



# MICHIGAN COALITION for HUMAN RIGHTS

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Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters of MCHR:

### **AN INVITATION TO MCHR's 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DINNER**

On behalf of MCHR's Board of Directors and our general membership, I extend a heart-felt invitation to **MCHR's 43<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner**. This gathering represents a combination of work throughout the year designed to implement the aims and objectives of this organization. **Please find Ticket and Sponsorship information enclosed.**

Our Annual Dinner will be an IN-PERSON event:

**DATE: Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**LOCATION: Marygrove College, Madame Cadillac Building  
8425 West McNichols, Detroit, Michigan, 48221**

**TIME: Reception – 4 p.m.  
Dinner – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER: Erin Keith, Esq., Managing Policy Counsel – Detroit  
Justice Center.**

We are excited to have Erin Keith as our keynote speaker. Erin is a rising star in the social justice and human rights realm and powerful advocate for the people. At our Annual Dinner, we reflect on the events that transpired in the last year and recognize and thank those community leaders who have made a difference as we work towards a peaceful world without poverty, prejudice, hate, and with a committed to environmental stewardship. This year's honorees are:

*Environmental Activist Award – Kim Hunter*

*Youth Activist Award – Alexandria Hughes*

*Brother Thomas Zerafa Peace Activist Award – Andrew Sarpolis*

## ABOUT MCHR

Our Mission:

*The Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (MCHR) promotes awareness of, commitment to, and advocacy for human rights and the environmental rights of planet Earth, through education, community organization, and action. MCHR opposes forces that suppress human dignity, freedom, and justice locally and around the world.*

Historically, MCHR has addressed major human rights issues both domestic and international. We have been instrumental in the debates and concrete efforts to promote social and economic equality and justice and abolish all forms of discrimination. We have provided a forum for discussion and education for many distinguished scholars and activists from throughout the country and around the world. MCHR also sponsors and organizes “**Freedom Tours**” where we take diverse groups of high school students on a two-week tour of the Deep South to educate them about the civil rights movement.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the past three years have been particularly challenging for MCHR and other advocates for human rights and social justice. We have missed seeing our comrades in person and were forced to postpone three planned Freedom Tour trips. Notwithstanding these challenges, MCHR has provided robust programming on many human rights issues, including: voter suppression, immigration rights, mental health rights, critical race theory, anti-racism collaboration, Christian nationalism, environmental rights, and alternatives to policing.

## MCHR MEMBERSHIP

If you are not already a MCHR member OR your membership needs to be renewed, please join/renew your membership. You can join on our website at [www.MCHR.org](http://www.MCHR.org). MCHR is mindful of the importance of inspiring our youth to carry the torch in our fight for social and economic equality and justice. To further engage our youth, MCHR offers free membership for one year to all individuals who are 25 and under. If you fall into this category, and are not already a member, or if you know a young person who may be interested in becoming a member, please encourage them to join MCHR and be part of our important human rights work.

We truly appreciate your continued support and look forward to celebrating our passion for human rights and the environmental rights of the planet Earth at our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner.

Peace,



Cary S. McGehee – MCHR Board Chair