



2020 Community Leader Award in Public Relations



Karla Thomas

Karla is the Director of Marketing and Research for the Community Health Center of Buffalo. A strong advocate for gender equality, a cornerstone of her work is helping women in Buffalo gain access to the resources they need to reach their potential. She pushes and inspires those around her to go the extra mile to help people in need.

Karla has led several initiatives with the CHCB to ensure the underserved in Buffalo have the essential materials and necessities they need to lead healthy lives. Through communication and relationship building, she has helped those in need get the very basics like heat, electricity, and food on their tables. She has been on the forefront of educating people on ways to rise up out of poverty, and Karla has been recognized many times for her work. She is the Co-Founder of Youth with Vision, is the past President of Women for Effective Change, and the former Chair of Grassroots Inc.

For her dedication to helping others and forging relationships that empower people, the NFJC is proud to present Karla Thomas with the 2020 Community Leader Award in Public Relations.