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Broward League of Cities Announces Inaugural Cities of Excellence Awards

City of Miramar honored with Community Spirit Award;

City of Hollywood honored with Green Leaf Award;

City of Wilton Manors honored with Peacock Award

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (September 15, 2011) – The Broward League of Cities is proud to announce the winners of its first ever Cities of Excellence awards, which serve to highlight the outstanding initiatives cities have implemented to improve the quality of life for their residents.

The cities of Hollywood, Miramar and Wilton Manors were chosen by an independent panel of judges as winners among more than 52 entries in three categories. Hollywood won the Green Leaf Award for the best eco-friendly and sustainable project, Miramar won the Community Spirit Award for the best special events program, and Wilton Manor won the Peacock Award for the best beautification project.

- The City of Hollywood won the Green Leaf Award for its RecycleBank® program, which has helped the city collect 17 million pounds of recyclables, divert an additional 9.6 million pounds from the waste stream, and generate more than \$520,000 in cost savings and additional revenues.
- The City of Miramar was honored with the Community Spirit Award for its Community for a Lifetime program, which provides intergenerational programming through two senior centers and five early childhood centers to offer people of varied ages, races and cultures a unique opportunity to share connections with one another.
- The City of Wilton Manors was honored with the Peacock Award for increasing its tree canopy and beautifying the city by planting more than 500 native trees in city parks, on city-owned properties and along swales through the city's Tree Trust Fund program.

"We created the Cities of Excellence awards program to spread awareness of successful projects and to share best practices for enhancing the quality of life throughout all cities in Broward County," said Broward League of Cities President Debby Eisinger, Mayor of Cooper City. "We received a great reception in our first year and look forward to continuing the program for many years to come."

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ABOUT BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES:

Chartered in 1957, the Broward League of Cities is a non-partisan, non-profit organization representing the 31 municipal governments and more than 80 associate government, non-profit and business organizations within Broward County. The organization is dedicated to increasing awareness and providing resolutions to issues that affect day-to-day operations at the county, state, and federal levels. Read more at www.browardleague.org.

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