



2013 NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year since 1984, the Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) recognizes the commitment and work of neighborhoods in awarding the “Neighborhood of the Year” in three categories. A Grand Prize winner is then selected from the winner from each category. The 2013 award winners are:

Neighborhood of the Year Grand Prize Winner

Harlow Neighbors - Eugene, Oregon

Project: *Feed Hope*

Feed Hope is a neighbor-led initiative to meet the nutritional needs of students during school breaks that normally rely on programs for breakfast and lunch. In 2012, neighborhood leaders and community partners completed two sessions, Spring and Winter break, of the Feed Hope Project.

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Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships Category



1st Place

Fairmount Neighborhood Association - Fort Worth, Texas

Project: *Back to School*

Fairmount Neighborhood developed a back to school project creating an inclusive event for children of all ages and socio-economic group giving them a sense of community. The event was also a great way to support our local schools by encouraging enthusiasm about the new semester.

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2nd Place

Eugene Neighbors, Inc. - Eugene, Oregon

Project: *SCROL – Santa Clara River Road Outreach & Learning Project*

A tangle of perplexing issues have been bedeviling two Eugene, Oregon neighborhoods for decades. The two joined together in a unique and creative outreach to proactively seek acceptable solutions to these problems.

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Physical Revitalization / Beautification - Single Neighborhood



1st Place

**Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association –
Columbia, South Carolina**

*Project: Annual Historic Elmwood Park
Tour of Homes and Gardens*

The 31st Annual Historic Elmwood Park Tour of Homes & Gardens is a one-day tour of homes/gardens run completely by residents/volunteers. What began as a way to attract potential homeowners and highlight how homes could be restored has grown into a feature event for Columbia.

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Social Revitalization / Neighborliness - Single Neighborhood

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2nd Place

Milpas Community Association - Santa Barbara, California

Project: Milpas Holiday Lights and Parade

A neighborhood that has long suffered from urban decay decides to take back its streets, create a positive new neighborhood identity, and pull everyone together to create new and uplifting celebrations and traditions.

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3rd Place

Birdcage Heights Neighborhood Assoc. – Citrus Heights, California

Project: Inaugural Earth Day

How to put together a project that can be used as a fund raiser or as a free event designed to bring together the community, while providing education and business opportunities, includes control processes, publicity techniques and organization.

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