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Human Services Award Winners Receive Accolades from Peers, Community Leaders
Homeward Announces 2009 Trends & Innovations Award Honorees

Richmond, VA – Homeward, the Greater Richmond region’s planning and coordinating agency for homeless services, has announced the names of the *2009 Trends and Innovations Award* winners. Delegate Charneile Herring of Alexandria, Virginia acted as keynote for the second annual event held this fall to recognize individuals and organizations in the community that are demonstrating new trends or creating innovative programs to prevent and end homelessness.

This year’s award winners are:

- **Excellence in Case Management - Private Sector** – Claudia Perez, St. Joseph’s Villa / Flagler
- **Randall Hicks Excellence in Case Management - Public Sector** – Robinette Reaves, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
- **Innovation in Homeless Services** – CARITAS
- **Steve Neathery Award** – *Honoring a Formerly Homeless Individual Who Is Giving Back to the Community* – Orvilee Banks
- **Outstanding Business / Community Partner** – Moody Middle School
- **Outstanding Board Member / Volunteer** – Anne P. Lane, Daily Planet
- **Homeward Volunteer of the Year** – Anton Cofield, Antonz Barbershop

For more information on homelessness in greater Richmond, visit www.homewardva.org.

About Homeward

With more than 1,000 homeless children, single adults and families at a given point in time in Greater Richmond, Homeward is the regional catalyst to research, report and coordinate resources for people experiencing homelessness. In collaboration with regional partners in the City of Richmond and the counties of Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, New Kent, Powhatan, Charles City and Goochland, Homeward facilitates service provider trainings, client resource fairs, and conducts twice yearly ‘point-in-time’ counts of those at-risk and who are currently in the sheltered and unsheltered population. In 2008 Homeward launched the Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Richmond Region. For more information on Homeward, visit www.homewardva.org

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