

2019 MLK Young Dreamers Award Winners

Aaron T. Jackson

Aaron T. Jackson has led day-to-day operations for the Rams Know H.O.W. Mobile Unit for the past four years. He has coordinated health screenings and health care referrals for over 5,000 people, most of whom are uninsured, underinsured, and/or low income. Aaron's compassionate care and his ability to accept all people as they are, regardless of their circumstances, has endeared him to the community. Aaron frequently works early morning, late nights, and weekends to ensure the mobile unit is available to provide care in the community. Winston Salem State University is the only historically black college/university in the nation with a mobile unit, making Aaron the only individual in the nation coordinating mobile care in the capacity in which he serves. Aaron is a true pioneer and very deserving of this award.

Fulton McSwain

Fulton McSwain was nominated for his character, work ethic and his dreams for the children in our communities. Fulton is an exceptional colleague and human being, invested in the interests of children who have experienced adverse childhood experiences in Forsyth County—and he is a highly trained, certified forensic interviewer and program manager at Vantage Pointe. Fulton is skilled at developing quick rapport and trust with a diverse clientele in regards to race, ethnicity, gender, age, and ability, as they share the most difficult and dark moments in their young lives. Another of Fulton's passions is educating the community, including families and service providers, about the facts related to child abuse and neglect, as well as services available through Vantage Point Children's Advocacy Center and the broader community.

Fulton holds a BA in psychology from Hampton University (VA), MA in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice (NY), and MS in School Counseling, University of Southwest (NM). Since becoming a father, he is even more vigilant and wants to build a relationship with his daughter that demonstrates trust and open communication.

Fulton embodies Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sentiment in his work: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." As Dr. King envisioned a brighter outlook not only for his children but for *all* children, Fulton hopes his work leads to a better world where all children are safe, healthy, and afforded every chance to be happy and successful.