

# Plowshare Fair Trade Marketplace celebrates 35 years in downtown Waukesha

WAUKESHA — Plowshare Fair Trade Marketplace and Education for Peace is celebrating a big milestone — 35 years as a nonprofit retail anchor store in downtown Waukesha.

A virtual fundraiser will be held online May 1-8 with a presentation of this year's Peacebuilder Awards. The awards will be presented online May 4.

The spring fundraising event begins with an in-person wine pull at the store on April 29, an online silent auction that runs from May 1-8, and drawing for a giveaway basket for all donations received before May 31.

"Plowshare's 10th Annual Peacebuilder Awards will recognize the Community of the Living Spirit, an organization that was instrumental in the founding of Plowshare and an advocate for peace in the Waukesha community for 53 years, and Carmen De La Paz for her work in the design of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Memorial," a news release said.

The Peacebuilder Awards go to individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to peace or social justice in southeastern Wisconsin by enhancing understanding and cooperation among people from diverse ethnic, religious, racial or socioeconomic backgrounds. The Peacebuilder Award was named in honor of peace and social justice advocate and Plowshare co-founder Kate Delaney Jolin.

"Plowshare is seeking sponsorships and donations to allow Plowshare to remain a nonprofit fair trade marketplace in downtown Waukesha. Plowshare has set a goal to raise \$35,000 during our 35th year," the release said.

For event information to donate or for forms to sponsor the event or to participate in the silent auction, go to [www.plowshareftm.org](http://www.plowshareftm.org).

