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.
2018 - Kay Barnes