The Lena M. Gantt
Distinguished Community Service Award

Lena M. Gantt made community work her life’s mission. Mrs. Gantt felt that God’s purpose for putting her here was to help those less fortunate. She refused to believe that there were acceptable reasons or barriers to keep people unhappy and poor.

In Rochester, there was hardly a single forum on health, social, educational and recreational needs of children and youth held without Mrs. Gantt’s presence and strong aggressive participation. She advocated for putting in tot lots on City-owned vacant land, establishing a day care center for children of working parents, and securing camperships for children from low-income families. Mrs. Gantt also lobbied strongly for building more recreational areas and centers in the low-income community.

For over 30 years, Mrs. Gantt served on numerous boards. From 1965 until February, 1982 when illness forced her to resign, she served on the Action for a Better Community, Inc., Board.

Action for a Better Community, Inc., acknowledges the contributions made to mankind by this great lady with the annual presentation of the Lena M. Gantt Distinguished Community Service Award. The award is presented to honor the one volunteer whose record of dedicated community service best reflects the life and work of Lena M. Gantt. As ABC, Inc., continues this tradition, so shall we never forget the contributions made to this community by Mrs. Gantt.

Previous recipients are:

1989 Freddie L. Caldwell 1999 Ruth Fleischman 2009 Midge Thomas
1990 Ellen Stubbs 2000 Hank Herrera 2010 George Moses
1993 Lavonne B. Poles-Stanford 2003 Jean Alligood Dorsey

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Nominee: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________ Phone: __________________
Affiliation: ________________________________

Nominator: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________ Phone Home: __________________ Work: __________ Fax: __________

In selecting the recipient, the selection committee will consider how the nominee has:

Demonstrated commitment to meeting the needs of the impoverished and disadvantaged:

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Volunteered in the arena of direct service, advocacy and/or board involvement:

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Provided support to community organizations serving children, youth, housing, health care and/or the elderly:

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Submit completed nomination material by July 31, 2013 along with copies of articles, speeches and/or awards your nominee has received c/o Cherise Jordan via fax at 399-8429 or cjordan@abcinfo.org.

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