil Rights of others", commented Sheila Patterson. "Lee has demonstrated infinite courage in the fight for justice and equality."

I don't know of a more deserving person that should have received this award! Lee's dedication and commitment to the community and to our youth should be commended. A true leader never sits back and watches things happen!

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## Pat Anderson COMMUNITY GIANT

A diminutive Pat Anderson stands approximately 5'4" tall, but measured by her contribution to the community of Jackson, she looms as large as a California Redwood.

Patricia Anderson has contributed to her community in many ways.

A retired schoolteacher, she taught first through sixth grades at Lincoln and Hunt Elementary for 20 years, and she was named Jackson Public Schools' Outstanding Educator in 1982.



Shelly Hendrick

"Pat's contributions to so many great causes in Jackson made such a difference. Her quiet, yet commanding presence and leadership helped shape our community. I always enjoy seeing her at community events with Charlie."-Shelly Hendrick



Pat and Charles Anderson at the Jackson Community College annual Martin Luther King awards dinner in 2010



Samella Kendrick

Mrs. Samella recalls, "As I reflect on particular attributes of Patricia Anderson, I remember a sagacious woman who had a passion for her students to learn critically, analytically and logically. It was evident that she was an educator committed to doing a superior job, whereas, she spent tireless hours before and after school preparing to implement innovative ideas and teaching techniques for her students. In her classroom, she had a dignity board which focused her students to have a good attitude and respect for themselves and oth-

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## Lee Hampton

They go out and make things happen! This speaks to the true character of Lee Hampton! He stands in faith, what he believes in, he seeks the truth, he helps to bridge gaps, and he commands honesty and integrity from those he encounters. They say a house is built with one brick at a time, well so is a community and I'm glad we have Lee in ours."

"I'm deeply humbled and thankful to the NAACP for even considering me for this award", said Lee Hampton. "I expressed to Mrs. Miriam Dorsey-Brown, who nominated me, that my age was of concern because typically I've always viewed the recipients of community awards, especially this award, as someone who has devoted years of service to the community. With that being said, I feel that there are persons in our community much more deserving. Nevertheless, I'm thankful to the NAACP for their support in many of my different initiatives. I'm tremendously grateful for my position at JCC and the support they have given me in regards to improving the educational condition of the community of color.

Lee Hampton has served as the Director of Multicultural Relations at Jackson Community College since 2005. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University, an Associate's Degree from Lansing Community College, and graduated from Lansing Barber College.

Previously, Lee served as a Coordinator of the Michigan College & University Partnership Program at Spring Arbor University.

Lee is a published author and creator of an international Christian Youth newspaper. He is deeply committed to his beloved Jackson community and serves on many local boards, committees, and advisory groups, such as: board of directors for the Jackson Michigan Downtown Development Authority; Jackson Armory Arts Project.

"Lee Hampton's vision for Jackson has propelled a vast number of students to follow

their dreams. His tenacious belief that all students can attend and succeed in college has veritably inspired numerous students at Jackson Community College. He is a courageous leader and role models are desperately needed in our community.

Additionally, he is a mighty man of God.

Congratulations Lee Hampton! You do make a difference, thank you."-Samella Kendrick

Lee is very passionate about the educational qualifications of today's youth, in particular, the students of color. In 2008 he coordinated an unprecedented event, The African American Male Summit. An event so significant that institutions nationally and internationally alike have used it as a blueprint to identify and address major issues that plague black males in the various communities.

Professionally, Lee's title is Multicultural director at JCC, personally Lee's passion is people. "I have a calling to simply help people, whether it be spiritually, emotionally, mentally, educationally or financially," said Hampton.

"Lee Hampton has been one of our most innovative leaders in the last two decades. He has been part of the founders and initiators of a wonderful variety of programs and organizations which really made a difference for us. He is also one of those people who truly know how to encourage others. He makes people feel good about life and what they can do with their lives. That is a precious gift! He too is a dignified person of faith, faithful to the cause of righteousness and justice!- Pastor Jay Cummings.

Lee, as a community leadership and diversity trainer, was one of the only 300 people nominated and selected to attend the United States Senate Future Leadership Summit held on September 21, 2006 in Washington D.C.

He is married to his wife, Melinda, and they have six wonderful children. They reside in Jackson, Michigan.



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**Lee Hampton coordinated The African American Male Summit. The initiative has been modeled by other institutions nationally and internationally alike.**



**Lee Hampton(left center) as an organizer, brings community leaders together in 2006 to discuss key issues that affect the Jackson community.**



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## Patricia Anderson

“She went beyond the call of duty exposing her students outside of the classroom with trips to Chicago, Mackinaw Island, history tours of Jackson, the arts and innumerable experiences to enrich their reading, writing, math, history and social skills. If a child needed food, clothing, shelter, a ride home or a pat on the back, Patricia was there to meet those needs. Former students continue to give her accolades for teaching, inspiring, encouraging and setting them up for success.

Pat was the first African American woman to receive the Teacher of the Year in the Jackson Public Schools. Actually, she should have won the Nobel Peace Prize.

What an outstanding educator, mentor and friend !”-Samella Kendrick

Today Pat visits classrooms dressed in authentic Senegalese clothing to tell some of her favorite African folk tales. She has also visited libraries during Black History Month to read African folk tales and stories. She has served on countless boards and committees, and has worked to mentor young community leaders. Mrs. Anderson has been a volunteer with the annual Toys for Tots drive and co-chairs the Friendly Visitor Program at Foote Hospital. She is and active leader for the Church of Christ on Higby Street, where she works in the Blessing Shop, gathers food and clothing for those in need, and is instrumental in preparing the annual Thanksgiving dinner. She and her husband, Charles, were winners of the Jackson Community College 2007 Martin Luther King Jr. Medal of Service Award in honor of their commitment to service and the Jackson community. They were also named 1997 Citizens of the year by the Jackson Citizen Patriot and were the first couple to receive this honor.




Pastor Jay Cummings, St. John’s United Church of Christ

“Pat Anderson has been a long standing role model for all in the Jackson community and beyond. I appreciate her gifts in education and community outreach.

I am especially thankful for the way she has kept up the work for what is right in a quiet and unrelenting manner. Mrs. Anderson seems to be a tireless leader.

First and foremost she is a woman of faith who is faithful to the generous spirit found in Christ. I admire her for that!”

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### Proposal Solicitation for the City of Jackson's 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Funds

The City of Jackson invites interested agencies, groups, or citizens to submit Funding Applications for CDBG and HOME funding. The Federal CDBG grant to the City for 2012-2013 is anticipated to be approximately \$1,280,912; the HOME grant will be approximately \$312,235. Application packages are available electronically at <http://www.cityofjackson.org/community-development/grant-applications> or by e-mail request to [mpultz@cityofjackson.org](mailto:mpultz@cityofjackson.org).

Fully completed applications are to be received by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011** at:

Community Development Department  
ATTN: Michelle L. Pultz  
161 W Michigan Ave, 3rd Floor  
Jackson, MI 49201  
(517) 768-6436

The Housing and Community Development Act and HOME legislation entitles the City of Jackson to participate in a program aimed at the development of viable communities including decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. The program purposes and range of activities eligible for funding are listed below:

National objectives are set forth in the legislation and include:

1. Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
  - a. Area benefit activities (e.g. acquisition of land to be used as a neighborhood park, construction of a health clinic, improvements to public infrastructure, and development of a community center);
  - b. Limited clientele activities (e.g. acquisition of a building to be converted into a homeless shelter, rehabilitation of a center for training severely disabled persons, clearance of a structure from the future site of a neighborhood center to serve the elderly, public service activities like the provision of health services);
    - c. Housing activities; or
    - d. Job creation or retention activities.
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
  - a. Area basis – elimination of conditions of blight or physical decay in a designated slum or blighted area.
  - b. Spot basis – elimination of conditions of blight or physical decay outside a designated slum or blighted area.
3. Meet a need having a particular urgency (designed only for activities that alleviate emergency conditions).

#### Range of Activities

The following list of eligible activities does not in itself render an activity eligible. There are other requirements that must be met to qualify a specific activity for assistance. In particular, all projects and activities must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or meet other community development needs of a particular urgency. One of these three general categories must be met in order for a project to be deemed eligible.

A Community Development program may generally include:

1. The acquisition of real property.
2. The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works, facilities, and site or other improvements.
3. Clearance, demolition, and removal of buildings and improvements.
4. Special projects directed to the removal of materials and architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons.
5. Payments to housing owners for losses of rental income incurred in holding for temporary periods housing units to be utilized for the relocation of individuals and families displaced by Community Development Program activities.
6. Disposition of any real property acquired pursuant to current regulations or its retention for public purposes.
7. Provision of public services, not to exceed 15% of the total Federal grant.
8. Payment of the non-federal share required in connection with a federal grant-in-aid program undertaken as part of the Community Development Program.
9. Payment of the cost of completing an urban renewal project.
10. Relocation payments and assistance.
11. Code enforcement in deteriorated or deteriorating properties.
12. New housing construction (HOME funds only).
13. Rehabilitation.
14. Rehabilitation, preservation, restoration, and acquisition of historic properties.
15. Economic development activities.
16. Planning and Administration.

#### Ineligible Activities

The following is a list of ineligible activities:

1. Public facilities for the general conduct of government.
2. Purchase of equipment.
3. Operating and maintenance expenses.
4. General government expenses.
5. Political activities.
6. New housing construction (CDBG funds only).
7. Income payments.

The City's Community Development Department will provide information and technical advice, but cannot aid in the writing of the application. For assistance, please call Michelle L. Pultz at (517) 768-6436, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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## Pat Anderson Stands Tall



**Pat Anderson and her husband Charles with Homita McDonald**

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"Pat is always concerned about others, especially those in challenging circumstances and has worked tirelessly to serve. Her commitment inspired my husband and I to support the Christmas Gift Store at her church and we were always so impressed by the time and energy that she put into making this an annual success."

"A dedicated volunteer at Allegiance, Pat helped in many ways in service to the sick. No responsibility was too big or too



**Georgia Fojtasek**  
CEO Allegiance Health

small for Pat when it came to fulfilling her volunteer role here. Her bright smile and laugh are always welcome in what can be a stressful environment."-Georgia Fojtasek

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thanks  
**Patricia Anderson**  
for her contribution  
to the Jackson Community

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The key is that you have to do your part and choose to be obedient to His commands. You have to keep your heart and mind open to Him and maintain an attitude of faith and expectancy. Most of all, you have to watch how you treat others and choose to live in peace and unity because the Bible says that when we live in unity, there He has commanded the blessing. When your heart is in the place of blessing, the rest of your life will be in the place of blessing, too! Today, choose love, choose peace, choose His Word, and choose to enter in to your place of blessing!

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