

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2004 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

The Moorhead Human Rights Commission (MHRC) is seeking nominations for the eighth annual Moorhead Human Rights Award. The awards honor individuals and/or organizations for making outstanding contributions to protecting and promoting human rights in our community. The following five categories to nominate individuals or organizations in the area of human rights are as follows: Workplace, Education, Civic/Community, Non-profit, and Youth. The nominee should have an established integrity, creativity and commitment to principles and exhibit courage and perseverance in the area of human rights. Please use the following criteria as a guideline in recommending the nominee(s):

- Designed and initiated programs to promote education, housing, transportation and other opportunities, and protect human rights in our community.
- Personal risk taken.
- Promoted educational equality.
- How the nominee(s) portrays human rights values and principles in their lives or professional practices.

Human Rights are the inherent rights that belong to each and every person. According to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, some fundamental rights include the right to equality and freedom from discrimination, freedom of thought and religion, the right to education and work, and the right to participate in the cultural life of the community. Understanding and protecting each person's human rights is essential to the establishment of justice, peace and happiness in the world.

The recognition event for award recipients will be January 20, 2004. ***If you know of anyone who should be considered for a human rights award, please tell us about them!*** We know there are many individuals in our community working to promote the rights of Moorhead citizens by example and deeds. This is an opportunity to bring attention to this good work. I have attached a nomination form for your use.

Please forward your recommendation to us by December 5, 2003, in order that the Commission may review the nominations and plan the event. Feel free to copy and distribute the nomination form to other persons you know who might also be aware of candidates.

Sincerely,

Brian Arett, Chair
Moorhead Human Rights Commission

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Workplace
*Best Practice work setting/business

Education
*private/public-
Pre-school-12 & colleges

Civic/Community
*police/fire/citizens/political

Non-Profit
*group/individual/churches

Youth
*individual under 18

Nominee Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please have three letters of recommendations highlighting reasons for nominating the individuals or organizations. (One from nominator and two additional)

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that individuals have the right to freedom from discrimination, equal protection of the law, privacy, freedom of thought, opinion and religion, access to government services, education and work. The Minnesota Human Rights Act protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of: age, race, color, creed, gender, religion, disability, family status, marital status, national origin, status with regard to public assistance, or sexual orientation.

Nominator Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Forms should be returned by December 5, 2003 to:

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MOORHEAD SPORT CENTER
324 SOUTH 24th STREET
MOORHEAD MN 56560
(218) 299-5340
Fax (218) 299-5212

Please duplicate form in order to make multiple nominations or to pass along to others.
ALL MATERIALS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE NOMINEE TO BE CONSIDERED.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION!