

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Honorees

*Presented January 10, 2012 by  
Lt. Governor Joe Garcia at a community celebration  
Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver*

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission's Humanitarian Awards Committee sought nominations of individuals or organizations which have given freely from their hearts to others, who have given their talent, time, and energy to meet unmet needs, stir hope, speak for the voiceless and build a better world. In Denver, the Humanitarian Awards Committee reviewed the nominations, and for 2012 selected the Honorees, which were announced on January 10, 2012 in memory of the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the naming of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday in Colorado.

## The 2012 Humanitarian Award Honorees

**THE HONORABLE RAYMOND DEAN JONES**

**REVERAND RONALD WOODING**

**OFFICER DAVID HUTCHINGS, AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. Rocky Mountain District:** Alpha Phi Alpha is recognized on behalf of its past and on-going projects which represent the philosophy of Dr. King. Alpha Phi Alpha was the first African American fraternity, founded in 1906 at Cornell University; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

**ABRAHAMIC INITIATIVE:** Abrahamic Initiative brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims to discover the differences and similarities among the traditions of the three faiths.

**SALINA C. TRAHAN: Youth Award**

**MARION ELLERBEE (August 26, 1915—February 28, 2011)  
Menola Upshaw Lifetime Achievement Award**

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**Tamara Banks, Emmy Award-winning journalist, and  
Mistress of Ceremonies**

**The Colorado Symphony - Joseph Young, Guest Conductor  
The Spirituals Project Choir - Bennie Williams and John Hubert, Directors  
First Universalist Singers - John Hubert, Director  
Eva Morzsa, Soprano**