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Former mayor receives honor

The Morgantown Human Rights Commissions presented the award

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The Morgantown Human Rights Commission and Morgantown residents recognized and celebrated those who exemplify the spirit of diversity and human rights in the community, with their annual Human Rights Day Awards.

The award winners for 2017 are Charlene Marshall for the individual award and Community

Spruce Street. Many Morgantown residents joined in the celebration of Human Rights Day, as well as the Annual Human Rights Awards.

Rabbi Joseph Hample, the spiritual leader of the Tree of Life Congregation, was the keynote speaker at the reception. He was followed by the award recipients — Charlene Marshall and Austin Rogers, who represented the CCSJ — who spoke about their experiences in furthering human rights in Morgantown.

Marshall served on Morgantown City Council in the 1990s,

including a stint as mayor. She was also a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates for about 14 years.

The purpose of the awards is to acknowledge outstanding work taking place in Morgantown, and those who put forth the effort to make a difference toward the global purpose of Human Rights.

Every year, Human Rights Day marks conferences around the world dedicated to ensuring that these ideals are pursued, and that the basic human rights of every person are made a priority in the global community.