

Dear Volunteer Award Board Selection Committee,

Experienced leadership is a highly valued gift to any community. It is with great enthusiasm that we recommend Ashley W. Roberts for recognition for the 2021 Emerging Leaders Award.

Ashley W. Roberts has distinguished herself as a valuable member of the Williamson County community. As a teen she was a part of the second Youth Leadership Franklin class in 2000. This class laid the ground work by encouraging teens to learn executive leadership while enhancing their exposure to the excellence, growth potential, and leaders that make Williamson County thrive. Ashley is now at the helm of the volunteer board of Youth Leadership Franklin where she has served as Board Chair for three years and on the Youth Leadership Franklin board for almost a decade.

Her leadership is extensive in the role of governance. Along with her participation with Youth Leadership Franklin, Ashley also currently serves on or for the following boards or organizations; Member of the Franklin Transit Authority (2019- present), Commissioner for the City of Franklin Public Arts Commission (2018-present), Board Member for Friends of Franklin Parks Board (2012-present) and is an Ambassador for Visit Franklin. It is empowering to see her work alongside of community partners, and volunteers as they give assistance to women and young people in need while preserving their dignity.

Ashley has a history of trailblazing engagement in the Middle Tennessee community by serving as a past member of the A Vintage Affair- (Board of Directors-2006-2008), where she also served at the organizations Executive Director from 2008 to 2015, and has also participated in Leadership Franklin (2010-2011), the Williamson County Schools Ambassador Program (2014), Junior League of Nashville, (2005-2009), volunteered as a big sister in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program of Middle Tennessee (2006-2010), and was a Side-walker for the Saddle Up Program!

It has been exciting to see the Franklin Leadership community embrace Ashley's special lens of advocacy. Ashley is currently an Affiliate Broker/REALTOR with Daniel-Christian Real Estate and is active in the Williamson County Association of Realtors organization. She was a participant in WCAR Leadership Academy 2021 and is the incoming WCAR Community Outreach Committee chair starting in December 2021.

Ashley has been honored for her work as one of Nashville's Top 30 under 30- September 2011 and in Generation Now: Nashville's 30 Movers and Shakers- December 2014.

Ashley is committed to making a difference in the lives of others and it shows in her multiple areas of expertise, and leadership involvement. She has generously given 636 hours in volunteerism hours saving over \$10,000 in non-profit labor. Thank you for seeing her service ethic as you determine the Emerging Leader Award.

With Great Enthusiasm,  
Diane Giddens and Allena Bell