



# Housing Rights, Inc. and Helen Lima's family

are proud to announce the

## Helen Lima Standing Tall Award

This award will be given to the nominee who most inspires those around him/her to stand up and make a difference!

Nominations are being accepted now. Please complete the following form and return to: Housing Rights, Inc. P.O. Box 12895, Berkeley, CA. 94712. Fax: 510-548-5805. E-mail: [hri@housingrights.com](mailto:hri@housingrights.com). Last day of submissions: April 15, 2007.

### Criteria:

Some of us have 'IT', others of us want it. And that is an indomitable spirit and will to inspire and move others. And many times these special people are not obvious, are not in the news, don't make the big bucks. They are 'everyday people' around us who inspire us with their courage. Their courage to take on the tough issues and stand up. If you know someone like that consider nominating them for the Helen Lima Standing Tall Award. In her later years, Helen was very concerned about affordable housing, especially Section 8 housing. However, she took on many causes in her long life and is remembered by many for her hard work and willingness to 'stand tall'.

I believe that \_\_\_\_\_ should receive the Helen Lima Standing Tall Award because: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you need more room please attach an additional page.

### Contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ My phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We must have contact information in case we have questions.

Nominations are due April 15, 2006. The award(s) will be given on April 26th. Please see back for more information about Helen Lima.

Helen's biography:

Born March 31, 1917

Raised in rural Midwest (Illinois)

Graduated from University of Illinois 1938

Moved to West Coast to live with my sister and look for work.

Worked for the Eureka Fisherman's Union 1939 to 1945

Moved to San Francisco.

Worked for the People's Workd 1946 to 1951.

Went to work at Herrick Hospital kitchen 1957

Was Active in loca 250, Hospital Workers' Union.

Main activity: working with a rank and file caucus to make the union more democratic.



1979 retired from hospital work.

1989 moved into Strawberry Creek Lodge

1991, 1992, 1993 – organized Save Section 9.

January 2003 moved out of Strawberry Creek Lodge

Did minimum of work on housing for poor people because Parkinsons made work too difficult.

(written by Helen in 2004)

**"I'm 87 years old and the lessons I've learned in this life are that you have to put up a fight for your own rights and to protect yourself.**

**And we're putting up a fight to protect ourselves now.**

**Those of us who live on social security as I do have a hard time thinking of anything except Section 8 renting because we couldn't afford to live in it. And so we have to put up a fight for our Section 8 renting And I think this is the way to do it.**

**We circulate this petition. We ask them (HUD) to restore the cuts which would raise enough money to continue our Section 8 renting for another year, through another budget process. And then we'll have to do that again next year.**

**I think we must continue to do and not get weary.**

**So let's stand together and do it and work for each other. If we do that, I know that we'll come through.**

**Because we have always come through these big crises in this country. If people will stand by each other.**

**So I'm just asking you to stand together. Stand with me and I'm going to stand with you."**

**Thank you,**

**Helen Lima** (from an impromptu speech given at Harriett Tubman Terrace in 2002)