

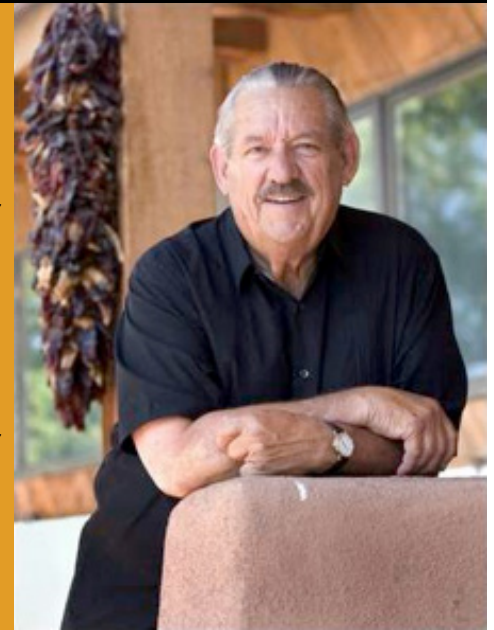
## FRED HARRIS

### 2017 ALICE KING PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD HONOREE

**Fred** grew up in Cotton County, Oklahoma. He studied law at the University of Oklahoma and practiced in Lawton, Oklahoma, until he was elected to the state Senate. He served in the Oklahoma Senate until 1964, when he was elected to the U.S. Congress. Fred served as a U.S. Senator for two terms. He has written nineteen nonfiction books and three novels. Fred is now a professor of Political Science at the University of New Mexico and the director of the Fred Harris Congressional Internship Program, helping to cultivate the next generation of New Mexico's leaders.

### ABOUT THE AWARD

The Alice King Public Service Award honors a public leader who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to and service for New Mexico's children and families. Alice King, former first lady and wife of Governor Bruce King, had a deep commitment to the health and well-being of New Mexico's children. She is credited with persuading lawmakers to create the state's child welfare agency, the Children, Youth and Families Department. She also founded the New Mexico Girls Ranch and the New Mexico Children's Foundation, was chair of the New Mexico Children's Trust Fund, and was a major supporter of the Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital. Alice King passed away in 2008.



## NOTAH BEGAY

### 2017 PATTY JENNINGS & POLLY ARANGO CITIZEN ADVOCACY AWARD HONOREE

**After** earning acclaim as a professional golfer, Notah founded the Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation to champion Native children's health. The NB3 Foundation is a professional change-maker that supports community partners to actively manage issues surrounding children's health. It is dedicated to reversing Native American childhood obesity and Type II diabetes. The foundation does this through the development of evidence-based health and physical activity programs, strategic grant-making, research, and advocacy. The models they've developed have the potential to be replicated and scaled-up in Native communities throughout the U.S. The NB3 Foundation is one of the few national Native providers of intermediary funds to tribal communities and Native organizations engaged in youth health, physical activity, and leadership development. A native of Albuquerque, Notah earned a B.S. in economics from Stanford University.

### ABOUT THE AWARD

The Patty Jennings and Polly Arango Citizen Advocacy Award honors a New Mexican who has demonstrated outstanding community service in advocating for New Mexico children. The wife of former state Senator Timothy Jennings, the late Patty Jennings had a distinguished career as an advocate for early intervention, special education, and other services for children with special needs. Polly Arango advocated on many of the same issues and the two women often worked in tandem.

# SOMOS UN PUEBLO UNIDO & EL CENTRO de IGUALDAD y DERECHOS

## 2017 SPIRIT of HOPE HONOREES



**Somos Un Pueblo Unido** is a statewide immigrant-based organization that works to promote racial and worker justice in New Mexico. Through its community organizing, electoral engagement, litigation, and policy advocacy efforts, Somos has helped shape New Mexico's immigrant and workers rights landscape for over two decades. The organization spearheaded several laws regarding drivers licenses, in-state tuition and financial aid to undocumented immigrants, greatly restricting local law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration agencies, and extending stronger legal protections to wage theft victims. Somos' innovative approach to organizing non-union workers and its leading-edge sanctuary policies in municipalities and jails have served as models for communities nationwide. Marcela Diaz is their executive director.



**EL CENTRO Igualdad y Derechos** is an immigrants' rights and workers' justice organization that was founded in order to address the systemic and institutional barriers faced by the Latino immigrant community in Albuquerque. El CENTRO has grown a membership of more than 4,000 and has played a key role in fighting back against the enforcement of federal deportation programs in Albuquerque, in the passage of local policies that are conducive to immigrant integration, and in fighting for the rights of low-wage workers through initiatives to raise the minimum wage, combat wage theft, and provide paid sick leave—all initiatives that have new significance in the era of Trump. Rachel Lazar is their executive director.

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The Spirit of Hope award honors some of New Mexico's hard-working supporters of programs and services that engage and touch children, making a difference in their lives. Their work has had both subtle and profound impacts, creating a cumulative effect and broader reach that ultimately improves the quality of life for all New Mexicans.



## Senator MIMI STEWART

### 2017 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AWARD HONOREE

**Mimi** is a Democratic member of the New Mexico Senate, representing District 17, the International District. Mimi has been in the Senate since 2015, where she is chair of the Legislative Education Study Committee. She was a member of the state House of Representatives from 1994 to 2014. She has also been the chair of the Education, and Health and Government Committees, and has served on the Public Affairs and Judiciary Committees. Mimi has worked with the American Federation of Teachers and pushed a multitude of pro-education initiatives through the Legislature. She earned a B.A. from Boston University and an M.S. from Wheelock College. Her professional experience includes working as a special education teacher in the Albuquerque Public School system.

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The Legislative Advocacy award is given to a legislator who has demonstrated an understanding of the importance of child well-being and a commitment to moving forward policies that have lasting and positive impacts in the areas of health, education, and family economic stability, leading to improvement in communities across the state and in the lives of New Mexico's children.