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**Green Ribbon Initiatives Award  
Honoring the Community Building Partnership of  
Thomson Reuters Green Team/ Employee Garden  
And  
Dakota Woodlands and 360 Communities' B Robert Lewis House**

**EAGAN, Minnesota. November 24, 2014** – Green Ribbon Initiatives, a nonprofit corporation, is pleased to recognize the community building partnership of Thomson Reuters Eagan Green Team and Dakota Woodlands and B. Robert Lewis House (an entity of 360 Communities), two Eagan-based nonprofits that offer support and shelter to local families in crisis.

In 2010, the Thomson Reuters Eagan Green Team launched an onsite organic garden staffed by 30 employee volunteers to provide fresh produce to benefit of the residents of both organizations. Last year the Eagan Green Team also launched a series of cooking, canning, jamming and pickling classes for residents to learn how to use donated produce. Since the start of the garden, the Eagan Green Team has donated more than 3,700 lbs. of organic produce to its partners.

“What the Eagan Green Team did for our families cannot be measured in dollars, in fact, some of our younger parents have never seen some of the food in a ‘fresh’ state,” said an employee from Dakota Woodlands. “The classes were very well-presented – our residents enjoyed them so very much and all took away new skills.”

Dakota Woodlands provides shelter and support services to homeless women and families, while B. Robert Lewis House provides safe housing, support, and advocacy to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

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“It is a joy to see public-private partnerships like this thrive in our community and make Eagan a better place to live,” said Jim Borgschatz, president of Green Ribbon Initiatives.

Green Ribbon Initiatives was formed in 2013 to identify and celebrate significant community engagement initiatives and partnerships in Eagan. Awards are presented to programs that build relationships and a collective sense of community in Eagan while promoting sustainable action that strengthens community engagement.

The Green Ribbon Leadership Team consists of Jim Borgschatz (president), Gene VanOverbeke, Tom Hedges, Arleen Sullivan, Dave Unmacht, Paula Forbes, Don Hoeft

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