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Thursday, May 26 2011

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

City View Banquet and Meeting Center

4th Floor – Illinois Terminal

45 East University Ave, Champaign

On Thursday, May 26, 2011, the Neighborhood Services Department and the Neighborhood Services Advisory Board will host the Second Annual Service Together Achieves Results, or STAR Awards Ceremony to recognize outstanding civic activities of local citizens working to make the City of Champaign a great place to live, work and play. The eight categories and 2011 nominees are:

1. Business–Neighborhood Partnership Award, with 3 nominees (Keller Williams, Kraft Foods Foundation, and Walmart);
2. Community Partner Award, with 13 nominees (Champaign West Rotary, Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, Dr. Anton Endress, Dr. William Patterson, James Barham, Eric Green, Jeffrey Courson, Eliana Brown, Rev. Ervin Williams with Restoration Urban Ministries, Professor Gale Fulton, Salvation Army, University of Illinois, and Westminster Presbyterian Church);
3. Difference Maker Award, with 14 nominees (Allie Shepko, Ayten Durukan, Brian Bell, Cristina Manuel, Brian Sides, CVS Pharmacy, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Dan and Barb Davies, Jason Fisher, Jennie Sheffield, Jinnie Coleman, Mike Kulas, Sally Carter, and Tasha Thompson);
4. Good Neighbor Award with 5 nominees (Anthony Howell, Sr., Bob Tester, Debrae Lomax, Dr. Christopher Jordan, DDS, and Stephanie Eckels);
5. Neighborhood Leadership Award with 9 nominees (Becky Restad, Beverly Lacy, Cindy Harmon, Izetta Harris & Countrybrook CARES Board, Jinnie Coleman, Sherri Rush, Tony Soskin, and West Ridge HOA),
6. Neighborhood of the Year Award with 3 nominees (Church and Hill Street Neighborhood Group, Devonshire South II Homeowner Association, and Douglass Square Community Council );
7. Neighborhood–Community Building Award with 2 nominees (North First Street Association and Stacy James); and
8. Rising Star Award with 2 nominees (Emani Braggs and the Centennial Girls Basketball team).

This year's event includes an information resource fair; a live performance from the youth music ensemble – Mo' Betta Music; and the STAR Awards Ceremony presented by Dave Benton, News Anchor,



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