The City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission will present its first-ever **Visionary Awards** next month. The Visionary Awards were created to recognize and celebrate those in the Tri-Cities area who continually work to better the community for everyone -- both now and in the years to come.

The Human Relations Commission considers visionaries to be people or organizations that actively consider and plan for the future with both imagination and wisdom. In addition, when faced with resistance to change, visionaries demonstrate a willingness to overcome such adversity in order to bring about this future. Ultimately, through their actions, they create a Tri-Cities area that is more inclusive to people from all walks of life.

Both organizations and individuals are eligible to be nominated. There are two awards available every year: one will recognize the youth of our community, individually or working in organizations composed of people age 13-18; while another is available to recognize individuals aged 19 and older or organizations whose members are adults.

Nominations open on Monday, March 9 and close on Wednesday, April 15. The Human Relations Commission will then decide the recipients for both awards and notify the recipients on Friday, April 17. These visionaries will be invited to attend the Grand Haven Boards and Commissions Annual Dinner on Thursday April 30 at the Grand Haven Community Center, where the awards will be presented. Additionally, the names of the award recipients for each year will be engraved on a plaque to be located permanently in Grand Haven City Hall.

To nominate yourself, another person, or an organization you feel is deserving of this award, please follow the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6995M8F

A live link to the nomination form is also available on the City of Grand Haven website home page, www.grandhaven.org and on the Facebook page **City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission**.

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