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URBAN HARVEST BESTOWS AWARDS AT ANNUAL MEETING

HOUSTON – November 30, 2012...Each year, the staff and board of directors of Urban Harvest recognize individuals and organizations that provide extraordinary support to the non-profit organization and its mission. Winners of the 2012 awards were announced at the Annual Meeting held this month:

THE FOUNDERS AWARD ~ Jean Fefer

The Founders' Award recognizes an individual who has made contributions over a span of years to Urban Harvest's community gardening efforts. This award recognizes the honoree's continuation of the standards and achievements established by the organization's founders.

THE COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD ~ River Oaks Garden Club

The Community Partner Award recognizes an enterprise or institution that significantly contributed in the past year as an official or unofficial partner in Urban Harvest's pursuit of its mission.

THE NUTGRASS ROOTS AWARD ~ Dominican Sisters Community Garden

The Nutgrass Award recognizes a community garden that, with the persistence of nutgrass, has persevered and triumphed over the years in spite of adverse circumstances, exhibiting determination sustainability—and ultimately—success.

THE GREEN JEANS AWARD ~ James "Boone" Holladay for his work at Lamar High School

The Green Jeans Award recognizes an individual who through creativity, dedication, and sustained effort, has contributed significantly to providing horticultural education and love of gardening among youth.

THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD ~ Mr. VJ Dispenza

The President's Leadership Award recognizes an individual's long-term leadership on one or more Urban Harvest major committees. It highlights the significance of volunteer-led committees in carrying out the Urban Harvest vision and the importance of individual leaders in making those committees effective.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD ~ Paula Murphy

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment of time, energy, and/or other resources to the service of the community and advancement of the Urban Harvest mission.

All awards were presented at the Annual Meeting, except for The Nutgrass Roots Award and The Green Jeans Award, which were presented at the annual Harvest Celebration, as they are directly tied to the community gardens program.

Urban Harvest is a 501 (c)3 organization that promotes healthy communities, sound nutrition and respect for the environment by educating children and adults and facilitating harvest and habitat gardens. The Urban Harvest Farmers Market helps educate the public about the benefits of eating local produce in season and provides the local agricultural community with a direct outlet for their products. For more information, visit www.urbanharvest.org