

Award Winners

2017 The staff of Bridge Magazine, and John Bebow, president and CEO of The Center for Michigan

Jennifer Dixon and Kristi Tanner-Detroit Free Press

George Hunter-Detroit News

Staff of Michigan Radio

2016 Joe Linstroth and Kate Wells-Michigan Radio

Ron French and Ted Roelofs-Bridge Magazine

Kevin Dietz, RO Coppola, Vanessa Ogletree, Ben Bell, and John Pompeo-WDIV

John Wisley-Detroit Free Press

2015 Jennifer Guerra, Sarah Alvarez & Sarah Hulett—Michigan Radio: Finding Home: A

Documentary about Foster Care in Michigan Nathan Bomey, John Gallagher & Mark Stryker—

Detroit Free Press: How Detroit Was Reborn Joan Isabella, Sandra Svoboda & Courtney

Hurtt—WDET: NextChapterDetroit.com Brad Devereaux—MLive Media Group: Small Town, Big

Problems Honorable Mention: Mike Martindale—Detroit News: Judge on Leave to Quit After Reelection

2014 Ross Jones, Randy Lundquist, Ann Mullen, Ramon Rosario, & Johnny Sartiny—WXYZ-TV

Jim Schaefer—Detroit Free Press John Barnes, Fritz Klug, Scott Levin, John Agar, & Gus

Burns—MLive Media Group

2013 L.L. Brasier & Gina Damron—Detroit Free Press Mike Martindale—Detroit News Ross

Jones, Ann Mullen, Johnny Sartin, Randy Lundquist, & Newton Glasby—WXYZ-TV Honorable

mention: Jeff Gerritt (Detroit Free Press); John Barnes, Heather Peters, John Agar, Gary Ridley,

Brad Devereaux, Rex Hall Jr., Jonathan Oosting, & Tim Martin (MLive

Media Group); John Barnes, Jonathan Oosting, Tim Martin, Dave Eggert, & Brandon Howell

(MLive Media Group); Jennifer Dixon, Jim Schaefer, Kristi Tanner, Martha Thierry, Romain

Blanquart, & Mandi Wright (Detroit Free Press)

2012 Heather Catallo, Ross Jones, & Randy Lundquist—WXYZ-TV Lester Graham—Michigan

Radio Bill Proctor, Randy Lundquist, Ramon Rosario, & Johnny Sartin—WXYZ-TV L.L. Brasier

& John Wisely—Detroit Free Press John Barnes & Team: Barton Deiters, Khalil AlHajal,

Danielle Salisbury, Rex Hall, John Hausman, Andy Hoag, Jonathan Oosting, Michael Wayland,

Angela Wittrock, Brandon Howell—MLive Media Group Curt Guyette—Detroit Metro Times

2011 Jim Schaefer, Kristi Tanner-White, & Eric Seals—Detroit Free Press Andy Hoag—

Saginaw News Jennifer Dixon & Jim Schaefer—Detroit Free Press Curt Guyette—Detroit Metro

Times Mike Martindale & Mike Wilkinson—Detroit News Jessica Harthorn—WEIY NBC 25

2010 Jennifer Dixon & Tina Lam—Detroit Free Press Cody Hinze, Ryan Loew, Louise Knott

Ahern, & Jamie Urrea—Lansing State Journal M.L. Elrick, Naomi R. Patton, Jim Schaefer,

Rochelle Riley, & Gina Damron—Detroit Free Press Angie Hendershot & Christopher Carr—

WJRT TV-12 Honorable mention: Craig McMorris (WNEM TV-5)

2009 M.L. Elrick & Jim Schaefer—Detroit Free Press Charlie Cain & Gary Heinlein—Detroit News Sandra Svoboda—Metro Times Honorable mention: Brian Dickerson (Detroit Free Press); George Hunter (Detroit News); Brian McGillivray, Bill O'Brien, & Mike Tyree (Traverse City Record-Eagle)

2008 Kathy Jessup, Chris Killian, & Rebecca Pierce—Kalamazoo Gazette Jim Schaefer, Joe Swickart, L.L. Brasier, Brian Dickerson, Suzette Hackney, & John Wisely—Detroit Free Press Honorable mention: Shantell M. Kirkendoll (Flint Journal); Sandra Svoboda (Metro Times)

2007 Jeff Gerritt—Detroit Free Press Curt Guyette—Metro Times Matt Phillips & Charlie Langton—Sterling Heights Television & the Macomb County Bar Association Honorable mention: Todd Berg (Michigan Lawyers Weekly); Ronald J. Hansen (Detroit News); Judy Putnam (Booth Newspapers)

2006 Norman Sinclair, Ronald J. Hansen, & Melvin Claxton—Detroit News Matt Phillips & Charlie Langton—Sterling Heights Television & the Macomb County Bar Association Honorable mention: Jason Alley (Southgate News Herald); David Ashenfelter (Detroit Free Press); Ken Kolker (Grand Rapids Press); Rosemary Parker, Ed Finnert, Barbara Walters, & Bill Krasean (Kalamazoo Gazette)

2005 David Shepardson, Norman Sinclair, & Ronald J. Hansen—Detroit News Mark Albert—WWMT-TV Kalamazoo

2004 Gregg Krupa, Francis X. Donnelly, & John Bebow—Detroit News Matt Phillips, Charlie Langton, & Rick Troy—Sterling Heights Television & the Macomb County Bar Association Honorable mention: Nolan Finley, George Bullard, & Shikha Dalmia (Detroit News); M.L. Elrick, Jim Schaefer, & Ben Schmitt (Detroit Free Press); Stephen W. Huber (Oakland Press); Darryl Q. Tucker (Saginaw News)

2003 Jack Kresnak, David Zeman, & Ben Schmitt—Detroit Free Press William H. Dance—Detroit Legal News

2002 David Ashenfelter, Tamara Audi, Suzette Hackney, Jim Schaefer, Joe Swickard, David Zeman, & Alison Young—Detroit Free Press Scott MacFarlane—WKBD/WWJ-TV Detroit

2001 David Ashenfelter, Suzette Hackney, & Joe Swickard—Detroit Free Press Ken Kolker & Gary Schroder—Grand Rapids Press C. Jesse Green—Michigan Lawyers Weekly

2000 David Ashenfelter—Detroit Free Press Wayne Woolley & George Hunter—Detroit News Bob Allen & Michelle Corum—Interlochen Public Radio

1999 Scott E. Aiken—St. Joseph Herald-Palladium Scott Davis—Jackson Citizen Patriot Ken Kolker—Grand Rapids Press