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### 14 Honored For Revitalization Efforts

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MANHATTAN — Two Brooklyn individuals were among those honored at the 2011 NYC Neighborhood Achievement Awards last week in Manhattan.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Robert Steel and Small Business Services Commissioner Robert Walsh presented the awards to 14 individuals and organizations from all five boroughs.

Established in 2002, the awards honor organizations, businesses and individuals that have demonstrated excellence in enhancing New York City neighborhoods by fostering economic opportunity. Mayor Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor Steel and Commissioner Walsh presented the recipients with their awards in a ceremony at Gracie Mansion.

“New York City is home to the world’s most vibrant, diverse and interesting neighborhoods, and in every one of them there are people taking steps to make them even better place to live, work and visit,” said Mayor Bloomberg. “The annual Neighborhood Achievement Awards gives us a chance to recognize and thank some of them.”

Added Walsh, “We have winners from across this city’s 300 unique neighborhoods and each of them has worked tirelessly to build up their communities, create jobs and provide opportunities for their fellow New Yorkers.”

#### Brooklyn Honorees

The Small Business of the Year Award went to Cheryl’s Global Soul in Prospect Heights. Smith realized her dream of running a restaurant with its opening in 2006. Along with serving home-style comfort food reminiscent of Smith’s Jamaican heritage, it doubles as a gallery for local artists to showcase their work. The restaurant employs 17 people and is part of the Washington Avenue Merchant’s Association, an organization that seeks to engage in community-building activities in Prospect Heights/Crown Heights.

The Adaptive Reuse/Preservation Award went to Red Hook Winery, which makes wine exclusively from grapes grown in New York. Owner Mark Snyder, a lifelong Brooklyn resident, envisioned the winery as a place that would draw attention to the Red Hook neighborhood, to local wines, the local growing region and to Brooklyn’s history of winemaking. All aspects of the winemaking process take place in Red Hook, from de-stemming and crushing the fruit, to fermenting, aging in barrels and, finally, bottling the wine. The winery provides full-time employment for Brooklyn residents and, seasonally, employs neighbors from the Red Hook Housing Projects.