

## I nominate

Dr. Shirley Madden

**for political activism and the pursuit of social justice because:** I believe Shirley Madden exemplifies the highest standards of the Democratic Party: social equality and equal opportunity, voting rights and minority rights including LGBT rights. Shirley's support of The Blue Tigers in Manistee County including the Little Big Shots has been an inspiration to many at all age levels and has enabled a number of citizens to further their education and provide opportunities to improve their lives.

In February, 2021, Shirley authored a series in the Manistee News Advocate honoring Black History Month. She also wrote an article when Juneteenth was being celebrated in June as a national holiday to commemorate the chant the union soldiers shouted when they marched into Galveston, Texas in June, 1865. She also worked with the schools on the Martin Luther King essay project.

Dr. Shirley Madden is an integral part of the Manistee Community as she shares her expertise as an educator: Math/Science Teacher; Guidance Counselor at Detroit Public Schools Community District, and activist to improve the knowledge of community members, individually and in groups.

Thank you, Shirley, for your presence among us. You are truly a gift to this community.

## Name

Laurel Mason and Lisa Allen

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## I nominate

Mary Trucks

**for political activism and the pursuit of social justice because:** Mary has worked in community action for over 45 years. She is currently the Executive Director of FiveCAP, Inc. During that time Mary has advocated for low income and minority groups throughout the four county area that FiveCAP, Inc. serves. She has served in leadership roles in number of social and economic justice groups on the State and National level. She has risen from a farm in segregated Mississippi to one of the most respected leaders in Community Action in Michigan. FiveCAP serves low income citizens in NW Michigan through Head Start, Food Distribution, Home Weatherization, Senior Services, Tax Preparation, Housing, Nutrition and much more.

Mary has not only been a supporter of social justice and human rights, she, through FiveCAP, has created low income housing, weatherized homes, brought head start and early childhood education to thousands of children in a four county area, helped keep people warm in the winter, had provided food to thousands, provided tax services, and much more.

## Name

Clinton Trucks