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MADIEU WILLIAMS NAMED MINNESOTA VIKINGS 2010 COMMUNITY MAN OF THE YEAR

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Eden Prairie, MN (December 16, 2010) – Madieu Williams has been selected as the 2010 Minnesota Vikings Community Man of the Year.

While there are many deserving players on this year's team, Madieu has stood out for the impact he has made locally, nationally and globally.

Locally, Madieu has worked with the North Community YMCA, United Way and Harvest Prep/Seed Academy and provides season tickets for the kids in his "Dieu's Crew." Williams also hosted a free football camp in Maryland this past summer and continues to support the Cincinnati area.

Globally, Madieu made a \$2 million donation to create the Madieu Williams Center for Global Health at the University of Maryland. The center will address public health issues for Prince George's County and Sierra Leone—where Madieu was born. Already Madieu has built a primary school there and is now building a secondary school. Earlier this year, Madieu's Foundation sponsored a mission to Sierra Leone where Williams brought teachers, surgeons and dentists to help educate the teachers at his school, give free dental cleanings to all of the students and provide free surgeries.

"He has done so much to help others, but I think his character was best demonstrated when after signing here as a free agent, he visited the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital with me before he went to the airport," said Brad Madson, Minnesota Vikings executive director of community relations.

Williams is one of 32 team representatives, one of which will be named the Walter Payton Man of the Year at this year's Super Bowl.

As the Vikings' representative for the NFL Man of the Year award, Williams will receive a \$1,000 check for the Madieu Williams Foundation through NFL Charities.

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