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**Recipients of the 6th Annual Human Rights Commitment Award and the
Manitoba Human Rights Youth Award Honoured**

WINNIPEG – On December 9, the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties, and the Manitoba Human Rights Commission will jointly present the Manitoba Human Rights Commitment Award and the Manitoba Human Rights Youth Award at a luncheon celebrating International Human Rights Day. The awards recognize a group or person in Manitoba who has significantly promoted respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. This year's Commitment Award recognizes work that has contributed to the improvement of women's rights in the field of employment. The Youth Award acknowledges work that has an impact on the advancement of human rights as guaranteed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom and human rights legislation.

The 2005 recipient of 6th Annual Manitoba Human Rights Commitment Award is Marceline Ndayumvire, a settlement officer with Welcome Place.

The 2005 recipient of the Manitoba Human Rights Youth Award is The Maples Collegiate Unity Group.

Keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Beverly Suek, former CEO of the Women's Enterprise Centre and past Chair of the Manitoba Advisory Council on Women. Ms Suek will address women's progress and continuing challenges in the workplace.

The luncheon and award ceremony will take place on Friday, December 9, 2005, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, at York The Hotel, (formerly the Sheraton Hotel) 161 Donald in Winnipeg.

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 9^h or for more information, contact:

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