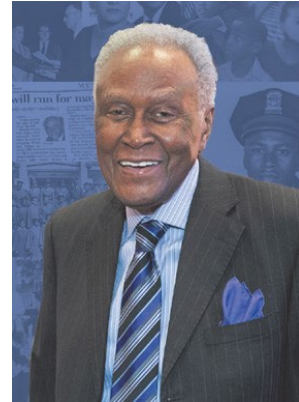


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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI ANNOUNCES 2025 BRANTON/HALL COMMUNITY COLLABORATOR AWARD RECIPIENT, ALVIN BROOKS**

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (October 1, 2024)** – The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri (JLKC) is proud to announce Alvin Brooks as the 2025 recipient of the Branton/Hall Community Collaborator Award. This prestigious award will be presented to Mr. Brooks at the 9th Annual C3KC Conference on April 9, 2025, at Kansas City’s Union Station.

Alvin Brooks is a prominent figure who has significantly impacted Kansas City’s civic and business sectors. Elected as the Sixth District At-Large Councilman in 1999 and re-elected in 2003, Brooks became a notable leader, serving as Mayor Pro Tem under Mayor Kay Barnes. His influential tenure on the City Council brought about policies centered on community welfare and growth. Beyond his public office, Brooks was appointed the first Black Director in the Kansas City Government and founded the AdHoc Group Against Crime in 1977. This grassroots organization has since become a cornerstone of the city's approach to addressing violence and crime, bridging police–community relations, and inspiring civic engagement nationwide.

Brooks's impactful work led to national recognition, with President George H.W. Bush appointing him to a three-year term on the National Drug Advisory Council. Brooks was also honored as one of America’s “Thousand Points of Light,” highlighting his dedication to combating crime and drug issues. At 92, Alvin Brooks remains active in the community, serving on various boards and committees, continuing his work in education, civil rights, and public health.

The Branton/Hall Community Collaborator Award is an honor presented annually by JLKC to an individual who has made a lasting positive impact on the Kansas City community through civic, corporate, and community engagement, and the promotion of social good. The award is named in honor of Mary Shaw “Shawsie” Branton and Adele Hall, two beloved JLKC members who were deeply committed to creating social change. Their legacy of collaboration across multiple sectors is mirrored in the work of each award recipient, emphasizing a commitment to service and community building.

***About the Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri***

*Founded in 1914, [JLKC](http://jlk.org) is a women’s training organization that cultivates leaders who collectively address the critical needs in our community through volunteer action and collaboration with other Kansas City nonprofit agencies. Serving for over 100 years, JLKC has designed, developed, and launched several initiatives and programs that have had significant impact on some of Kansas City’s most well-known institutions.*