



## VIRGINIA STATEWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE, INC.

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#### **VSNC Calls for Neighborhood Award Nominations – Winners Will Receive Cash Awards**

Roanoke, VA – The Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc. (VSNC, Inc.) Planning Committee is delighted to announce the opening of the 2011 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference Awards Program, recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding neighborhood organizations and civic individuals from across the Commonwealth who work tirelessly to enhance the quality of life in their communities. The following three (3) NEIGHBORHOOD AWARD categories are available for entries:

- Project of the Year
- Advocate of the Year
- Youth Individual or Group Effort of the Year

To be considered, nominees must mail/postmark their completed application by the August 31, 2011 deadline. Eligibility requirements and application guidelines are available on our website at [www.vsnc.org](http://www.vsnc.org).

All award nominees should register to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference being held at the Hellenic Center in Williamsburg, Virginia on September 22-23, 2011. All award nominees will be available for display and the winners will be featured during the annual awards banquet on Friday, September 23, 2011.

The Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference (VSNC) is a non-profit grassroots organization created to serve as a forum for the sharing of experiences and knowledge that strengthens a cooperative working relationship among citizens, municipality staff members, representatives of the private sector, and elected officials for the strengthening of our towns, cities, and counties through their neighborhoods. VSNC achieves this broad objective by partnering with municipalities across the Commonwealth to produce an annual neighborhood conference. This conference provides an opportunity for people from all locations, socio-economic levels, and sectors across the Commonwealth to learn best practices for addressing current neighborhood issues, attend workshops, network with one another, and share experiences and information toward building stronger communities.

Each year nominations are solicited to recognize the commitment of our Commonwealth's neighborhoods and/or individuals who have tirelessly volunteered their time and energy into making their neighborhoods places they are proud to call home. These awards have been presented since 2000 as a collective "thank you" to the nominated neighborhoods and individuals. These are the only statewide awards given on an ongoing basis to neighborhood organizations and individuals for their neighborhood self-help initiatives.

VSNC is governed by a Board of Directors who serves voluntarily at their own time and expense. The Board directs the ongoing business and policy of the organization, providing oversight for the implementation of each year's conference. They also play a leadership role in promoting both the organization and the work of neighborhood-based activism and self-help initiatives across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

To learn more about the 2011 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, being held in Williamsburg, Virginia, please write Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc., P.O. Box 6303, Roanoke, Virginia 24017, call (540) 342-2763, or visit our website at [www.vsnc.org](http://www.vsnc.org).

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