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RECIPIENTS OF THE 5TH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT AWARD

WINNIPEG – On December 9, the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Community Legal Education Association of Manitoba, the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties, and the Manitoba Human Rights Commission will jointly present the Manitoba Human Rights Commitment Award at a luncheon celebrating International Human Rights Day. The award recognizes a group or person in Manitoba who has significantly promoted respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. This year's award recognizes achievements in the field of equality rights, which have contributed to the elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The 2004 recipients of 5th Annual Manitoba Human Rights Commitment Award are Chris Vogel and Richard North.

Chris Vogel and Richard North have been champions for gay rights in Winnipeg and Manitoba for more than 30 years.

Keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Winnipeg.

The luncheon and award ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 9th, 2004, 11:45am –1:30 pm, at the Sheraton Winnipeg Hotel.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 for a table of 8.

December 10th is International Human Rights Day, which marks the anniversary of the United Nations' *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* in 1948. The Universal Declaration is the basis of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

To join us on December 9th or for more information, contact:

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