

Neighborhood Resource Center

Training, Technology and Resources for Neighborhood Organizations, Neighborhood Leadership Program, Neighborhood Enhancement Area (NEA) Program, Neighborhood Problem Solving



Potluck Mixer Celebrates “Neighborhood of the Year” Award Recipients

The Neighborhood Resource Center honored “**Neighborhood of the Year**” award recipients at a potluck mixer, **Wednesday, July 13, 2011**.

Forty Long Beach residents attended the potluck to celebrate neighborhood groups **Better Balance for Long Beach**, **Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee** and **South Wrigley Neighborhood Advisory Group** for winning national awards from **Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA)** in their **2011 Neighborhood of the Year** competition. In addition, awards in a new NUSA Best Neighborhood Newsletter category went to the **Willmore City Heritage Association** and **North Long Beach Project Area Committee**, who received gold and silver medals respectively for print format.

Better Balance for Long Beach received the **2011 Neighborhood of the Year Grand Prize Award** and **First Place Project in Multi Neighborhood – Partnerships Category** for **One Day Christmas Store Shopping with Dignity**. The store provides a free, department store style shopping experience for families who need help with their Christmas gifts. 2010 was the group’s 4th annual store. This privately funded event invited **550** families with more than **150** volunteers participating.

The **Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee** and **South Wrigley Neighborhood Advisory Group** won **Second Place** in the **Multi Neighborhood – Partnerships Category** for creating the **Peace Garden** at Martin Luther King Park in the Central area of Long Beach. This project has instilled community pride and has become a cornerstone of the Central area.

Since 1998, the Neighborhood Resource Center has successfully helped **17** groups to win national recognition for their hard work and dedication to their Belmont Shore, Bluff Heights, Central Area (three times!), Coolidge Triangle, Craftsman Village Historic District, East Village, El Dorado Park South, Emerald Villas, Los Cerritos, Magnolia Industrial Area, North Long Beach, Washington Middle School (twice) and Willmore City Historic District (twice), neighborhoods in Neighborhoods, USA’s national Neighborhood of the Year competition.

For more information on future workshop presented by the **Neighborhood Resource Center**, contact **Scottie Hinkey** at **Sharron.Hinkey@longbeach.gov** or call **(562) 570-3814**.