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Citizens and Community Partners Honored at State of the City

(Oshkosh, WI.) The city of Oshkosh was proud to hand out a number of awards at last night's State of the City Address. The winners of the Community Partner Awards were Celebration of Lights, Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh, and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

The Celebration of Lights project was born ten years ago by Oshkosh Southwest Rotary and former Oshkosh Parks Director, Tom Stephany. The goal was to partner with the parks department to bring the Oshkosh community a magical animated holiday light show in Menominee Park. This event has become a featured holiday attraction in Oshkosh thanks to a lot of hard work from a number of people.

The Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh has devoted numerous hours of time to raise funds to purchase a LUCAS cardiac compression machine for the Oshkosh Fire Department. In 2010, the group funded the first LUCAS device. Their goal is to raise enough money to purchase nine devices, one for each city ambulance.

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has led a beautification project that aims to not only improve the quality of life for the city's residents, but also promote Oshkosh as a leader in green communities. In 2010, phase one of the "Taking Root" project included the planting of 1,000 trees in neighborhoods and public parks. In 2011, phase two will be implemented to place an additional 1,400 trees along city streets and in parks.

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the city were also honored with an Urban Forestry Award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their work on the "Taking Root" project.

A total of 23 individual citizens were also recognized for their volunteer work on the city's boards and commissions. The complete list of the Boards and Commission Awards honorees can be found on the city website, www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

To view an encore presentation of the State of the City Address, please visit www.OshkoshCommunityMedia.org for streaming video and replay schedules.

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