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ADPSR Announces Winners of the 2006 Lewis Mumford Awards

Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) has announced its 14th annual Lewis Mumford awards for outstanding contributions in areas that embrace ADPSR's mission of world peace, protection of the environment, and socially responsible development.

This year's Mumford award for Development goes to Common Ground Collective, the grassroots organization that started up in New Orleans within days after the city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Beginning with \$50 and 3 volunteers, they quickly opened a free medical clinic and provided food, water, and supplies to thousands of residents unable to evacuate. Since then, they have grown to 40 full-time organizers, created a network of 700 volunteers, and launched a successful, ongoing program to not only clear streets but clean and gut homes and a school as well. Their long-term goal is to help stabilize the poor and black communities that were hardest hit by the disaster. "Common Ground sprang to life right after Katrina," says ADPSR board member Barbara Davidson, "and hit the ground running, making a real impact on New Orleans. And they haven't stopped since."

www.commongroundrelief.org

Global Green USA, has been selected to receive ADPSR's 2006 award for Environment. As the U.S. affiliate of Mikhail Gorbachev's worldwide organization, Green Cross International, Global Green has initiated and endorsed actions on green building, global climate change, energy conservation, water pollution, and reducing weapons of mass destruction. They recently co-sponsored the New Orleans Sustainable Design Competition (hosted by

actor Brad Pitt) to develop affordable green designs for new homes in the city after Katrina, a project which is now poised to go into construction. “Their approach to green building and climate change is very close to ours,” says ADPSR President Raphael Sperry. “And,” adds board member Zack Barowitz, “their stand against WMD’s connects with where ADPSR started in 1982, protesting nuclear arms. It’s a job that still isn’t finished, and we are both still working on it.”

www.globalgreen.org

ADPSR’s 2006 award for Peace goes to September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, an organization founded by family members of those killed on September 11 who have united to turn their grief into action for peace and break the cycle of violence brought on by war and terrorism. Their goals include promoting non-violent responses to war and terrorism; calling attention to threats to human and civil rights as a consequence of war; promoting a U.S. foreign policy that places a priority on those rights as well as democracy and self-rule; and encouraging the use of international law to bring those responsible for the attacks to justice. “They’ve shown such courage, grace and humanity,” says ADPSR board member Greg VanMechelen, “in standing up for peace, when they have suffered so much more than many calling for vengeance.”

www.peacefultomorrows.org

Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) is a national non-profit organization founded in 1982 dedicated to the involvement of architects, designers, and planners in issues of peace and social justice.

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