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Charlottesville, VA Selected as 2012 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference Site

Roanoke, VA – The Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc. (VSNC) Planning Committee is proud to announce that the City of Charlottesville, Virginia has been chosen as the site for the 2012 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference taking place on September 20-21, 2012 at the Holiday Inn University & Conference Center. This annual conference will provide an excellent opportunity for neighborhoods and communities from across the Commonwealth to share their knowledge, experience and vision on how to make Virginia's communities and neighborhoods-the neighborhoods of choice. This year's conference theme is "*Neighborhoods: The Face of Virginia – Past, Present & Future*", and will include information-packed workshops, thought-provoking speakers, exhibitors, mobile workshops, and components for networking opportunities and engaging youth in their communities called 'the Youth Café'.

In addition to workshops and networking opportunities, award nominations will be solicited from neighborhoods and individuals from across the Commonwealth to recognize the commitment, time, and energy of those who tirelessly volunteer to make their neighborhoods the places they are proud to call home. These awards have been presented since 2000 as a collective "thank you" to those nominated neighborhoods and individuals, and are the only statewide awards given to neighborhood organizations and individuals for their neighborhood self-help initiatives.

VSNC is a non-profit grassroots organization created to serve as a forum for the sharing of experiences and knowledge that strengthens a cooperative working relationship among citizens, municipality staff members, representatives of the private sector, and elected officials for the strengthening of our towns, cities, and counties through their neighborhoods. VSNC achieves this broad objective by partnering with municipalities across the Commonwealth to produce an annual neighborhood conference. This conference, called the Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, provides an opportunity for people from all locations, socio-economic levels, and sectors across the Commonwealth to learn best practices for addressing neighborhood issues of the times, attend workshops, network with one another, and share experiences and information toward building stronger communities.

VSNC is governed by a Board of Directors who serves voluntarily on their own time and expense. The Board directs the ongoing business and policy of the organization, provides oversight for the implementation of each year's conference, and plays a leadership role in promoting both the organization and the work of neighborhood-based activism and self-help initiatives across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

To learn more about the 2012 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference being held in Charlottesville, Virginia, please write Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc., P.O. Box 6303, Roanoke, Virginia 24017, call (540) 342-2763, or visit our website at www.vsnc.org.

