



Profile in Change Award™

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.

Robert Francis Kennedy

The Fund for Community Progress *Profile in Change Award™* is Rhode Island's distinctive honor for those who have dedicated their lives to creating positive change in the community. Throughout its more than 25-year history, The Fund has followed a mission to create social change—change that is vital to guaranteeing fairness and opportunity for all Rhode Islanders.

The Profile in Change Award was created in 2008 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of The Fund for Community Progress, a federation of Rhode Island agencies dedicated to social change. The award celebrates the qualities of compassion, dedication and creativity of those who help build and sustain social and economic equity in our communities. The award's name reflects The Fund's motto: *Change, not Charity*. It pays respectful homage to *The Profile in Courage Award* that was established in honor of President Kennedy's Pulitzer prize-winning book and that celebrates elected public officials who have demonstrated political courage.

The Profile in Change Award recognizes the contributions of respected Rhode Islanders in creating positive change in our communities. In honoring them, The Fund aspires to motivate others to become agents of change and to encourage support for organizations that help create change. The award is presented annually to members of the community whose actions have significantly and consistently contributed to positive social change—change that enables less advantaged members of the community to lift themselves up and improve their lives—change that guarantees that even those without visibility or power are treated fairly.

The Profile in Change Award is administered by The Fund for Community Progress. A committee of board members reviews nominations and selects recipients. The Award is presented each spring, concurrent with The Fund's annual Changemakers awards.