

2017 REV. JEROME R. MILTON AWARD FOR NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE

Tyler Together Race Relations Forum is pleased to announce the recipient of our **2017 REV. JEROME R. MILTON AWARD FOR NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE** is :

East Texas Cares Resource Center (Executive Director, Dr. Jeanette D. Calhoun)



About East Texas Cares

East Texas Cares Resource Center is committed to working with and assisting persons affected by or living with HIV/AIDS and their families by creating opportunities to improve and enhance their quality of life

East Texas Cares provides psychological counseling services with a Board certified Psychologist and a Psychology Intern completing their capstone experience to be credentialed. These services are provided to their clients as well as their immediate family members.

The Agency also provides emergency assistance for utilities, housing assistance and pharmacy assistance through grants obtained from foundations and fundraisers. It currently serves nearly 200 clients.

They also operate a food pantry, which provides weekly access. The pantry provides supplemental nutrients for those with difficulty consuming or digesting food. Additionally, it provides routine testing and prevention education to the community. Clients are provided assistance in making application for programs that they may be eligible for; community health workers and case management assistance are also provided. The center is very much focused on addressing the social determinates of health for infected clients and their loved ones.

About Dr. Jeanette D. Calhoun

Jeanette Deas Calhoun, PhD, serves as CEO and Executive Director of East Texas CARES Resource Center. She has an advanced degree Higher Education Administration with a concentration in Leadership from Florida State University.



Recently, she was appointed by the Texas State Department of Health to the Black Women's Initiative Committee, which is charged with diminishing new HIV/AIDS infections particularly among African American women. Locally she served as the Region 4/5 North Chair of the MPowering Women Over HIV Coalition. She was appointed by the System Office of the University of Texas to the Committee on the Institute for Public School Initiatives to review cutting edge developments in education and make recommendations to the Chancellor's Office.

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Dr. Calhoun is extensively involved in her community having served as the *President of Mothers' Reaching for Excellence*, which transitioned into *Founding President of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated of Greater East Texas* then she held two subsequent terms as President. **She views this as her most significant accomplishment.**

Dr. Calhoun has also served on numerous Local Boards including:

- Ronald McDonald House,
- East Texas Symphony,
- Women's' Symphony Board,
- Women in Tyler,
- Parents Anonymous,
- Hospice of East Texas,
- Chair of the Heart Ball for Smith County

Additionally, She is a Proud and Committed member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

In Recognition of her service to the Community Dr. Calhoun has been recently honored by:

- Smith County Heart Association,
- Outstanding Women by the New Day Community Church,
- "Woman That Do Awesome Things" by Women in Tyler,
- Service Award by the East Texas Chapter of the Links, Inc

She is married to Dr. Kirk A. Calhoun and has two children Kara and Kenneth.

About REV. JEROME R. MILTON AWARD

Sponsored by the Greater New Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and named for its long-time senior pastor Rev. Jerome R. Milton, the *REV. JEROME R. MILTON AWARD FOR NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE* is awarded annually. Selection of honoree is administered through Tyler Together Race Relations Forum (TTRRF).

It is the signature award of Tyler's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and seeks to recognize an individual and/or organization that exemplifies values of non-violent action for social change, as articulated by Dr. King, through demonstrated leadership, including contributions of personal time, actions, talents and service, to raise awareness and work toward solutions to inequality, to promote justice, celebrate diversity, and/or prompt non-violent action that contributes to building a better community.

The 2017 Award will be presented at the M. L. King Ecumenical Program and Service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on *Monday, January 16, 2017* in downtown Tyler.

For more Information, visit TTRRF website, www.TylerTogether.org or contact us at TylerTogether@gmail.com