

Emerging Leader Award

Abby Gustavson, nominated by Cynthia Gittrich, for her work as owner and teacher at Primrose Sewing, where she has taught over 1,630 students, led more than 32,000 hours of sewing instruction, and incorporated seasonal service projects to give back to local organizations, including animal shelters, fire stations, and the Nashville Zoo, demonstrating entrepreneurship, mentorship, and community impact.

Cohen Rogers, nominated by Bree DeMoss, for his service as a board member of Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury, where he has strengthened construction capacity, secured donated materials, contributed to strategic planning on the Construction Committee, and actively worked alongside volunteers on projects including the Leadership Build, demonstrating emerging leadership, problem-solving, and a heart for service.

Jayla Christmon, nominated by Pamela Barnes, for her lifelong volunteerism with organizations including Hard Bargain Association, Healed Minds Healed Hearts, Daughters of the King, Franklin Cancer Walk, African American Heritage Society, and the Salvation Army, using her personal experiences to help others overcome mental health challenges, supporting low-income housing and Habitat families, and dedicating herself selflessly to the service of her community.