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The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government, along with the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus are proud to announce that Kids Voting Ohio and Rev. Alvin Hadley are the recipients of this year's Good Government Award and John Shrack Award respectively.

For the past 9 years, Kids Voting Ohio has worked in partnership with local school districts to encourage more youth participation by providing authentic voting experience for students, grades K-12. This year, 2008, over 25,000 central Ohio students are expected to participate. Through a comprehensive collection of K-12 activities, students participate in hands-on classroom citizenship education and real-life community engagement. Projects include a "Make Your Mark – VOTE" poster contest and creating Public Service Announcements about voting to be shown in local high schools.

In January, 2006, Ohio enacted legislation allowing 17 year olds to work at polling places. Students from Kids Voting Central Ohio were instrumental in getting this legislation introduced and passed in the Ohio General Assembly. The "Youth at the Booth" program, facilitated by Kids Voting Central Ohio and the Franklin County Board of Elections, has given thousands of students the opportunity to participate in the election process. According to the staff at Kids Vote Central Ohio, they come away from the experience with a sense of how important people in the community feel about voting, especially the ones who show up at the polls at 6:30 a.m. The experience is intended to spur voting enthusiasm in young people and to encourage them to really look at the campaigns and the issues before Election Day.

Alvin Hadley is the winner of the John Shrack Award recognizing his commitment to good government and the voting process. John Shrack was one of the founders of the Consortium and the first recipient of the award which was renamed in his memory following his death.

Mr. Hadley has been instrumental in influencing and promoting civic participation in the elective process in a non partisan manner. Alvin Hadley was appointed CMACC Executive Director in January 2000. His interest in public service is the result of strong encouragement from family, church, schools, and community when he was a youth.

Hadley, after a long and distinguished career (29 years) as an administrator in public children and families services at Franklin County Children Services, has devoted much of his time to volunteer activities since his retirement in 1988. He has served as Moderator of the Columbus Baptist Association, President of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio, and board member of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, Interprofessional Commission of Ohio, Ohio Council of Churches General Board, National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Working Group, Downtown Clergy Group, Project Linden, Maryhaven, Columbus Coalition Against Violence, Ohio Domestic Violence Network, and Faith Communities Uniting for Peace.

Hadley, a native of Marshall, Texas, received his BA degree from Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, and his Master of Social Work degree from The Ohio State University.



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Both Awards were presented at the Candidates' Forum at Brookwood Presbyterian Church on October 28, 2009, one of 12 forums hosted by the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government.

Staffed and supported by the League of Women Voters, the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government was started by Brookwood Presbyterian Church and the National Council of Jewish Women in 1991. The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government is made up of over sixty sponsoring and supporting organizations including the Jewish Federation, the Office of Social Concerns of the Catholic Diocese, almost every synagogue, JFS, BPW, Goodwill Columbus, United Way of Central Ohio and other organizations. For information regarding the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government, please go to [www.franklincountyconsortium.com](http://www.franklincountyconsortium.com).