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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Honors Mayor Barrett With Top Leadership Award

MILWAUKEE- Mayor Tom Barrett will receive the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's highest leadership award at the agency's annual Make A Promise Gala, April 17, at the Midwest Airlines Center.

Mayor Barrett said he is honored by ARCW's recognition of his efforts and thanks the organization for the work it does to combat AIDS and raise awareness of the disease.

"I am truly grateful to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin for this award, and I would like to thank all of the agency's employees and volunteers for the tremendous work they have done for the past 25 years" said Mayor Barrett. "Over the years, all of the efforts undertaken in the fight against AIDS have helped to save lives and stop the spread of this disease. We have made progress, but there is still work to be done."

ARCW President and CEO Doug Nelson acknowledged Mayor Barrett's 25-year career of consistent leadership in the fight against AIDS and said recognition of his efforts is long overdue.

"No one could ask for a stronger advocate and a more loyal ally in the fight against AIDS than Tom Barrett," said Nelson. "In the state Legislature he led efforts to prohibit discrimination against people with HIV, in Congress he was a leading voice to lift the ban on federal funding of needle exchange and as Mayor he has protected HIV funding in the city budget even during the toughest of fiscal times."

Mayor Barrett was previously honored as one of the ARCW's "20 Giving 20" award winners. The award, which was presented five years ago to celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary, acknowledged 20 individuals, including Mayor Barrett, who have continually stood with ARCW in the fight against AIDS.