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SFDC Announces 2008 Mary Thonen Beautification Award Winners

Local Businesses Recognized for Beauty in Landscaping and Design

(September 22, 2008) Fairfax County, Virginia — The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2008 Mary Thonen Beautification Award. Presented by the SFDC Board of Directors, the Award serves as a memorial to the life of hard work and dedication by long-standing SFDC Board member Mary Thonen. This year's recipients are:

- The Travelers Motel
- Cherry Arms Apartments
- Holly Woods and Vines

Recipients of honorable mention include: Red Roof Inn, Applebee's Restaurant, Montebello Apartments, Normandy Capital Partners, Federal Realty, Virginia Commerce Bank and Huntington Gateway.

The award is rooted in the belief that attractive landscaping improves the image of local businesses as well as the image of Richmond Highway as a whole. While SFDC does not have specific minimum qualifications for nominees, most recipients have landscaped storefront area and service drive medians with a mixture of trees, shrubs and colorful annual plantings.

The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation promotes the economic revitalization of Richmond Highway in Fairfax County, Virginia, by assisting businesses in identifying and procuring property to suit their needs. The SFDC also markets Richmond Highway as a commercial center, promotes active economic restructuring and develops urban design plans. Visit www.SFDC.org to learn more.

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