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The American Institute of Architects (Denver) Announces the 2010 Recipient of the \$5,000 Curt Dale, FAIA, Community Grant

DENVER (Dec. 7, 2010) — The American Institute of Architects (AIA), Denver chapter, announces LiveWell Colorado as the recipient of the 2010 Curt Dale, FAIA, Community Grant. The Curt Dale, FAIA, Community Grant is an annual grant program with the goal of enabling AIA Denver, through its membership, to make some significant, tangible contribution to the community at-large and, at the same time, promote public awareness about the architecture profession. This \$5,000 grant is awarded to a single recipient or group from Denver each year.

In partnership with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and WPM Consulting, LiveWell Colorado (LWC) will be using the funding to complement a series of Built Environment Policy Blueprints currently being developed and scheduled for completion in 2011. The policy blueprints will focus on Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) policies being tested and implemented throughout the state of Colorado, with special interest in how the built environment either impedes or promotes access to healthy foods and access to active living environments in specific geographic contexts (urban, rural, suburban and resort communities).

“LiveWell Colorado will be using the grant funding to support statewide community engagement and listening efforts in conjunction with collecting the needed information for the policy blueprints. LWC, CDPHE and WPM Consulting will be working closely with community groups and coalitions throughout the state to gather local data, research successful grassroots strategies to engage communities around the issue and educate interested communities about HEAL and the built environment. Strategies funded by this grant could include tools such as neighborhood or walking audits, translation services for multi-lingual communities, community photography projects and more,” according to Vice President of Policy at LiveWell Colorado Lisa Walvoord.

The AIA Denver Curt Dale, FAIA, Community Grant is awarded based on the following criteria: architectural or environmental relevance, potential for community outreach and participation, potential for volunteer-oriented support, teaming/partnering opportunities (including potential for generating additional funds from other sources) and public awareness potential, both for the profession and for AIA Denver.

Quotes from LiveWell Colorado’s Partners, WPM Consulting and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:

- “Understanding what makes it easy – or very hard – for people to walk, bike, run and easily access an abundance of fresh, healthy foods in their communities is critical to our work,” explains Wendy Peters Moschetti, consultant, WPM Consulting. “Just as important as analyzing a community’s policies and codes, is hearing direct from the residents – what is working for you? Working against you? We need innovative and meaningful tools to do this, and this grant will help us engage people all over the state to better understand how their built environment supports (or not) the healthy choices they would like to make.”
- “Reducing and preventing obesity and related chronic diseases requires creative solutions in the built environment, and our team is eager to engage our colleagues in design to explore and deliver innovative approaches that will engage our communities at the local level,” says Built Environment Coordinator at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Jessica Osborne.

Previous Curt Dale, FAIA, Community Grant Recipients:

- 2009: Housing Colorado Affordable Housing Gallery
- 2008: Denver Architectural Foundation CAL Program
- 2007: Nine10Arts collaboration with the Denver Child/Youth Friendly City Initiative
- 2005-06: AIA Denver Urban Design Committee, Homelessness Task Force
- 2004-05: Doors Open Denver
- 2003-04: Colorado Community Design Network
- 2002-03: "Architecture is Elementary" Program – The Denver Architectural Foundation
- 2001-02: Architectural Laboratory/Denver

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About AIA & AIA Denver

For more than 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real.

AIA Denver is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component. This chapter is comprised of members from nine counties in the metro Denver area. The voice of the profession of architecture, AIA Denver inspires and champions its members as leaders in the design of the built environment.

About LiveWell Colorado

LiveWell Colorado is a nonprofit organization committed to reducing obesity in Colorado by promoting healthy eating and active living. Leading a comprehensive approach, LiveWell Colorado inspires and advances policy, environmental and lifestyle changes that aim to provide every Coloradan with access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity in the places they live, work, learn and play. For more information about LiveWell Colorado, visit www.livewellcolorado.org.

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