



**J. Philip Kirk, Jr. Award
in
Recognition of Community Vision and Downtown Stewardship**

This award is presented annually by the Downtown Council to leaders whose **vision, guidance and commitment** have helped set Downtown Kansas City on a clear path for revitalization. The award's namesake, J. Philip Kirk Jr., epitomized these qualities.

Criteria

The recipient should have made an important contribution to Downtown Kansas City in at least two of the following areas:

- A. Creating a capital investment, new building, renovation or technology
- B. Increasing the Downtown resident or employee population, business starts or entrepreneurial retail starts
- C. Improving Downtown neighborhoods and quality of life, in the area of businesses, housing, streetscape or the urban environment
- D. Displaying a continued commitment to improving the social fabric of Downtown Kansas City

Recipients

2002 – J. Philip Kirk, Jr., Inaugural Award

2003 – John W. Laney

2004 - Christopher S. "Kit" Bond

2005 – Jonathan Kemper

2006 - Thomas A. McDonnell

2007 – Paul Copaken

2008 – Robert Graham

2009 – Ann Dickinson

2010 – William Dunn, Sr.

2011 – Julia Irene Kauffman

2012 – Shirley Helzberg

2013 - Michael R. Haverty

2014 - Thomas H. Trabon

2015 - Henry Bloch

2016 - Albert P. Mauro, Sr.

2017 - Hall Family, Hallmark Cards, Inc. and Crown Center