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The Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC) Announces Community Award Winners

June 16, 2008, Pittston, PA - The Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit and Community Assistance Center (NCAC) recently held its 2008 Community Awards Program and is pleased to announce this year's Community Award winners. The winners have made an extraordinary impact within NCAC's seven county region, which includes Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne.

Awards were presented in 6 categories including Theodore "Ted" G. Daniels Community Development, Arts & Culture, Children & Youth, Education, Environmental Action & Animal Welfare and Health & Human Services.

In the **Theodore "Ted" G. Daniels Community Development** category, first place was awarded to Gouldsboro Area Foundation for its Train Station Restoration Project with MetroAction, Scranton as runner up for their 30 Year Anniversary.

For **Arts & Culture**, Lackawanna Heritage Valley was awarded first place for its Summer Heritage Passport Program and runner up went to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic for their Family Concert & Educational Outreach Initiatives in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties.

In the category of **Children & Youth**, Hazleton Rotary Foundation c/o First Federal Charitable Foundation won first place for Hazleton Rotary Coats for Kids with Safe Haven - Pike County as runner up for RYOT (Rally Youth Organizers Together) Against Rape.

For **Education**, first place was awarded to Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania for its JA BizTown & JA Finance Park in Pittston Township and runner up went to Wayne County Public Library for Lifelong Learning Starts at the Library, Ages 0-18.

In the **Environmental Action & Animal Welfare** category, Pocono Environmental Education Center won first place for their new "Green" Visitor Activity Center with Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development Council as runner up for Pennsylvania Fuels for Schools & Beyond Program.

For **Health & Human Services**, first place was awarded to the Greater Carbondale YMCA for its In the Cardiac Direction Program and runner up went to the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. for their Buprenorphine Project.

Mr. Samuel C. Cali was also honored with NCAC Board of Directors Emeritus status for his service to NCAC. Mr. Cali has been an NCAC Board Member for 12 years, serving as treasurer from 2003-2006. The NCAC Board of Directors unanimously approved his nomination to become an Emeritus member of the Board. He is a well respected community leader and has been an advocate for many nonprofits in the region.

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