



2018 CONFERENCE NEWS

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Whitely Community Food Pantry in Muncie, Ind. wins 2018 NOTY Grand Prize

NUSA also honors Beaverton's Five Oaks-Triple Creek Neighborhood Association Committee & Indianapolis' Pogue's Run Art & Nature Park Revitalization Task Force at annual awards luncheon

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) named the Whitely Community Food Pantry in Indianapolis the 2018 Grand Prize winner of the Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Award at its luncheon held Friday, May 25 at the 43rd annual NUSA conference in Birmingham, Ala.

Finishing in first place in the Physical Revitalization category of the annual NOTY competition is the Five Oaks-Triple Creeks Neighborhood

Association Committee, whose program, Park Restoration & Habitat Improvement, is a collaboration with local officials to eliminate invasive species, make their parkland more accessible, sustainable, and beautiful all while bringing neighbors together.

Not only were they awarded the Grand Prize, but NUSA also awarded the first place prize in the Social Revitalization category of the NOTY competition to the Whitely Community Council in Muncie, Ind. The Council's Whitely Community Food Pantry is an inspirational story of a community coming together after the loss of local grocery stores creating a neighborhood food desert. Whitely not only created a new food pantry, they created new partnerships, new food gardens, new food growing educational programs and new nutrition programs.

Also awarded during Friday's luncheon was the first place prize in Multi Neighborhood Partnerships, which went to Pogue's Run Art & Nature Park in Indianapolis. Pogue's Run is a beautiful restoration of land as a catchment basin into parkland, pathways, art displays and community volunteerism.

2018 NOTY award winners were announced in the following categories:

Physical Revitalization - Single Neighborhood

1st Place

**Park Restoration & Habitat Improvement
Five Oaks-Triple Creek Neighborhood
Association Committee
Beaverton, Ore.**



Park Restoration & Habitat
Improvement
Beaverton, Ore.

2nd Place

**Sunset Heights Neighborhood Mural
Sunset Heights Neighborhood Association
Fort Worth, Texas**

3rd Place

**Armstrong Park Enhancements
New World Neighborhood Crime Watch
Garland, Texas**

Social Revitalization - Single Neighborhood

1st Place

**Whitely Community Food Pantry
Whitely Community Council
Muncie, Ind.**

2nd Place

**Highland Neighborhood Walk Series
Highland Neighborhood Association Committee
Beaverton, Ore.**

3rd Place

**Santa Comes to Town
Goleta Old Town Community Association
Goleta, Calif.**

Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships

1st Place

Pogue's Run Art & Nature Park

Pogue's Run Art & Nature Park Revitalization Task Force

Indianapolis, Ind.



**Grand Prize Winner Whitely Community Food
Pantry, Muncie, Ind.**



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