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The Madison Department of Civil Rights (DCR) is seeking nominations of individuals who have served the Madison community in the area of civil rights for the Annual James C. Wright Award. The Award is presented annually at our Summer Diversity Picnic in July. Individuals should share Rev. Wright's dedication to and compassion for civil and human rights and conduct their daily life consistent with these values. Nomination deadline is June 23, 2006 and forms are available on the Equal Opportunities Division's website at: www.cityofmadison.com/eoc. Nominees must demonstrate the following criteria to be eligible for the Award.

1. Recipients may be an adult, youth or organization.
2. Individuals must be residents of the Madison metropolitan area whose work had an impacted on the City of Madison.
3. Recipient must have been actively involved and/or provided leadership in grassroots-type effort(s) that is/are related to civil and/or human rights.
4. Another group or organization should not have within the last two year recognized recipient (s) for their involvement in this particular program or effort. (But may have been recognized by other groups or organizations for other efforts).
5. Adults and organizations must have demonstrated a long-term commitment to civil and/or human rights in the Madison community or elsewhere.
6. Individuals or organizations must have demonstrated a dedication and commitment to treating people with respect and dignity.
7. Individuals may have been compensated for their work, but must also show a greater commitment to community service than simply their employment.

***Members of the Equal Opportunities Commission, its staff and/or volunteers will not be eligible to receive the award.** For additional information, please contact the Equal Opportunities Division of the Department of Civil Rights at 266-4910.

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Nominating Person/Organization Daytime Phone Number _____