FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF WEST MICHIGAN
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2008 FAIR HOUSING AWARDS

The Fair Housing Center is a private, non-profit organization established in 1980 to ensure equal access to housing opportunity in the metropolitan Grand Rapids area. The Center carries out its mission through enforcement and education programs based on Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, "the *Fair Housing Act,"* which prohibits discrimination based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or the presence of children in the family in the sale, rental, advertising, financing, or representation of housing. Similar state and local laws further prohibit housing discrimination based on marital status, age, source of income, and sexual orientation.

Each year the Center sponsors a *Fair Housing Luncheon & Workshop Series*. The Center presents Fair Housing Awards at the luncheon, which will be held April 30, 2008. This year we hope to give *Fair Housing Awards* to individuals, businesses and/or organizations that have made significant contributions to the progress of open housing in West Michigan. In the past, the award has been presented to:

2007	Dave Allen of Lighthouse Communities; Home Repair Services; JP Morgan Chase; Curtis Sall of Hearthstone Development - Lakeshore
2006	Donald Pruss, in memoriam; Betty Zylstra; Grand Rapids Association of Realtors; Gail Harrison - Lakeshore
2005	Lou Berra; Bill Hoyt & the City of Grand Rapids Planning Dept.; Heartland Builders
2004	Ruth Jones; Kathi Harris & Fred Mackraz
2003	Jack Hoffman; Disability Advocates - David Bulkowski (Executive Director)
2002	Robert Upton, Grand Rapids Equal Opportunity Dept., WZZM Channel 13 - Chris Tye
2001	Charlotte Anderson; Cities of Grand Rapids, Kentwood and Wyoming
2000	Jeanine Bryant; Denny Sturtevant, Executive Director of Dwelling Place
1999	Lee Nelson Weber, former Executive Director
1998	Mick McGraw, Eastbrook Builders
1997	Richard Arasmith, former member, Board of Directors
1996	Carol Townsend, founding member
1995	Zoraida Sanchez, former member, Board of Directors
1994	Minority Realtors Action Group
1993	Bill Hardiman; Paul Mayhue; Ann Schreuder-Kelly; John Markosky

As a Member, a Board Member and/or a supporter of fair housing, you are invited to submit suggestions for the Fair Housing Award to that committee by **March 24, 2008**. Selection for the Fair Housing Award is based upon a demonstrated commitment to fair housing. This commitment is evidenced by:

- Demonstrated leadership within the fair housing effort
- Economic, Social and/or Political impact in the community which has encouraged diversity and housing opportunities for all
- Past efforts raising awareness in the community about fair housing and other issues pertinent to providing equal housing opportunity for all
- Demonstrated accomplishments in fair housing efforts

To nominate an individual and/or an organization, please complete the back of this form. You may submit as many nominations as you see fit. Selection(s) will be made by the Events Committee according to their consideration of the contributions demonstrated and described, and their relationship to the mission and goals of the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan.

NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee _____
(Individual or Organization)

Address of Nominee _____

Telephone Number of Nominee _____

Organization/Affiliation (if any) _____

Nominated by _____ Date _____

Please describe this nominee's contribution to the progress of open housing based upon the above stated criteria:

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***Return this form to the Center by **3/24/08** via fax (616-451-2657)
or mail (20 Hall Street SE; Grand Rapids, MI 49507) ***