

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:	☒ Adult ☐ Youth ☐ Organization
Name:	Brandi Grayson
Address:	3834 Whitman Lane Apt 308, Madison, WI 53704
Phone number:	608-520-3062
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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:

Where do I start. Brandi Grayson is an Unsung SHero who is well deserving of this award. Every day of her life she practices human rights and is one our main community leaders who surely makes it known that she is not backing down. This phenomenal woman jumps at the first to educate our community about oppressors, police brutality, human dignity and the right to feel accepted into a world that is on constant change. Brandi Grayson is an entrepreneur, change maker, community advocate, program manager and organizer for many. She has been on the front lines of racial and social justice for many years. Today, she's the CEO of Grayson Consulting, LLC specializing in Program Management and Strategic Development. She's also the Executive Director of Urban Triage, whose mission is to foster Black family's self-sufficiency, community leadership, advocacy, and student success through parent engagement and cultural heritage. *(Continue on next page)*

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

Nominating Person/Organization Information	
Name:	Michelle Bozeman
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Brandi also runs a community lead and funded program called the Eviction Prevention Fund for Black families. This fund (spearheaded by herself) is to help prevent black families from eviction, helps prevent utilities to be disconnected, provides funds for security deposits and has helped homeless families by paying some lodging costs. She's an amazing orator on issues of racism and our personal roles in eradicating oppressive systems and thought.

Brandi's work in the late 90's has been organized on UW Madison's campus supporting the creation of the Multicultural Student Center. When Hurricane Katrina displaced Black families, Brandi supported and organized resources and found homes for families refuged here in Madison, WI. After Mike Brown was murdered in Ferguson, Missouri, Brandi organized Madison's first rally for Black Lives Matter and later helped found the Young, Gifted and Black Coalition, which used direct actions and community education forums & trainings to organize the Madison community around issues of mass incarceration, the new jail, poverty and police brutality. She volunteers her time tirelessly as a parent advocate and peer support specialist for Black families. As a full-time mother of a 25-year-old daughter; 19-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son, she finds time to address these issues not to mention she's a treatment level foster mother who specializes in high behavioral and emotional trauma. Last but not least, she's a radio talk show host on Talk92.7FM--the Unheard Of Show with Brandi Grayson in which she addresses a variety of racial disparities. You can catch her every Tuesday & Wednesday at 6PM.

I cannot stress enough how this woman brings Black Girl Magic to Madison. All of these things that Brandi does is by her own volition and offer these services for FREE. Brandi has been a great leader and always pay-it-forward for the voiceless. I am honored to nominate her because she is EVERYTHING that James C. Wright put in place.