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## **CAPITOL HILL UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS ANNOUNCES GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD WINNERS**

*Awardees to be recognized at Annual Membership Meeting*

**Denver, CO—Monday, January 7, 2019** — Today, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (C.H.U.N.) announced the recipients of its 2019 Good Neighbor Awards—an annual recognition of nonprofit organizations, individuals, or businesses for outstanding contributions to the greater Capitol Hill community. The awards recognize outstanding volunteerism, community development, historic preservation, and promoting safe neighborhoods.

“Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods’ Annual Meeting and Good Neighbor Awards are the highlight of the year,” said Travis Leiker, President of C.H.U.N. “It’s an opportunity for us to celebrate the previous year’s accomplishments and to bring attention to the great work taking place throughout our community.”

Longtime friends of C.H.U.N. will recall its community grants program—small financial awards to nonprofit groups within the organization’s geographic boundaries. Financial constraints caused C.H.U.N. to suspend the program a number of years ago. “This year, we are excited to be able to provide small financial awards to important organizations in our community,” said Mark Cossin, Vice President of Neighborhood Engagement. “The financial component accompanying the Good Neighbor Awards underscores C.H.U.N.’s sound organizational management and recent financial turnaround,” added Leiker.

If the award recipient is an individual or a for-profit group, they will be asked to select a nonprofit that is within C.H.U.N.’s boundaries and reflective of our shared values.

### **Good Neighbor Award Recipients**

- Roger Armstrong Outstanding Volunteer Award: **Richard Wilson & Kevin Kelly** for regular participation in C.H.U.N. events and for providing vital, ongoing administrative and operational support at the C.H.U.N. Office.

- Neighborhood Character Award: **The Park People and Denver Digs Trees** for working tirelessly to support and improve our parks, city streets, and neighborhoods with the preservation of Denver's beautiful tree canopy and encouraging residents and business to be green.
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing Award: **Reverend Diana Flahive** of Capitol Hill United Ministries for coordinating programs that bring people from varying faith communities together to provide safe, comfortable places to rest and sleep for up to 25 women, every night of the year.
- Tom Knorr Award for Community Service: **Colfax Ave Business Improvement District (Colfax BID)** for launching the innovative program *Colfax Works*, which provides employment opportunities and supportive services to those experiencing or emerging from homelessness.
- Safe Neighborhood Award: **WalkDenver** advocates for policies and practices that lead to a safer, more walkable Denver. The organization has partnered with various community groups to host traffic calming demonstrations, and to illustrate how potential street design modifications could be used along corridors to reduce speeds and improve public safety.
- Jim Peiker Award for Historic Preservation: **GM Development** (Principles Ben Gearhart and Charles Moore) for refurbishing the former Denver International Youth Hostel into the Essex Apartments.

Neighbors are Invited to attend **Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019**. The meeting will be held at the Colorado Health Foundation at 1780 Pennsylvania Street in Denver. **Check-in begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

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**ABOUT CAPITOL HILL UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS:** Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (C.H.U.N.) is a registered neighborhood organization and a Colorado nonprofit corporation. Founded in 1969, C.H.U.N. has evolved into one of Denver's oldest, largest, and most influential neighborhood organizations. The organization's mission is *Preserving the Past. Improving the Present. Planning for the Future.* C.H.U.N. strives to accomplish this mission through its emphasis on historic preservation, affordable housing and homelessness, land use and zoning, and public safety. At the foundation of our work is the critical importance of civic participation – that our community becomes healthier and more vibrant through the active involvement of those who live and work in our neighborhoods.