

Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden announces Eighth Ward Community Leader Awards

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The Eighth Ward Community Leadership Awards and Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leadership Awards were presented at “Early Mornings with Elizabeth” January 30 at the Turtle Bread Company, 48th Street and Chicago. Award recipients were recognized for their dedication and service to community.

Community Leadership Awards

- Park Avenue Youth and Family Services (Central neighborhood): Providing service to youth and families in Central, Powderhorn Park, and Phillips neighborhoods with summer camps, academic programs, and family services.
- Catherine Williams (Field neighborhood): Lifelong community leadership and political activism, including service as an election judge for over 20 years.
- Steve Jevning (Kingfield neighborhood): Founder and director of Leonardo’s Basement, promoting community connections and creative learning for youth and adults through a mixture of art, science and technology.
- Ceola Lazo (Regina neighborhood): Inspiring her Green Central students by “making history real”, organizing and fundraising for a yearly trip to the Bad Lands.

Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leadership Awards

- Shonda Allen (Powderhorn Park neighborhood): Spearheading creation of Kidz Café, a creative combination of nutritional meals and adult mentorship for neighborhood youth
- Ashley Coleman (Bryant neighborhood): Founder of Diva Rags at the age of 15, 23-year-old Ashley promotes a business model that incorporates community service and “giving back.”

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