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The Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit and Community Assistance Center (NCAC) Announces Awards Finalists

Pittston, PA, April 6, 2009 - The Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit and Community Assistance Center (NCAC) is pleased to announce the 2009 Community Awards finalists. This year's finalists have made an extraordinary impact within our seven-county region, which includes Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne counties. Categories include: Arts & Culture, Community Development & Improvement, Children & Youth, Education, Environmental Action & Animal Welfare and Health & Human Services.

Finalists include:

Arts & Culture

- ◆ Leadership Lackawanna: The Local Flavor of Lackawanna (Lackawanna County)
- ◆ Pocono Arts Council: Trout Trails & Tales (Monroe County)

Theodore "Ted" G. Daniels Community Development

- ◆ Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County: Foreclosure Prevention Initiative (Lackawanna County)
- ◆ Pike/Wayne County Needs Assessment Steering Committee: Pike & Wayne Counties Health & Human Service Needs Assessment (Pike and Wayne Counties)

Children & Youth

- ◆ Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance: Healthy Start Screenings (Monroe County)
- ◆ The Rotary Club of Jim Thorpe: Christmas Present Project (Carbon County)

Education

- ♦ Johnson College, Lackawanna College and the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce: Electronics Training Consortium (Lackawanna County)
- ♦ Luzerne County Community College: Public Safety Training Institute at LCCC (Luzerne County)

Environmental Action & Animal Welfare

- ♦ Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board: Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program (Pike County)
- ♦ Delaware Highlands Conservancy: Shop Local, Save Land guide to local agricultural products (Wayne County)

Health & Human Services

- ♦ Northeast PA Area Health Education Center: Miles of Smiles (Lackawanna County)
- ♦ The Bo Tkach Foundation: The Bo Tkach Foundation for Youth Mental Health Access (Carbon County)

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Winners in each category will be announced at the 2009 Community Awards Program Dinner which will be held at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton on Thursday, April 30, 2009 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Kevin K. Murphy, President, Berks County Community Foundation will serve as the Keynote Speaker for the 2009 NCAC Community Awards Program. Mr. Murphy serves on the Board of Directors of The Council on Foundations and on its community foundation leadership, executive and governance committees. For more information, contact Kurt Bauman or Kate Feissner at 570-655-5581.