



Charlotte CENTER CITY Partners

## 2009 CENTER CITY VISION AWARDS

What: 2009 Vision Award Winners

When: Thursday, March 26, 2009

Where: Charlotte Convention Center

Charlotte Center City Partners is proud to announce the winners of the 2009 Vision Awards. This year, we have six award winners in three categories: Special Achievement, Settlers and the Vision Award.

The **2009 Vision Award** recognizes an individual whose contributions have been imperative to Center City's emergence as a thriving urban Core. Our 2008 Vision Award winner is:

- Hugh L. McColl, Jr. – Financial titan, city builder, and art patron for his decades of visionary leadership in Charlotte's urban core and Center City neighborhoods and in the international world of business and finance.

The **Special Achievement Award** recognizes projects or entities which have had a major impact on Center City's on-going transformation. This year's winners are:

- Pedestrian Wayfinding Program – to CDOT, Howard Landers Consulting, Two Twelve Harakawa, Inc, SIGNS ETC, Brinkley Design and DAWA, Inc for creating an integrated system of wayfinding signs to help pedestrians navigate within Uptown and soon, South End.
- Lowe's, Central Charlotte and The Southborough Project - to Lowe's Companies, Inc., Conformity Corporation, Bailey Patrick, Land Design and BB+M Architects for creating a collaborative large-format retail store, wrapped by condominiums, to meld into an existing neighborhood and urban setting.

The **Settlers Award** honors the pioneering and entrepreneurial spirit of Center City businesses and retailers which are key contributors Center City's quality of life. The 2008 winners are:

- NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center – The Center City's first mixed-use, public/private project, for enriching the arts and cultural community since 1992.
- Mattie and Billy Craig – Hot dog vendors for more than 10 years, for faithful commitment to the Tryon Street Vendor Program.
- Center City Historic Congregations - Uptown and South End's ten historic church congregations for building and sustaining community for more than 50 years. They include First Baptist, First Presbyterian, First United Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Little Rock AME Zion, Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist, Pritchard Memorial Baptist, Saint Peter's Catholic, Saint Peter's Episcopal and United House of Prayer for All People.

Congratulations to our award winners.

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