



Richard V. Brown Sr.

2011 Reverend James C. Wright Human Rights Award Recipient

Mr. Brown served two-terms on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, sponsoring legislation to further civil and human rights, including authorizing the Dane County Taskforce on Poverty, sponsorship of budget proposals to increase resources for the Dane County Office of Equal Opportunity and to decrease the cost to incarcerated persons in the county jail with little or no resources.

Mr. Brown has provided leadership on several commissions and committees to promote human and civil rights such as the City of Madison Community Services and Dane County Housing Authority, Personnel & Finance and the Equal Opportunity Commission.

As a former landlord in the City of Madison Mr. Brown provided housing to struggling families and used his resources to create a voice for the community by founding and personally sponsoring radio programs to provide spiritual, political venues as well as to foster dialog on issues that impact the civil rights of Madison's minority communities. He has supported various community programs and groups such as the Southside Raiders, South Madison Panthers, and the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County.