

**2011
PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZER
OF THE YEAR NOMINEE**



RACHAEL TANNER

**Organizer -Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy
& Action in the Community**

WHAT THE NOMINATOR SAID:

“Rachael epitomizes what it means to be an effective organizer. Always pushing others to reach their optimal potential, step up, and to speak out.”

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Through her organizing efforts, Rachael Tanner was able to reallocate funding for the Nurse Family Partnership in 2011 which was originally cut from the state budget. The partnership has helped numerous teenage mothers get the prenatal care and case management support they need two years into their child's life. She accomplished this through meetings with legislators and community outreach. Because of Rachael's work, ISSAC is now creating a universal preschool program for every child in Kalamazoo County.