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For the 32nd year, the Trustees of the Lowenstein Trust invite nominations for the annual Steve Lowenstein Award. Steve specified in his will that the recipient “shall be that person who demonstrated the greatest contribution to assisting the poor and underprivileged *in the City of Portland, Oregon.*”

Each year, we honor a selfless individual whose dedicated efforts directly benefit the most vulnerable and marginalized in our City. Often this person has worked for years behind the scenes in either a volunteer capacity or receiving modest compensation. A list of past recipients is attached.

The person chosen as the Lowenstein Trust Awardee is honored at a Portland City Council meeting where they share their story and receive a \$10,000 honorarium. The funds are intended to further the Awardee’s work. While they are usually given to an organization affiliated with the recipient, this is not a grant.

All nominations must be received by Monday, November 6, 2023. The nomination form is attached and may be submitted by USPS to the address above or by email to mgoracke@oregonlawcenter.org. It may be completed online at www.lowensteintrust.org. If you have submitted a nomination in the past, please consider re-submitting it with updated information. Many of our honorees have been selected on their second or third nomination.

Steve Lowenstein was himself a model of public service, inspiring those who knew him through his sense of purpose, personal integrity, and lifelong commitment to human rights and social justice. After completing law school in the early 1960s, Steve worked in Washington DC with the Office of Economic Opportunity and in Ethiopia and Chile with the Ford Foundation. He was founding Director of Oregon Legal Services (now the Oregon Law Center) and authored a groundbreaking book, *The Jews of Oregon 1850-1950*. At the time of his death in 1990, Steve had served for six years as Executive Assistant to Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg.

We suspect that you know individuals whose extraordinary efforts have made a significant difference in the City of Portland during this past year. Please take a few minutes to nominate one of them for this award. Also please share this letter and nomination form with your own network through email or social media. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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