





# Human Rights Awards Descriptions

## **Isabel Turner Award**

Isabel Turner, for whom the Award is named, was an activist for human rights and the environment in Iowa City for many years. As a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Johnson County Regional Planning Commission (now Johnson County Council of Governments) from 1974-1980, she helped develop the countywide transportation plan and the development and growth of Hickory Hill Park.

Mrs. Turner served on the Iowa City Human Rights Commission from 1981 to 1984. Until her death in 1985, Isabel Turner worked for the rights of individuals to get fair treatment. Her volunteer service to the community, which covered many areas for many years, is her continuing legacy.

## **Individual in a Service Organization Award**

This Award was established in 1984 to recognize outstanding contributions to human rights by an individual in a service organization.

## **Business/Community Award**

This Award was established in 1984 to recognize outstanding contributions by a business or organization to human rights.

## **International Award**

The International Award was established in 1998 to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights. The Award acknowledges significant contributions by an Iowa City individual, individual in a service organization, or a business, to human rights in the global community.

## **Rick Graf Award**

Rick Graf, for whom the Award is named, was an activist within the Iowa City community as well as nationally. He was serving his first term on the Iowa City Human Rights Commission when his life was cut short in July 1995 by complications from AIDS. Rick had served on the Ryan White Care Consortia and the Johnson County AIDS Coalition Board. He was a co-founder of the University of Iowa Gay Liberation Front, the first university-affiliated gay group in the country. He also co-founded ICARE and RFD, a magazine for rural gay men everywhere.

The Rick Graf Award recognizes the long-term commitment of an individual, business, or individual with a service organization, to a specific cause or for the benefit of a specific group of persons.

## **Kenneth Cmiel Award**

Kenneth Cmiel, for whom the Award is named, was an educator committed to human rights both locally and globally. Ken was an enthusiastic Professor of History and American Studies at the University of Iowa. He served as Chair of the Department of History from 2000-2003. In 2004, he was appointed Director of the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights, a nationally recognized model for cooperative work between the academic and human rights communities. Ken was dedicated to encouraging students to pursue employment and work in the field of human rights around the globe. He initiated the Human Rights Internship Program within the Center for Human Rights and spent countless hours with students, discussing the possibilities of meaningful work to promote a more just and caring world community.

This Award is designed to recognize a college student and/or graduate student who has followed up on their interest in and knowledge of human rights by actively working in the field in the dedicated and determined way that Ken Cmiel advocated during his lifetime.

## Human Rights Awards Honorees

### Isabel Turner Award

1984 - Marian Coleman  
1985 - Duane Rohovit  
1986 - Ardath Jagnow  
1987 - Mary McCollum  
1988 - Rick Graf  
1989 - Betty McKray  
1990 - Anne Riley  
1991 - Dolores Nesbitt  
1992 - Phillip Jones  
1993 - Agnes Kuhn  
1994 - Marge Penney  
1995 - Ed Arensdorf  
1996 - Susanne Watson  
1997 - Jean Shoots  
1998 - Hani Elkadi  
1999 - Karen Kubby  
2000 - Jude West  
2001 - Asma Taha  
2002 - Mary Larew  
2003 - Leonard Sandler  
2004 - Ron Hall  
2005 - Barbara Schwartz  
2006 - Dorothy Paul  
2007 - Royceann Porter  
2008 - Sandy Pickup

### Individual in a Service Organization

1984 - Karla Miller/Rape Victim Advocacy Program  
1985 - Pat Meyers/Domestic Violence Project  
1986 - Dr. Classie Hoyle/U of I Office of Affirmative Action  
1987 - John Dyson/Sertoma International  
1988 - Jean Hagen/Iowa City Free Medical Clinic  
1989 - Mary Martinez/The Crisis Center  
1990 - Victor Manuel Arango/MAP International  
1991 - Dorothy Paul/United Nations Association  
1992 - Carol Thompson/Dept. of Human Services  
1993 - Jason Chen/Christian Reformed Church  
1994 - David Leshtz & Barbara Smith/U of I Hospital School  
1995 - Carol Spaziani/Iowa City Public Library  
1996 - Cynthia Coffin/Special Populations Involvement Program  
1997 - Ruth Wagner/Greater IC Housing Fellowship  
1998 - Lori Bears/TASH and ARC  
1999 - C. E. Peterson/Rotary Club  
2000 - Sally Murray/Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
2001 - Rev. David Schuldt/ Wesley Foundation  
2002 - Monique Dicarlo/WRAC  
2003 - Rita Offutt  
2004 - Mary McCue  
2005 - William Gorman/Systems Unlimited, Inc.  
2006 - Crissy Canganelli/Shelter House & STAR Program  
2007 - Allan Axeen/HACAP  
2008 - Annie Tucker/Mediation Services of Eastern Iowa

### Kenneth Cmiel Award

2006 - Julia LaBua  
2007 - Kate Karacay  
2008 - Rita Bettis

### Business/Community Award

1984 - Sharon Doran Academy  
1985 - Moore Business Forms  
1986 - Bo-James Restaurant  
1987 - City of Iowa City: Transit, Fire, & Police departments  
1988 - The Soap Opera  
1989 - Quality Care Lawn Care  
1990 - Southgate Development Co.  
1991 - Yen Ching Restaurant  
1992 - U of I Community Credit Union  
1993 - Iowa State Bank & Trust Co.  
1994 - Heartland Candles  
1995 - World Marketplace  
1996 - Goodwill Industries/Southeast Iowa  
1997 - Prairie Lights Bookstore  
1998 - River City Dental Care  
1999 - Hills Bank & Trust Co.  
2000 - A Great Balancing Act - Jean Bott  
2001 - River Products Company - Thomas R Scott  
2002 - Moore Construction Co.  
2003 - Thai Flavors  
2004 - Iowa City Area Association of Realtors  
2005 - Lensing Funeral and Cremation Services  
2006 - Emma Goldman Clinic  
2007 - Circle of Courage School  
2008 - Iowa City Area Association of Realtors, Fair Housing Ambassadors and Iowa City Housing Authority

### Rick Graf Award

1996 - Theresa Kopatich  
1997 - Brian Thomas  
1998 - James L. Harris  
1999 - Phyllis Harper-Bardach  
2000 - Susan Buckley  
2001 - Minnette Doderer  
2002 - Mary Palmberg  
2003 - John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas  
2004 - Philip Mears  
2005 - Valerie Kemp  
2006 - Christine Mullen  
2007 - Robin Butler & Janelle Rettig  
2008 - Chris Klug

### International Award

1998 - Burns Weston and James Anaya  
1999 - Paul Retish  
2000 - Jael Silliman  
2001 - Dr. Philip Hottel  
2003 - Gayane Torosyan  
2004 - Chivy Sok  
2005 - William Olin, D.D.S.  
2006 - Dr. Maureen McCue  
2007 - Katy Hansen

### Lifetime Achievement Award

2001 - Dr. Philip Hubbard  
2002 - Willard "Sandy" Boyd