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For Immediate Release

NeighborWorks® Green Bay Receives \$5,000 Bill Kitchen Award From NeighborWorks® America

(Green Bay) NeighborWorks® Green Bay is delighted to announce that they were selected to receive a NeighborWorks® America District Grant for National NeighborWorks® Week, June 6–13, 2009.

The grant of \$5,000 is in memory of Bill Kitchen, a former employee of NeighborWorks® America in Kansas City, MO. Bill was a champion of NeighborWorks® Week. Because of this grant, NeighborWorks® Green Bay is able to sponsor a number of activities during NeighborWorks® Week. “We’re proud of the work of NeighborWorks® Green Bay and their events capture the spirit of National NeighborWorks® Week,” says NeighborWorks® America Management Consultant Melford Ferguson. Ferguson will be in Green Bay for the event on June 13th.

- * **NeighborWorks® Green Bay Annual Meeting and Annual NeighborWorks® Awards
Presentation, Wednesday, June 10, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn City Centre, 200 Main Street,
Green Bay, Sponsored by Associated Bank**
- * **NeighborWorks® Green Bay Open House, Saturday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 437 S.
Jackson Street, Green Bay**
- * **NeighborWorks® Original Open House, Tuesday, June 23, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., 723 Mather Street,
Green Bay**

During National NeighborWorks® Week, NeighborWorks® Green Bay has planned a week of neighborhood change and awareness. On Saturday, June 3, staff and volunteers planted two trees at a renovated home at 723 Mather Street, Green Bay.

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On Wednesday, June 10, NeighborWorks® Green Bay will honor community members during their Annual Meeting with Builder Awards:

- The Home Builder Award for support of the NeighborWorks® mission and neighborliness is being presented to Jack & Elaine Mannion.
- The Block Builder Award for volunteering and outstanding business practices is being presented to Retha Wallman of Bank Mutual.
- The Neighborhood Builder Award for resident leadership is being presented to Steve & Linda Boehlen.
- The City Builder Award for public support and leadership is being presented to Mayor Jim Schmitt.
- The Community Builder Award for dedicated service is being presented to Jim Moran.
- The Lifetime Service Award celebrating 38 years of leadership is being presented to Keith Pamperin.

On Saturday, June 13, NeighborWorks® Green Bay will have an Open House at 437 S. Jackson Street. The public is invited to take part in a drawing for a free lawnmower, in confidential shredding and disposal of personal papers, and to enjoy free brats and hamburgers. NeighborWorks® staff will be on hand to provide program information and share tips on buying foreclosed homes.

Since January of 2000, NeighborWorks® Green Bay has constructed or renovated 79 dwelling units. In this same period they have educated and counseled 4,513 aspiring home buyers and existing homeowners. NeighborWorks Green Bay has helped 1,346 families achieve their dreams of homeownership through their loan programs. In total, since the year 2000, through their housing development and homeownership programs, they have leveraged modest resources into \$135 million of direct investment in Green Bay's Original Neighborhoods.

NeighborWorks® Green Bay is a not-for-profit corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors selected from the neighborhoods where they work to make a difference. These efforts to strengthen neighborhoods and transform lives require the hard work and creativity of neighborhood residents, volunteers, lenders, Realtors, government officials and staff, local business, and area philanthropists.

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Media are welcome to attend any of our National NeighborWorks® Week activities. Please contact Jennifer Schnabel to arrange for a tour of our neighborhoods and explanation of our services prior to an event.