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### **SISTERS WINS SPIRIT OF PORTLAND AWARD, ARCHITECTURE AWARD**

**Portland, Oregon (December 10, 2008)** – Sisters has won a 2008 Spirit of Portland Award. One of 21 Portland individuals/organizations “who have helped make our city shine,” Sisters was one of two winners in the Non-Profit category along with Street Roots. City Council members annually present the awards to more than a dozen individuals and groups whose contributions make a positive difference to the greater community. Winners were selected from nominations submitted by citizens.

Winners will be recognized during an award ceremony in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. with a reception immediately following. City Hall is located at 1221 SW 4th Avenue.

#### **First Place Architecture Award-winner**

Sisters’ Personalist Center, designed by communitecture, won a Portland Spaces first-place Root Award in the ‘Work: Entry’ category. They report liking the Personalist Center’s “creative reuse of materials. . . not only environmentally innovative, but also champions the resourcefulness that homelessness demands.”

More information about this award is on Portland Spaces’ website at <http://www.portlandspaces.net/designawards/awards/19/36>.

*ABOUT SISTERS OF THE ROAD: Founded in 1979, Sisters Of The Road uses non-violence to support community driven solutions to the calamities of homelessness and poverty. Sisters' cafe is open to everyone, serving low cost, hot, nutritious meals. Sisters also provides job training, support to parents and children, and innovative solutions to the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness through self and community advocacy.*

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