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Cleveland Neighborhood Progress Announces 2016 Vibrant City Awards Finalists

Winners to be announced on May 2, 2016 at second annual Vibrant City Awards Lunch

CLEVELAND - Today, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress announces 21 finalists for its Vibrant City Awards. Winners will be announced on May 2, 2016 at the second annual Vibrant City Awards Lunch, hosted by Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and presented by Key Bank and Community Blight Solutions.

“We are proud to convene community partners and stakeholders to celebrate city neighborhoods. These leading efforts in neighborhood revitalization are what help us all create a vibrant city,” says Joel Ratner, President & CEO of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress. “The organizations and individuals being honored have displayed tremendous passion, dedication and collaboration. We’re excited to recognize them for their successful efforts in community development.”

For these awards, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress received over 70 nominations from the community. Jeff Kipp, Director of Neighborhood Marketing for the organization, says “The complete list of nominations tells an inspiring story of neighborhood transformation that is taking place in Cleveland. From community development corporations to corporate partners and everyone in between, there are amazing people performing incredible work in our neighborhoods.”

The 2016 Vibrant City Awards finalists are:

CDC Community Collaboration Award:

Ohio City Inc. – Station Hope
Slavic Village Development – Cleveland Orchestra at Home in Slavic Village
Stockyards, Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office – La Placita



CDC Placemaking Award:

MidTown Cleveland – East 55th railroad bridge painting
Slavic Village Development – Cycle of Arches
University Circle Inc. – Wade Oval improvements

CDC Economic Opportunity Award:

Famicos Foundation – EITC program management
Stockyards, Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office – La Placita
University Circle, Inc. – Business outreach and development efforts

CDC Neighborhood Branding & Marketing Award:

Northeast Shores Development Corp. – Welcome to Collinwood website
Slavic Village Development – Rooms to Let
St. Clair Superior Development Corp. & Campus District, Inc. – Night Market Cleveland

Corporate Partner Award:

Community Blight Solutions
Dave's Supermarkets
PNC Bank

Urban Developer Award:

Case Development – Mike DeCesare
Geis Companies – Fred Geis
Vintage Development Group – Chip Marous

Civic Champion Award:

Joseph Black – Central neighborhood
Charles Gliha – Slavic Village neighborhood
Alison Lukacsy – Collinwood neighborhood

Additionally, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress will present the Morton L. Mandel Leadership in Community Development Award and the first ever Vibrant City Impact Award at the luncheon.

All of the finalists will be recognized at the Vibrant City Awards Lunch, when civic leaders, community development professionals, local developers, investors, realtors and passionate Clevelanders will gather to celebrate city neighborhoods at the Cleveland Masonic Auditorium, an iconic structure located in Midtown on the RTA Healthline. A locally-sourced meal catered by celebrity chef Chris Hodgson of Driftwood Catering will be served.

The event is open to the public. More information concerning event details, registration and the award finalists is available at www.ClevelandNP.org/VCAL.

About Cleveland Neighborhood Progress:

Cleveland Neighborhood Progress is a nationally recognized nonprofit that works in partnership with community development corporations, local foundations, the business community and government to support Cleveland's neighborhoods and improve quality of life for city residents.

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