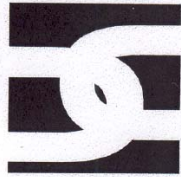


University UNITED
Metro Award



Presented to
**CENTRAL CORRIDOR
PARTNERSHIP**

University UNITED is establishing an Annual “Metro” Award to recognize an individual or an organization that is making a special contribution promoting closer collaboration between the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul for the benefit of the larger region. UNITED is a strong proponent of the two cities working more closely together and is in a unique position to offer this award as our coalition has members from both cities. Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association in Minneapolis and the St. Anthony Park Community Council in St. Paul have been leading the way with a number of cooperative programs over the years relating to development, transportation and environmental issues.

The First Annual University UNITED Metro award is being presented to the *Central Corridor Partnership*, a coalition of businesses, business organizations, Ramsey County, Hennepin County, Organized Labor, the University of Minnesota, and local governments that has been formed to advocate for light rail in the Central Corridor, along University Avenue.

University UNITED
2004 Annual Awards Program

The University UNITED Annual Awards are presented to projects that have been built during the prior year that meet the guidelines of transit-oriented development and enhance the quality of life along the University Avenue corridor.



Awards Panel:

Richard Fischer, President, St. Paul Chapter, American Institute of Architects
Tim Griffin, Director of the St. Paul on the Mississippi Design Center
James Garrett, Jr., 4RM=ULA Architecture Design Development
Nieta Presley, Aurora Saint Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation
Trish Sackrison, Chair of the Board, University UNITED

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2004 Project of the Year Award

808 Berry Place

808 Berry Place is a \$35 million, 267-unit rental housing project designed by Walsh Bishop Architects and developed by Dominion Housing, and constructed by Weis Builders. Along with the adjacent Emerald Gardens, 808 Berry Place has helped transform an industrial area into an attractive urban neighborhood. The project includes flats, townhomes, and lofts of varying sizes and rent-levels. Key features of the project include: a beautiful interior courtyard with a swimming pool, fire pit, and year-round spa; a community room, pub space, conference room, exercise area, sauna, tanning room, and theatre; heated underground parking; and high quality materials and workmanship. A significant affordable housing component within the project responds to the strong demand for workforce housing in the metro area. The Awards Panel recognized its classic design, elegant finish materials and outstanding craftsmanship.

“Uni” Award Winners for 2004

Mai Village Restaurant

394 University Avenue

Mai Village is a newly built Vietnamese restaurant at 394 University Avenue (at Western Avenue). Ngoan Dang, and his wife Mai, spared no expense in creating a magnificent interior space featuring exquisite craftsmanship and detailing throughout, with custom designed and hand-crafted wooden tables, chairs, wall panels, and numerous art objects imported from Vietnam. Restaurant critic Kathie Jenkins of the Pioneer Press has written, “On the Wow scale, Mai Village is a 10!” The building has served as community gathering place since its opening and a focal point of community pride. The architect is D-Larc, and contractor was Flannery Construction.

The Mack Building

2505 University Avenue

The Mack Building at 2505 University Avenue is an extensive adaptation by owner Joe Commers of a historic building that reflects the early prominence of the automobile and trucking industries along University Avenue. The building’s original elegant façade has been restored and new storefronts have been sensitively inserted for a tenant who occupies the entire structure. The project was designed by Anderson Dale Architects, and the contractor is McGough Construction.

Subway Restaurant

2121 University Avenue

The *Subway Restaurant* at 2121 University converted the front of a former taxi repair garage into an attractive franchise restaurant, bringing new life and vitality to the corridor. This project is an excellent example of how a chain store restaurant can adapt its standard design requirements to meet the specific needs of a site and the context of an urban community. The owners of the business are Jeffrey and Jacqueline Lunde, and they worked with RVK Architects and Eckman Construction.

Western Sculpture Park

Western Sculpture Park, which opened in 1998, was developed and is maintained by Public Art St. Paul (PASP) working closely with the St. Paul Parks Department. The Sculpture Park is widely credited with helping to stabilize what had been a problem-ridden neighborhood. PASP regularly changes the sculptures being displayed, and offers a variety of related arts education programming for the community on site. This year, PASP completed the Western Park Neighborhood Assessment Report, an analysis of the adjoining Fuller-Aurora community. This effort involved more than 50 individuals including residents, apartment owners and managers, churches, community and arts organizations, and public agencies. The assessment is being used to promote further initiatives enhancing the quality of life of the adjoining neighborhoods, using the park as a catalyst.