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Pictured are community activists Kathy Wray Coleman and Don Bryant. Coleman is also a Cleveland journalist who edits Cleveland Urban News.Com, Ohio's most read digital Black newspaper. Bryant leads the Greater Cleveland Immigrant Support Network and Coleman leads the Cleveland-based Imperial Women Coalition, a women's rights group.

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Cleveland Urban News.Com interviewed now President Barack Obama one-on-one when he was campaigning for president. As to the Obama interview, [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AT CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, OHIO'S LEADER IN BLACK](#)

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Cleveland Urban News.Com gets some 3.4 million views on Google Plus alone). (Note:

CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, CLEVELAND, Ohio- Cleveland activist and journalist Kathy Wray Coleman, among others, will receive a community service award at 3 pm on Monday, Dec 19 issued by Ohio 9th Congressional District Congresswoman March Kaptur at her Cleveland district office on behalf of President Barack Obama and in connection with the World's Children Peace Monument (WCPM) group and the International Center for Environmental Arts (ICEA). (Editor's note: Coleman leads the Cleveland-based Imperial Women Coalition. She is also former high school biology teacher who trained for 17 years at the Call and Post Newspaper and who now edits Cleveland Urban News.Com, Ohio's most read digital Black newspaper).

Coleman called the honor "a privilege promoted by community organizations she respects and in association with one of the nation's greatest presidents' as well as Congresswoman Kaptur, the longest serving woman in congress."

Don Bryant, a greater Cleveland activist who leads the Greater Cleveland Immigrant Support Network and who has has led rallies with Coleman relative to violence against women and police brutality, is also among the award recipients.

Bryant, of North Royalton, Ohio, has also been in the forefront of efforts for immigration reform and has promoted peace between Pakistan and Israel.

He has traveled on several occasions as an activist to the Gaza Strip in the Middle East.

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is a premiere award given annually for exemplary volunteer and civic service and was derived in 2003 by executive order of then president George W. Bush, and following the "9-11 attacks."

Renate Jakupca, who along with her husband, David Jakupca, leads the international civic groups the World's Children Peace Monument (WCPM) and the International Center for

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Environmental Arts (ICEA), said in a press release that the award recipients are as follows:

Joseph Bailey, Marty Cephas, Kenneth Maxwell, Dr. Joseph Wendel Kathy Wray Coleman, Patrick Cahill, Marty Allen, Abdul Jabbar, Brohi Eugene Schiopota, Leonard May, Don Bryant, Marianne Quasebarth, Joseph Kocab and Robert and Mary Bennett.

The WCPM and the ICEA are the impetus for the President's Volunteer Service Award, which, according to the White House, "enables community organizations as certifying and leadership organizations to amplify their gratitude by joining with the president of the United States to thank their most dedicated volunteers."

"All recipients of the president's service award are role models for all Americans," said Renate Jakupca.

(Editor's note: The World's Children Peace Monument (WCPM) is located at Coe Lake Park in Berea, Ohio. An original idea conceived during EXPO 2000, the Worlds Fair held in Hannover, Germany. It was designed and built by Environmental Artist David Jakupca at the historic ARK in Berea as a project of the International Center for Environmental Arts (ICEA) in cooperation with the United Nations 2000 Culture of Peace Program. The project is to encourage positive community participation through the establishment of site-specific works of public art, through cultural education and entrepreneurial training to children around the World).

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