



America's Top Urban Places For 2007 Selected by National Panel of Experts

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 20 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Urban revitalization projects in six American cities have received national recognition by a panel of experts as America's Top Urban Places for 2007 from the Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence, the only national award honoring great places in American cities.

The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, which combines historic preservation, new architecture, and a unique collaboration among local agencies and organizations, will receive the prestigious Gold Medal Award and a cash prize of \$50,000. Five other projects, chosen from nearly 100 nationwide entries, will receive Silver Medals and cash prizes of \$10,000 each:

Artists for Humanity Epicenter, Boston, MA, an innovative approach by artists to employ urban teens in the commercial art field and establish a permanent home for the arts in an area bridging residential and semi- industrial communities.

Crossroads Project, Milwaukee, WI, a well-designed, pedestrian-oriented addition to Milwaukee's urban infrastructure, including an innovative bus shelter, urban plaza, and pedestrian bridge.

High Point Redevelopment, Seattle, WA, a unique Hope IV project in West Seattle, incorporating sustainable building practices and a mix of housing types for all income levels.

L.A. Design Center, Los Angeles, CA, a newly renovated furniture manufacturing and showroom facility in a warehouse complex in South Los Angeles, employing local community members, and contributing to the urban design character of the area.

Columbus Circle, New York, NY, the redesign of an historic traffic circle that returns an historic monument and public plaza to its historic prominence, creates a new public open space in the heart of Manhattan.

"These projects are outstanding examples of what's being done right in America's cities," said Simeon Bruner, the Award's Founder. "They show what can be accomplished when people, organizations and government work together to create places that build communities."

ABOUT THE AWARD: The Bruner Foundation developed the Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence in 1987, the first award program to identify outstanding projects that have made significant contributions to the complex process of successful urban placemaking.

The award has been recognized by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Complete information on all Award winners can be found at <http://www.brunerfoundation.org/>.

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