

## **Dianne Nagy Receives 21st Annual Butler Human Rights Award**

The Dorothy and Eugene T. Butler Human Rights Award is named after the Butlers in recognition of their lifelong advocacy in human rights issues on the local, regional, national and international levels. The annual award recognizes significant volunteer efforts on behalf of human rights.

This year's recipient is Dr. Dianne Nagy who is being recognized for demonstrating quiet yet determined commitment to inclusivity in the City of Brookings for many years in many ways.

Dr. Nagy is humble, always working behind the scenes to further humanitarian causes within our city (and beyond). She keeps planning teams and organizational members mindful of their missions, and keeps event attendees focused on their shared purpose. She leads with quiet passion and clear vision. She models inclusivity, treating everyone with kindness and speaking with compassionate candor, unafraid to address "the tough stuff."

"Dianne's tireless willingness to engage others on issues of human rights is a leavening agent in the dough of our community," stated Phyllis Cole-Dai who along with Nagy and others created the Brookings Interfaith Council in 2010.

In 2016, Nagy petitioned the Human Rights Commission to publicly reaffirm the city's commitment to equity and social justice and then was one of the primary drafters of the resulting City of Brookings Resolution of Inclusivity which was adopted by the City Council. As a result, the HRC created an inclusivity team, on which Dianne served. This team worked for over a year with the Brookings Public Schools to promote inclusive programming. This led to the formation of a formal district-level inclusivity committee with representatives from each school and an administrative team.

In the spring of 2017, Nagy, on behalf of the Brookings Interfaith Council, submitted a successful mini-grant to purchase "Welcome, Neighbor" signs for community residents. The grant was matched by the HRC enabling the purchase of 240 signs that now are visible throughout Brookings.

Ruth Harper, 2016 Butler award recipient, stated "Sometimes it is more important to consistently show up and involve others than to offer large donations; sometimes it is the quiet but insistent voice that has the greatest resonance for justice. Dianne Nagy makes Brookings a more accepting, affirming, humane community."