COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO CANADA RECEIVES 10TH ANNUAL CCPH AWARD

May 16, 2011 – Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) is delighted to announce the Community-University Partnership for Community Development, Research and Training (CUP) in Windsor, Ontario Canada as the recipient of the 10th Annual CCPH Award. The award recognizes exemplary partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions that build on each other's strengths to improve higher education, civic engagement, and the overall health of communities. The award highlights the power and potential of community-campus partnerships as a strategy for social justice. It honors partnerships that are striving to achieve the systems and policy changes needed to overcome the root causes of health, social and economic inequalities.

More than 100 nominations were received for the 2011 award. CUP impressed reviewers with its governance model that includes low-income housing residents in decision making and leadership roles; broad definition of health and emphasis on social justice; focus on mobilizing assets while also addressing community-identified concerns; strong community, university, student and government support; and outcomes that include revitalized neighborhoods and the sustained engagement of community members and faculty and students from across the university. As one reviewer noted, "CUP demonstrates how partnerships can be a powerful leverage point for change."

In announcing this year’s award recipient at a ceremony during the international CU Expo conference in Waterloo, ON (http://cuexpo2011.ca), CCPH Executive Director Sarena Seifer highlighted CUP’s “significant contributions to community resilience, neighborhood revitalization and civic engagement in the City of Windsor” and noted that since its establishment in 2005, CUP has expanded from one to six social housing neighborhoods and broadened the range of disciplines involved from the university, including business, geography, law, music therapy and nursing. Accepting the award on behalf of CUP were Cathy Nantais, Chairperson, Safety and Security Committee, Ouellette Manor; Debbie Cercone, Executive Director of Housing and Children’s Services, Community Development and Health Services Corporation of the City of Windsor; and Mary Medcalf, Coordinator of Field Education Programs, School of Social Work, University of Windsor. See next page for photo.

Also announced were three partnerships that received honorable mentions: The Native Health Initiative in Albuquerque, New Mexico USA; Special Needs Unlimited Group in Newcastle, Australia; and the Mecklenburg Area Partnership for Primary Care Research in Charlotte, North Carolina USA.

For more information about the 2011 award winner and honorable mentions, visit http://bit.ly/kdNcsq. Nomination guidelines for the 2012 CCPH Award will be posted online at http://www.ccph.info by September 1, 2011 with a deadline of January 13, 2012. Nominations in English are accepted from any country or nation. Partnerships may nominate themselves and need not be members of CCPH.
Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) promotes health (broadly defined) through partnerships between communities and academic institutions that focus on changing the conditions and environments in which people live, work and play. CCPH’s strategic goals are to:

- Mobilize the knowledge, wisdom and experience in communities and in academic institutions to solve pressing health, social, environmental and economic challenges
- Build the capacity of communities and academic institutions to engage each other in partnerships that balance power, share resources, and work towards systems change
- Ensure that community-driven social change is central to the work of community-academic partnerships

CCPH members – a diverse group of over 2,000 individuals affiliated with community organizations, colleges and universities, health care delivery systems, student service organizations, foundations and government – are advancing these goals in their work on a daily basis through community-based participatory research, service-learning and other partnership approaches. An international non-governmental organization, CCPH pursues its mission and supports its members through knowledge mobilization, training and technical assistance, research and evaluation, policy development and advocacy, and coalition building. *What ties us together is our commitment to social justice and our passion for the power of partnerships to transform communities and academe.*

The Community-University Partnership for Community Development, Research and Training in Windsor, Ontario Canada receives the 2011 CCPH Annual Award

*From left to right:* Jim Steele, Chief Executive, Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation (CHC); Cathy Nantais, Chairperson, Safety & Security Committee, Ouellette Manor; Larry Thibert, Tenant, Windsor Essex CHC; Liz Malone D’Agnolo, Program Coordinator, Grandview, Community-University Partnership; Debbie Cercone, Executive Director, Housing & Children's Services, Community Development & Health Services Corporation of the City of Windsor; Cheryl Taggart, Senior Project Manager, Community-University Partnership; Mary Medcalf, Coordinator of Field Education Programs, School of Social Work, University of Windsor; Brent Angell, Director, School of Social Work, University of Windsor