

# Do the Right Thing Youth Award

## Nomination Form

In 1995 the City of Kentwood, under the leadership of Mayor Bill Hardiman, instituted a "Do the Right Thing Award" to remind the community of the social challenges present in our society and to encourage individuals to take positive value-based actions to help negate those challenges. Since that time many individuals and groups have been recipients of that award, demonstrating the proactive behavior that builds positive relationships in families, neighborhoods and communities.

In 2002 a large and diverse group of concerned citizens gathered to review and discuss findings of a survey conducted to evaluate the assets in and resources available to the youth in our community. The Kentwood Public Schools led this effort, and it was suggested to create a specialized award to recognize the youth in our community that are positively contributing to their schools, families, neighborhoods and community.

The goal is to collect nominations from those people and agencies that work with youth in our communities. The criteria for nomination is wide, but is loosely described above. Those nominated should be of school age. It is not necessary that the youth is a resident of Kentwood, but could attend a school in Kentwood or have another association with this community. Each month a youth would be recognized at a Kentwood City Commission meeting for their accomplishment. It is intended to give the first such award in July, 2002.

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**Name of the person completing the nomination** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact info - Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of nominated youth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact info - Parent(s) name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason(s) for nomination:**

**Please return to the Mayor's Office at PO Box 8848, Kentwood, MI 49518-8848, or  
fax to 554-0818. Further questions; call Keith Van Beek at 554-0771.**