

## History of the Humanitarian Award

The Humanitarian Award was the vision of Mr. Angelo Geocaris, and was first awarded in 1959 to Senator Paul Douglas. The award recognizes individuals and organizations who have concern for, or help to improve the welfare and happiness of other people. Recipients have made extraordinary contributions to society and have had a significant impact on the lives of others in their community. Recipients of the Humanitarian Award believe in the mission of the Abraham Lincoln Centre and help carry out its motto “Helping People Help Themselves.”

### *Past Award Recipients:*

2010 – Mary B. Richardson-Lowry, Partner-Mayer Brown, President-Chicago Board of Education

2009 – Gale Sayers, NFL Hall of Fame Legend, Successful Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist

2008—AARP

2005 – The Angelo Geocaris Family

2004—Cordell Reed Executive ComEd, an Exelon Company

2003—Honorable Emil Jones President Illinois State Senate

2001—

- Jesse D. Madison Former President & CEO Abraham Lincoln Centre
- 2000—Bishop Arthur M. Brazier Founder and Pastor Apostolic Church of God
- United Airlines
- United Parcel Service

1999—Bank of America

1998—H. Laurence Fuller Chairman and CEO Amoco Corporation

1997—Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Smith, Sr. President Chicago Theological Seminary

1996—Lester H. McKeever, Jr. Managing Partner Washington, Pittman & McKeever

1995—Ardis Krainik General Director Lyric Opera

1994—Jacoby Dickens Chairman Seaway National Bank of Chicago

1993—Frank W. Considine Honorary Chairman, Executive Committee American National Can Company

1992—Richard M. Morrow Retired Chairman Amoco Corporation

1991—Eugene A. Tracy Chairman, Executive Committee Peoples Energy Corporation

1990—Newton N. Minow Partner Sidley & Austin

1989—James J. O’Connor Chairman and CEO Kraft, Inc.

1987—Norman Ross Retired Senior Vice-President The First National Bank of Chicago

1986—James F. Bere Chairman and CEO Borg-Warner Corporation



ALC Past Award Recipients

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- 1985—Edwin C. “Bill” Berry Special Assistant to the President Johnson Products Company, Inc.  
1984—Stanton R. Cook President and CEO Chicago Tribune  
1983—James J. Brice Senior Partner Arthur Andersen & Co.  
1982—Dr. John Hope Franklin Historian, Educator, Author  
1981—Frederick G. Jaicks Chairman Inland Steel Co.  
1980—John E. Swearingen Chairman Standard Oil (Indiana)  
1979—John D. Gray Chairman Hart Schaffner & Marx  
1978—Thomas G. Ayers Chairman Commonwealth Edison  
1977—A. Robert Abboud Chairman The First National Bank of Chicago  
1976—Herbert Muhammad Businessman, Lecturer, Manager for Muhammad Ali  
1975—Patrick E. Gorman Secretary/Treasurer, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America  
1974—Mr. & Mrs. John H. Johnson Publisher Johnson Publishing Co. Inc.  
1973—Arthur M. Wood Chairman Sears Roebuck & Co.  
1972—George E. Johnson President Johnson Products Co., Inc.  
1971—Angelo G. Geocaris President Geocaris Schlitz  
1970—Samuel William Sax President Exchange National Bank  
1969—C. Virgil Martin President Carson Pirie Scott & Co.  
1968—James C. Cook Chairman Illinois Bell  
1967—Mr. & Mrs. Ben W. Heineman Chairman Northwest Industries  
1965—Robert A. Uihlein, Jr. Chairman Joseph Schlitz & Co.  
1964—Arnold H. Maremont President Maremont Foundation  
1962—Honorable Charles H. Percy United States Senator, Illinois  
1961—Honorable Otto J. Kerner Governor State of Illinois  
1960—Honorable Richard J. Daley Mayor City of Chicago  
1959—Honorable Paul H. Douglas United States Senator, Illinois

