

# Southwest Housing Solutions Named “CDC of the Year” by Detroit LISC



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Southwest Housing Solutions is the winner of the “Community Development Corporation (CDC) of the Year” Award presented at the 2008 Detroit Community Development Awards, the premiere event recognizing the leaders and unsung heroes of neighborhood revitalization in metro Detroit.

“Southwest Housing Solutions has continued to demonstrate the leadership and commitment needed to create significant change in the community. This, combined with their comprehensive approach to revitalization, is why they earned the title CDC of the Year, sponsored by MASCO,” said Deborah L. Younger, executive director of Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which organized the awards event.

The award recognizes Southwest Housing Solutions’ manifold, intensive and innovative programs to serve its community. Southwest Housing Solutions (SWHS) began in 1979 and has renovated 24 multi-story buildings in southwest Detroit, providing more than 400 apartment units and 40,000 sq. feet of commercial

space. It has invested more than \$100 million toward neighborhood revitalization. In addition, SWHS’ Housing Opportunity Center has helped hundreds of families buy their first homes, avoid foreclosure, and repair their homes with low-interest loans.

“We are very proud to receive this prestigious award that recognizes our efforts in southwest Detroit to provide affordable housing and real estate development, and to serve as a catalyst for increasing investment in the community,” said Tim Thorland, executive director of Southwest Housing Solutions, a nonprofit based in southwest Detroit.

In its fifth year, the MASCO CDC of the Year Award goes to a Community Development Corporation that has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make a demonstrable and measurable difference in the community.

The award includes a \$5,000 donation from MASCO that SWHS will use to further its mission of community service.