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## **Target Corporation Among Edgewood Children's Center 2009 Volunteer Award Recipients**

**ST. LOUIS, MO — (April 20, 2009)** Edgewood Children's Center honored nine volunteers with Circle of Caring volunteer awards at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at St. Louis Country Club. Target Corporation was among this year's recipients for their continued commitment to Edgewood, through both financial support and dedicated volunteer workgroups that completed many projects across the Edgewood campus.

In addition to Target, the eight other award recipients included Erle Broughton, Norton Fendleman, Nathan Findlay, Mike and Barb Hurst, Mike Leake, Gayle Reilly and Barbara Richter.

The Circle of Caring volunteer awards honor the outstanding volunteers that commit their time and resources to Edgewood. Recipients include community volunteers, foster parents, mentors, business groups and board members. These volunteers generously share their interests, skills and talents with the children and staff at Edgewood. In 2008, our volunteers committed more than 21,460 hours of direct service to Edgewood. Their teamwork, creativity and hard work are true assets to Edgewood and the St. Louis community.

Edgewood has benefited immensely from Target's generosity. With a charitable grant of \$3,000, Target helped Edgewood implement an innovative program designed to improve family relationships, develop parenting skills, decrease child behavior problems and reduce the prevalence of family violence. In addition to financial contributions, Target has provided Edgewood with the workforce for projects across campus, from painting rooms and installing blinds to trimming bushes and mowing the grounds. Target has also generously contributed numerous gift cards, merchandise, toys, electronics and clothing for our children and families.

"The critical work that takes place every day on Edgewood's campus would not be possible without the unwavering support of groups like Target," said Wayne Crull, Edgewood President & CEO. "Our volunteers' commitment is truly humbling and provides our children and families with needed resources, comfort and hope."

Each year, outstanding volunteers are recognized at the annual Edgewood Volunteer Breakfast. This year's event, held during National Volunteer Week, took place at the St. Louis Country Club, and more than 75 family, friends and supporters were in attendance to thank our volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication to Edgewood.

To see a full list of past award recipients, please visit Edgewood's web site [www.eccstl.org](http://www.eccstl.org).

### **About Edgewood Children's Center**

Founded in 1834, Edgewood Children's Center provides compassionate care and treatment to restore children and strengthen families through intensive therapy, special education, residential treatment, case management and support services. In 2009, Edgewood celebrates 175 years of history and service to the St. Louis community. Edgewood serves more than 300 children and family members daily. Many of the children served have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused, neglected or abandoned. Edgewood is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, nonsectarian, United Way agency. [www.eccstl.org](http://www.eccstl.org)

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