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Columbia Neighborhoods Win Big at Annual Neighborhoods, USA Conference

The Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN) attended the 36th Annual Neighborhoods, USA Conference (NUSA) in Anchorage, Alaska, May 25-28. During the conference, it was announced that neighborhoods in the City of Columbia earned two major awards.

The Historic Waverly Community won third place honors in the Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships category of the Neighborhood of the Year awards program. The prestigious award is presented to the community demonstrating exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood organizations during 2010. The Historic Waverly Community competed against hundreds of other neighborhoods from all over the United States.

“I was honored to accept the Neighborhood of the Year Award on behalf of the Historic Waverly Community and the Gold Certificate Award in the Newsletter Competition for the Eau Claire Community that was presented at the annual Neighborhood USA (NUSA) Conference Anchorage, Alaska,” commented Bessie Watson, President, CCN. “I was ecstatic to share the wonderful news with Mrs. Doris Hildebrand, President of the Historic Waverly Community, and Mr. Henry Hopkins, Executive Director of the Eau Claire Community Council, and Becky Bailey, Editor of **The New Survey**.

“We are so proud of the recognition given to our neighborhoods for their dedicated service to making our community a better place to live and demonstrate the best of our great state.”

The New Survey from the Eau Claire Community Council received Gold Level honors in NUSA’s inaugural neighborhood newsletter competition. Richland County also received an award claiming fourth place honors in NUSA’s Best Neighborhood Program Award competition.

NUSA President and former CCN President, Tige Watts stated, “As a Columbian, I’m very proud of our local participation and the honors that have been claimed in this year’s national neighborhood awards competition. And as president of NUSA, it is truly an honor to be the one presenting the awards to our hard-working folks committed to improving our neighborhoods at this year’s conference.”

Neighborhoods, USA provides opportunities for diverse people and organizations to share their ideas, values and experiences to build stronger communities.

The Columbia Council of Neighborhoods is a citywide organization that consists of all recognized neighborhoods in the City of Columbia. When it was established in 1978, CCN

consisted of less than 15 neighborhoods. Today, 108 neighborhoods in the City of Columbia belong to the organization. CCN's mission is to honor, empower, assist and reach out to neighborhoods, residents and communities across the City of Columbia and beyond.

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