

FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF WEST MICHIGAN
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2009 FAIR HOUSING AWARDS

The Fair Housing Center is a private, non-profit organization established in 1980 to ensure equal access to housing opportunity in west Michigan. 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 22, 2009. 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:

- 2008 Joel Dye of City of Holland; Michigan Association of Realtors
- 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 16, 2009**. 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.

