

2020 AGELESS AWARD HONOREE

LeRoy Patton is president of the NW Development Center LLC and co-founder of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Previously, Patton was an administrator in the office of the superintendent of Portland Public Schools for more than 20 years, serving as an administrative specialist in organizational development and conducting cultural awareness trainings.



Patton, who is a former president of the United Nations Association and the American Cancer Society, has served on the 211info board since 2009 providing board development, education, housing and equity knowledge.

At the age of 16, Patton left his home in Kansas City, Missouri seeking a brighter future in Oregon and began working for Union Pacific Railroad as a dining car waiter. He planted roots in the northwest and began his career in education as a trainer with the JobCorp program in Astoria, Oregon. He also served in the Korean War.

Patton and his wife have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. He is a member of the Coventry Choir of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church. He continues to serve with the numerous organizations listed above, but also in the field of aging, education and poverty such as the Governor's Commission on Seniors, AARP Oregon, the Multnomah County Commission on Economic Dignity, Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, Oregon Retired Educators Association, and is Senior Advisor to the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network.