

Nomination Form
Rev. James C. Wright Human Rights Award

Send nomination forms to: Equal Opportunities Division Manager
City of Madison
Department of Civil Rights

Address: 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Rm. 523
Madison, WI 53703
Or fax to: (608) 266-6514
Or email to: dcr@cityofmadison.com

Nominations must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline

Nominee Information	
Check one:	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Organization
Name:	Brandi Grayson
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Please summarize the contributions this individual has made in civil and/or human rights and explain in detail how they meet the award criteria:

Brandi has been a tireless advocate for social justice and human rights. Her work started in 1999 as the Diversity Liaison for ASM (the Associated Students of Madison) and key organizer for the Black Student Union. She and other students launched a campaign to allocate more resources to Black and Brown organizations. The campaign took years but laid the foundation for what is now the Multi-Cultural Center at UW Madison. In 2005, when Katrina took the lives of thousands of Black people in New Orleans, Brandi took a lead role in organizing the fundraiser: a bus, clothes, funds, and housing to relocate victims of Katrina to Madison WI. She continued to support families with case management services including job readiness services. She is also one of the founders of the Young, Gifted, and Black (YGB) Coalition—leading and organizing work groups, panels, workshops, and Freedom Schools in the aftermath of the murder of Tony Robinson. YGB work also led to the creation of a task force to address the proposal of a new jail in Dane County. In 2016 she launched Grayson Consulting, LLC. Grayson Consulting, LLC takes a cutting edge approach to unpacking institutionalized racism with a systemic analysis. They're dedicated to supporting organizations in taking action towards equity. Their mission is to build analysis, awareness, solutions and leadership in project management and organizational development with a focus on leadership, communication, employee and community engagement, change and culture. They partner with clients to envision possibilities and activate their people, leading to transformative solutions, promoting organizational excellence, expansion, and sustainability. In 2017, Brandi launched a community initiative to support prevent the eviction of Black families—who are disproportionately the target of evictions in Dane County—providing eviction prevention funds for over 100 families, totalling over \$70,000. She is an advocate for parents and Black students. She is a go-to resource for parents whose children have been experiencing difficulty, discrimination, and/or abuse in the school district or with law enforcement, which has led to her founding Urban Triage. Urban Triage provides peer advocacy, leadership training, racial socialization, and rapid response support for families in need. As well as workshops and programming for

parents & children, Brandi is a mother of 3 children, as well as a treatment foster mother for the last 15 years. As a treatment foster mother, she supports children with high emotional & behavioral needs, which she values being an adoptee herself. Brandi strives to be the change she desires to see in the world, ensuring that everyone's rights are respected, and is a clear choice for the Reverend James C. Wright Human Rights Award.

Attach additional pages if needed (2 page maximum). Remember that only submitting a resume will not be sufficient.

Nominating Person/Organization Information	
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