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Northwest Resource Federal Credit Union Receives Spirit of Portland Award

(Portland, Ore.) — The City of Portland named Northwest Resource Federal Credit Union (Northwest Resource) as one of 21 winners for its 2008 Spirit of Portland Award. The award is presented to individuals and groups who have enriched the community by energizing and revitalizing Portland's neighborhoods, providing a special service, raising cross cultural awareness, and implementing outstanding projects. Northwest Resource was selected as a winner in the "small business" category.

Northwest Resource was recognized for the contributions it has made in improving the financial well-being of the people and businesses in its Old Town Chinatown neighborhood and enhancing the neighborhood's vitality:

- Northwest Resource employees volunteer time to teach basic financial education classes twice a month for individuals who are recovering from homelessness and poverty. The classes teach them how to build a basic budget, balance their checkbook, and build and establish credit.
- The credit union supports Portland's emerging artists by providing free "gallery space" in its office and hosting evening art shows each month for local artists. These shows have helped to revitalize their urban neighborhood by bringing more people into the neighborhood while expanding cultural awareness through the variety of art displayed.
- Several Northwest Resource employees hold committee positions on the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association, Sustainable Business Network, and

Old Town Chinatown Business Association, volunteering toward bettering the community.

Northwest Resource was honored alongside other winners during an award ceremony held at Portland City Hall on December 11.

Northwest Resource Federal Credit Union is located at 221 NW Second Avenue in Portland, serving over 6,200 members with assets of \$82,000,000. The credit union was established in 1935 to serve the employees of NW Natural and their family members. Today, Northwest Resource serves anyone who lives or works in Portland's central city neighborhoods. For more information about Northwest Resource, please visit www.nrfcu.org.

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