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EDEN PRAIRIE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIVERSITY COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2008 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Eden Prairie, Minn. — Each year the Eden Prairie Human Rights and Diversity Commission honors people, businesses and non-profit agencies in Eden Prairie who have made significant contributions to the community in the area of human rights and diversity.

The 2008 award recipients are as follows:

Individual Category

Basil & Mary Jane Wissner, Eden Prairie residents

- Recognized for tireless volunteer activities with PROP and with the Eden Prairie Shopping Bus program.

Ali Turner, Senior Youth Services Librarian, Hennepin County Library

- Recognized for outstanding outreach for youth and immigrant programs, and for bringing a greater understanding of the Library's resources and services to the community.

Non-Profit Category

Pax Christi Catholic Church, Prairie Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie United Methodist Church and the **American Muslim Community Center**

- Recognized for the Interfaith Worship Service program, in 2006 and 2007, which brought together hundreds of people of different faiths and beliefs to celebrate the commonalities held by all people and promote peace, tolerance and awareness.

Business Category

Thunder Communications Design, owned by Eden Prairie resident **Jody Russell**.

- Recognized for tireless work in the design and maintenance of websites for local non-profit organizations and grassroots community groups

The 2008 Human Rights awards will be presented at the Eden Prairie City Council meeting on May 20 at 7 p.m.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 people located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place live, work and raise a family. In 2006, MONEY Magazine named Eden Prairie the 10th "Best Place to Live" in America.