Legends Award winners

The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis will honor its Legends Award winners Thursday, April 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Columns at One Commerce Square, 40 S. Main St.

The Legends Award is given in recognition of “visionary and innovative work.”

The 2014 recipients are:

**Nancy Bogatin**

Community trail blazer Bogatin has worked for more than 60 years to open doors for women and improve public education in Memphis and Shelby County. She was one of the few white women who marched in the 1968 sanitation strike, and she was the first female board chair of the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art.
Dr. Erma Clanton

Recognized as the matriarch of black theater in Memphis, playwright, lyricist and teacher, Clanton played a role in opening the doors to the performing arts for African American women. As one of the first African American faculty members at the University of Memphis in the 1970s, Clanton saw a need to create an avenue of expression for eager and talented African American performers.

Frances Dancy Hooks

As a founding member of the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis,

Hooks helped develop the foundation’s mission under the leadership of the late Mertie Buckman. Hooks began to influence and empower children through a 24-year career as an educator and guidance counselor in the Shelby County Schools.

Mary Shainberg

The Foundation said Shainberg “exemplifies humanitarianism, philanthropy and volunteerism as her ability to lead by example shines throughout the City of Memphis” from Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, The Child Advocacy Center, The Church Health Center, The Jewish Community Center, Temple Israel and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She is “a phenomenon at 95 years old…”

Modeane Thompson

Thompson has spent her life leading, serving and educating others. As a teenager, college student and young woman in Memphis, Modeane was an active participant in civic activities. She dedicated her career to others as a family advocate with Family Service of Memphis until her retirement. In the 1960s, Thompson co-founded the Memphis Panel of American Women, an interracial group of women who addressed racial and religious prejudice.

For more information about the legends Award visit www.wfgm.org.