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WEINBERG FELLOWS PROGRAM NAMES CIVIC WORKS INC. AS 2009 AIM AWARD WINNER

Civic Works Receives \$30,000 Grant in Honor of Executive Director Dana Stein

BALTIMORE (December 16, 2009) The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program today announced that Civic Works Inc. has been selected as the 2009 recipient of AIM for Excellence Award. Civic Works Inc. received the award during the annual AIM for Excellence conference on October 28, 2009.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program, managed by the University of Baltimore's Schaefer Center for Public Policy, is a leadership development program for executive directors of agencies serving disadvantaged residents in Maryland. It provides hands-on, practical, interactive sessions focused on key elements of nonprofit management; exploration of issues important to agency leaders; the chance to meet and form long-term relationships with peers, and opportunities to identify and connect to a rich network of other helpful resources. The most recent class of fellows graduated on October 9, 2009.

This year's top winner, Civic Works Inc., received an unrestricted grant for \$30,000 in honor of its executive director, Dana Stein, for results achieved through the non-profit's green programs, which include:

- *B'more Green*, a training program for brownfield remediation careers; since 2001 B'more Green has trained 175 participants and placed 89 percent in full-time employment
- *Project Lightbulb*, a home energy conservation program for low-income residents; the program has served 914 Baltimore City homes, installing 10,616 CFLs, 775 kitchen faucet aerators, 730 bathroom faucet aerators, 607 low-flow showerheads, 890 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, 496 hot water heater wraps and 3,086 feet of pipe insulation
- *3E Energy Solutions*, a training program for weatherization careers; the program has installed 35 "Cool Roofs" and performed weatherization services in fifteen homes and expects the homes will show an average air infiltration reduction of 20% and an equivalent reduction in energy usage

In introducing the awards program Ann Cotten, director of the Weinberg Fellows Program and the Schaefer Center for Public Policy at the University of Baltimore, stated, "This year we received thirteen applications for the AIM award and they were all outstanding. The final decision was a difficult one."

There were three additional AIM award winners this year. Each of the following award recipients received an unrestricted grant for \$15,000, in honor of their executive directors:

- Maryland New Directions, in honor of executive director Grace Lee. Through Lee's effort, Maryland New Directions increased funding by 179 percent after losing all funding from the State of Maryland. The funding increase will allow Maryland New Directions to serve five times as many people in the upcoming year.
- Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland Inc. in honor of executive director Sharon E. Goldsmith. Goldsmith and her organization responded to the foreclosure crisis by recruiting approximately 900 qualified lawyers to counsel homeowners and housing counselors about the foreclosure process.
- South Baltimore Learning Center, in honor of executive director, Sonia Socha. From 2004 to 2008, the South Baltimore Learning Center, under Socha's leadership has experienced an impressive transformation in all areas. Enrollment grew by 44 percent, the budget increased by 75percent, special event revenue increased by more than 100 percent, board giving grew by 118 percent and importantly the number of graduates of the center increased by 50 percent.

The AIM for Excellence Award was established by The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. It is designed to encourage Weinberg Fellows to effectively use their program experience to make positive changes that affect those within their service mission. For more information, please visit the Program's web site at www.weinbergfellows.org

The University of Baltimore is a member of the University System of Maryland and comprises the School of Law, the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts and the Merrick School of Business.

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About The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation:

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation annually distributes approximately \$110 million to a wide range of charitable organizations. The Foundation is dedicated to assisting the poor through operating and capital grants to direct service organizations primarily located in Maryland, Hawaii, Northeastern Pennsylvania, New York, Israel, and the Former Soviet Union. Grants are focused on meeting basic needs such as shelter, health and socialization, nutrition, and on enhancing an individual's ability to meet those needs. Within that focus, emphasis is placed on older adults and on the Jewish community. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Alvin Awaya, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Barry Schloss, Donn Weinberg, and President Shale D. Stiller. For more information go to The Foundation's website at www.hjweinbergfoundation.org.

About the Schaefer Center for Public Policy:

The Schaefer Center for Public Policy was established in 1985 with a mission to bring the University of Baltimore's academic expertise to bear in solving problems faced by government and nonprofit organizations. The center offers the following services: strategic planning, performance measurement, program evaluation and analysis, opinion research, management consulting, and professional development. It is through the Schaefer Center that the University of Baltimore and the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts meet a central component of the University's mission of applied research and public service to the Baltimore metropolitan area and to the state of Maryland