



Our Vision

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

Our Mission

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

Meeting Announcement and Agenda Human Rights Commission Workshop City Hall Council Chambers, 315 West Fourth Street, Red Wing, MN Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Workshop Items**
 - 2.A. Discussion about 2025 Amos Owen Nominations
- 3. Adjournment**

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Amos Owen Award Nomination Packet

In this packet, you will find the following.

Plan on scoring taking up to 30-45 minutes

1. Please **do not** put your name on the scoring sheet, and all materials will be collected at the end of scoring
2. A list of past recipients of the Amos Owen Award
3. A blind list of nominees by the year they were put forward
 - a. Nominee -A- 2025
 - b. Nominee -B- 2023
 - c. Nominee -C- 2025
 - d. Nominee -D- 2025
4. Definition of the criteria for the Amos Owen Award
5. Nominations: A letter will correspond to the one on the scoring sheet
 - a. **All nominations have been redacted. If you know the identity of the nominee, please keep it to yourself**
 - b. Remember that some nominees have more than one nomination sheet, but are only scored once
 - c. You can discuss and ask questions
6. For Reference, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been included

How We Define the Criteria

- **Their focus is on human rights work.**
 - This means their activities and work have focused on issues that relate directly to human rights. Many people do wonderful things for the community; however, this award is for work that focuses on people's rights. (See the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a reference.)
- **The number of people affected by their work**
 - Has their human rights work influenced and/or changed the lives of a large number of people?
- **Overall body of their work**
 - Has the Nominee shown true dedication to the work of Human Rights? Are they passionate about what they are doing and will continue to do the work necessary?

Amos Owen Award Recipients

Since 2001, the annual Amos Owen Award has recognized individuals in the Red Wing area for their work in promoting justice and equality and uplifting the human rights of others. The award is named after Amos Owen, a Bdewakantunwan elder and spiritual leader from the Prairie Island Indian Community who worked tirelessly to preserve the Dakota language and culture.

2001 - Dean Preheim Bartell

2002 - Dan Guida and Paul Dressen

2003 - David Harris

2004 - Noah White, Jr.

2005 - Denise Drews Fosado

2006 - Regina Nicolosi

2007 - Winfred Red Cloud

2008 - John Nordgaard

2009 - Donna Dummer

2010 - Heather Marx and Audra Quandt

2011 - Marilyn Olson

2012 - Lois Burnes

2013 - Carol Duff

2014 - Arthur Owen and Raymond Owen

2015 - James Chalmers

2016 - Lucy Richardson

2017 - Kay Humphreys

2018 - Nicky Buck

2019 - Julie Malyon and LaVoie House

2020 - Maureen Nelson

2021 - Craig Camp

2022 - Heidi Jones

2023 – Jasmine Fiddler

2024 – Nicholas Western Boy, Noah White III, Franky Jackson, Joey Taylor

HRC CRITERIA

Rating 4= all of the time 3=most of the time 2=some of the time 1= not at all	Is Passionate about Positive Change.	Voice of a group often under-represented.	Does the nominee's work directly relate to human rights?	Has the nominee influenced and /or changed the lives of a large number of people?	Show dedication in their overall body of human rights work.	Total Score
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Please return packet and HRC Criteria to Staff Liaison

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To:
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Amos Owen Award 2025
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 5:58:36 AM

Amos Owen Award 2025

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Nominee -A-

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Nominee -A-

What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

██████████ is a retired U.S. Army veteran and one of the founding members of the Hiawatha Valley Family Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program here in Red Wing. He's not just involved—he's a driving force behind veteran advocacy in our community. ██████████ focuses on restoring dignity and access for those who've served, especially veterans dealing with housing instability and/or mental health challenges.

Within the past 18 months, he's led the charge in helping nine unhoused veterans in Red Wing get into stable housing, and he doesn't stop there. ██████████ makes sure they're connected to wrap-around services—mental health support, medical care, job resources—whatever it takes to help them rebuild their lives with the respect they deserve.

And when veterans are housed and supported, the entire community benefits. Stable housing reduces emergency service calls, improves public health, and strengthens neighborhood safety. ██████████ work doesn't just change individual lives—it makes Red Wing a safer, more compassionate place for everyone.

His impact is real, lasting, and deeply aligned with the values of the Amos Owen Award.

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

██████████ exemplifies humility, compassion, and unwavering dedication. Whether working with veterans or community members in need, he approaches every individual with deep respect and empathy—never judging, always serving. He's a fierce advocate for ensuring that veterans receive the care, dignity, and recognition they've earned through their service. After more than 20 years in the U.S. Army, ██████████ continues to serve—not in uniform, but through tireless advocacy for local veterans and their families. His leadership is hands-on, his courage is moral, and his impact is deeply personal. He embodies the spirit of Amos Owen: a guardian of human dignity and a voice for those too often overlooked.

On a personal note, when I'm faced with a difficult decision while helping others, I often pause and ask myself, "What would ██████████ do?" That reflection guides me toward integrity, compassion, and action—just as ██████████ does every day.

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To: [Amos Owen Award](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Amos Owen Award 2023
Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023 4:50:48 PM

Amos Owen Award 2023

Since 2001, the annual Amos Owen Award has recognized individuals in the Red Wing community for their work in promoting justice and equality for others based around human rights. The award is named after Amos Owen, a Mdewakanton elder and spiritual leader from the Prairie Island Indian Community who worked tirelessly to preserve Dakota language and culture. You may recommend multiple people.

Past recipients are Dean Preheim Bartell, Dan Guida, Paul Dressen, David Harris, Noah White, Jr., Denise Drews Fosado, Regina Nicolosi, Winfred Red Cloud, John Nordgaard, Donna Dummer, Heather Marx, Audra Quandt, Marilyn Olson, Lois Burnes, Carol Duff, Arthur and Raymond Owen, James Chalmers, Lucy Richardson, Kay Humphreys, Nicky Buck, Julie Malyon, LaVoie House, Maureen Nelson, Craig Camp, and Heidi Jones.

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████████████████████ has demonstrated a commitment to human rights in her personal, professional and volunteer roles in the

nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

community.

I worked closely with [REDACTED] in the founding of CARE Clinic and in the founding of the Hispanic Family Therapy Program, which is a joint venture between CARE Clinic and Hispanic Outreach. It is due to [REDACTED] remarkable leadership in creating these programs that I am nominating her for this humanitarian award, but I will share a list of other services that [REDACTED] has provided to the community as a nurse, a psychologist, and a caring human being.

[REDACTED] leadership in founding CARE Clinic has positively impacted many lives in our community. CARE Clinic's history began when a health care mission team that [REDACTED] was a part of traveled to the region devastated by hurricane Katrina. The team operated free clinics in church basements and community centers. While there, [REDACTED] and her team posed a question: "They had traveled far to set up a free clinic for disaster victims... was there a need closer to home for similar services?" When they arrived back in Red Wing, they met as a group and invited other stakeholders to the table. This grassroots committee, of which I became involved, quickly gained momentum. The vision became clear; the mission was to mobilize volunteers to provide free health care for people who are uninsured and have limited incomes. [REDACTED] is a natural leader; she had the humanitarian focus, the organizational knowledge, the people skills, and the spiritual compass to make her the perfect founding board chair for CARE Clinic. The grassroots committee nominated her as our leader, and [REDACTED] accepted. This was an enormous task, but she was up for the challenge. Within just over a year from the first grassroots meeting, CARE Clinic served its first patient in January of 2010. CARE Clinic started as a free medical clinic that also offered free medications and connection to community resources. We decided to start small and grow as patients' needs guided us. Very soon after opening, it was clear that there was a critical need for mental health therapy for uninsured community members. In addition to her role as board chair, [REDACTED] recruited fellow therapists to volunteer, and she began the mental health program of CARE Clinic. In 2015, Hispanic Outreach contacted [REDACTED] and CARE Clinic to see if we could partner to bring a bilingual (Spanish and English) mental health therapist to the community; they had identified a great need within the Latino community. [REDACTED] once again led the development of a CARE Clinic program, the Hispanic Family Therapy Program. She provided oversight to the program for many years as CARE Clinic's volunteer Mental Health Director.

The health and lives of thousands of individuals and families have been positively impacted by the collective work of those involved in CARE Clinic. The professional services are critical in the lives of many people. Just as important as the direct services,

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the spirit of CARE Clinic that was established by [REDACTED] at its founding has also been healing for many people. [REDACTED] led us in establishing our values at CARE Clinic, and they continue to lead and guide us today.

CARE Clinic Values:

1. Welcoming and Inclusive
2. Grassroots
3. Collaborative
4. Respect and Dignity
5. Stewardship of Patient, Volunteer, and Donor Resources.

In CARE Clinic's patient satisfaction survey last year, 100% of 115 patients surveyed reported that "CARE Clinic personnel were respectful and caring!" That is remarkable, and I believe [REDACTED] legacy at CARE Clinic continues to impact the spirit of the clinic.

In addition to her work with CARE Clinic, [REDACTED] professional colleagues share the following roles she has had in the community:

[REDACTED] was a public health nurse for Goodhue County for many years. [REDACTED] worked in county Mental Health where she was invaluable in helping to improve efficiency and ethical processes within the department. She refined the psychological assessment process and therapy processes for individuals seeking assessment services from outside social services or county agencies.

[REDACTED] helped build a healthy network of mental health providers in Red Wing by offering technical support and an open door collaborative spirit in offering any help necessary. She has supervised new mental health professionals in the field.

[REDACTED] served on a fundraising committee with her father to raise enough money locally for the Youth Outreach building (now renamed RiseUp Red Wing).

[REDACTED], Executive Director of Hispanic Outreach shares these activities which [REDACTED] has initiated and led:

[REDACTED], have been wonderful mentors for local youth. They have guided young people in making future college decisions and provide assistance with the paperwork and process. [REDACTED] has helped many young Hispanic youth and families navigate their lives in Red Wing.

[REDACTED] also led "Friends of Immigrants (FOI)" from 2017 - early 2021. FOI was formed in early 2017. This was shortly after the election of Donald Trump when political rhetoric was especially heated about the place of immigrants in America. The

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FOI engaged with local politicians, advocating for the rights of immigrants. The FOI did a lot of critical work and supported the Hispanic Outreach mission.

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

[REDACTED] demonstrates a commitment to human rights in every interaction she has with others, whether personal or professional. A friend and colleague of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said this about [REDACTED] ' [REDACTED] has been the definition of a great leader. Care and connection have been her mainstay leadership style. The author Brene' Brown describes [REDACTED] leadership in her quote, 'I define a leader as anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes, and who has the courage to develop that potential' Brene' Brown August 2019."

[REDACTED] is a spiritual leader within our community who promotes justice and equality for others based on human rights. She embodies the spirit of Amos Owen and this award. Thank you for your consideration of [REDACTED] as the recipient of the 2023 Amos Owen Award.

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Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:58:59 PM

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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

██████ has not only dedicated countless hours to obtaining multiple degrees pertaining to human rights and helping others through difficult situations, but also he has served in the capacity of a labor relations consultant, various human resource director positions, served as the Director of Equity and Compliance for Metropolitan University, Director of Academic and Global Programs for University of Wisconsin, Madison, Human Resource/Compliance Officer for the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, and the Governmental Affairs, Human Resources and Labor Relations Director for Qwest Communications. He is also has served on the MN Supreme Court Dispute Roster as a mediator. ██████ has worked tirelessly for over 25 years advocating for underserved populations advocating for at risk students, advocating for individuals who need mental health services, offering his knowledge to school districts when facing issues with discrimination, served on numerous school superintendent searches nationwide ensuring the individual selected best represents the district served, and is a certified mediator who is allowed to serve under the MN Supreme Court Rule 114. ██████ has been the "go to guy" for Red Wing Public Schools when facing concerns regarding human rights and is respected for his calm demeanor and skills in defusing a situation in a manner where all parties feel heard and validated. ██████ was nominated by students of the Red Wing High School as "Teacher of the Month" as a substitute teacher, exemplifying the level of respect and admiration the students felt for ██████ as a teacher.

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

██████ has the ability to remain calm and respectful in difficult situations. He is not one to shy away from a difficult conversation, rather he invites you into the conversation in a manner where all parties feel safe to express their concerns and opinions. ██████ calm demeanor along with his extensive education and work experience is what is needed to resolve conflict with a positive outcome. ██████ grew up in Red Wing as one of the 1st African American families to call Red Wing their home. As a young man ██████ was often angry of the discrimination he faced in Red Wing. Once such example was when he brought a date to the Sheldon Theater. He and his date had their snacks and were waiting for the movie to start when his date's father entered the theater and demanded his daughter leave with him rather than being on a date with an African American teen. ██████ had to endure the embarrassment of that ordeal and remained in the theater without his date. ██████ reflects back on that moment often and knows that was a pivotal time for him as he knew at that point he needed to be able to convince others he was worthy of their respect in spite of being African American. ██████ used that experience to gain the education he did and committed his life to helping others resolve experiences such as he lived. Besides being highly educated, ██████ has chosen his career path in positions where he was able to help others whether that was

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where they needed an advocate.

█████ willingly lends his experiences, connections, and knowledge when asked for help with a situation, project or event when it means helping someone in an underserved population.

█████ constantly shows a strong belief in the inherent dignity and equality of others through his education, his professional skills, and his determination to help those in need whether that is an individual, a specific group, or his community as a whole.

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Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 7:01:49 AM

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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

██████████ embodies the spirit of the Amos Owen Award through her courage to speak out against racism and injustice in our community. She doesn't just call out the problems — she works tirelessly to find solutions that bring people together and create lasting change. ██████████ dedication to fairness, equality, and lifting others up reflects the values Amos Owen stood for, making her a true example of leadership, compassion, and strength in Red Wing.

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

Courage, leadership, fairness and compassion

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Amos Owen Award 2025
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025 6:45:42 PM

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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

She has continuously been vocal about human rights and speaking out no matter the odds stacked against her.

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

She stands up for all! She'll go out her way to help anyone. I've seen her go to bat for people she barely knows. Always, willing to lend her voice and anything else.

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To: [Kvanbek, Cara](#)
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Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 10:27:17 PM

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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

My mom speaks at city and school board meeting she also have people ask her for help she will help them and she protest anywhere that she is needed at and she will protest for other

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

Compassionate and non biased she also speaks out against wrongs she is determined and she fights for other that don't have the same rights many don't have

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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

She has been involved in fighting for human rights for her daughter and all other children

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

Compassion Loyalty respect caring

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To: [Kvanbek, Cara](#)
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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights? Human activists

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights? Compassion, empathy, kindness, caring, loving, hopeful

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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

██████ has dedicated herself to standing up for those whose voices are often overlooked. She has been actively involved in:

- Advocacy for Racial Equity in Education: When her daughter was targeted by racial slurs at school and administrators failed to act, ██████ organized and spoke out at school board meetings, demanding accountability and stronger protections for students of color.
- Community Engagement: She attended and participated in town board meetings, bringing awareness to issues of racial injustice and discrimination. ██████ consistently raises her voice on behalf of families and children who experience inequities, ensuring their struggles are not dismissed.
- Support for Marginalized Communities: ██████ is known for speaking up for individuals who are often overlooked or left behind, emphasizing compassion, dignity, and justice. Her actions encourage others in our community to acknowledge inequality and work together toward solutions.

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

██████ demonstrates the qualities of a true human rights advocate in both her personal life and her public work. She embodies:

- Courage – She is unafraid to confront systems of power, whether it is a school board, town board, or community leadership, to speak truth on behalf of those who are being mistreated.
- Persistence – ██████ shows up again and again, never backing down even when the process is long, uncomfortable, or exhausting. Her commitment does not waver when others might give up.
- Compassion – At the core of her actions is a deep compassion for people who are often overlooked or dismissed. She sees their humanity first and believes everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Integrity – ██████ acts with honesty and principle, even when doing so is unpopular or difficult. Her advocacy comes from a genuine place of justice, not recognition.
- Resilience – She channels her personal experiences, including the discrimination faced by her own daughter, into strength that fuels her fight for change and better protection for others.
- Leadership – By speaking out and taking action ██████ inspires others in our community to find their voice and stand up against injustice.

Together, these characteristics reflect her unwavering commitment to human rights and make her a powerful advocate for change in Red Wing.

██████ tireless work has made our city more aware, more compassionate, and more accountable. She demonstrates the values my grandfather Amos Owen lived by—standing up against injustice, advocating for those without a voice, and fostering a community built on respect and human dignity.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly nominate [REDACTED] for the Amos Owen Humanitarian Award.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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Amos Owen Award 2025

Since 2001, the annual Amos Owen Award has recognized an individual in the Red Wing community for his/her work in promoting and ensuring others' human rights. The award's namesake was a Prairie Island Bdewakantunwan elder and spiritual leader who worked tirelessly to preserve Dakota language and culture.

Past recipients are Dean Preheim Bartell, Dan Guida, Paul Dressen, David Harris, Noah White, Jr., Denise Drews Fosado, Regina Nicolosi, Winfred Red Cloud, John Nordgaard, Donna Dummer, Heather Marx, Audra Quandt, Marilyn Olson, Lois Burnes, Carol Duff, Arthur and Raymond Owen, James Chalmers, Lucy Richardson, Kay Humphreys, Nicky Buck, Julie Malyon, LaVoie House, Maureen Nelson, Craig Camp, Heidi Jones, Jasmine Fiddler, Nicholas Western Boy, Noah White III, Franky Jackson, and Joey Taylor.

Nominations for this year's Amos Owen Award are due Thursday, September 18.

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Your Information

Your Name

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Information of the person you're nominating

Name of the person
you're nominating

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Email or phone number
of the person you're
nominating

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What activities has the person you are nominating been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to human rights?

They are consistently ensuring we hold RW accountable for their racism and harassment. As much as we dont want to admit it is in our community, it is. No one stands up for our kids like she does.

What characteristics does this person display that show a commitment to human rights?

Respect. Integrity. Human value. Consistency. Self sacrifice.

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