

Breakthrough Solutions Awards and Recognition

It has been an honor and privilege to work with community and regional leaders in their community development efforts, and to be associated with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, the Community Development Society and the Arkansas Community Development Society. So this recognition is due to our Breakthrough Solutions Partners, Extension faculty, and other community development colleagues, and especially the community leaders with whom we have worked.

- The **2012 Team Award for Excellence in Community Development Programming** for the 13-state Southern Region was awarded to the Breakthrough Solutions Program at the Annual Conference of the National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals in Park City, Utah, May 20-23, 2012.
- Recipient of the **2012 Bill Miller Award from Community Development Institute Central** at the Community Development Institute, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, on August 10, 2012.
- Recipient of the **2011 Community Development Achievement Award** from the Community Development Society at the annual conference in Boise, Idaho, based on work with the Breakthrough Solutions Program.
- Harrison C.O.R.E., our pilot community for the new Breakthrough Solutions Program, received the **2011 Arkansas Community Development Society Innovative Program Award**.
- In 2010, Breakthrough Solutions was one of the three strategic planning programs in the nation selected to participate in an **Innovative Community Development Initiative** sponsored by Michigan State University, Iowa State University and Northern Illinois University, and funded by the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development. The purpose of the initiative is to “select truly innovative approaches that blaze new paths in community and economic development programming... and explore those innovative approaches to advance shared learning while cultivating scholarly endeavors.” The project leaders selected nine innovative programs in the nation: three economic development programs, three leadership programs and three strategic planning programs.
- 2010 – Was selected to write a **Breakthrough Solutions chapter for a forthcoming book on strategic visioning**, sponsored by the Community Development Society.
- In 2010, Breakthrough Solutions was selected for a **pre-conference workshop prior to the joint International Association of Community Development and Community Development Society Conference** in July in New Orleans. Twenty-three workshop participants from Japan, Australia, Scotland, England and the United States interacted

with community leaders from Harrison and tackled issues and opportunities confronting Harrison.

- Received the **2009 Arkansas Community Development Society Achievement Award** at the Arkansas Community Development Society Annual Conference on October 22, in recognition of excellence in community development activities (Breakthrough Solutions).
- **2008 Extension Excellence Unit Award:** The Breakthrough Solutions Team of Maureen Rose, Wayne Miller, Tom Riley, Stacey McCullough, and Mark Peterson were chosen by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service for the 2008 Extension Excellence Unit Award for their 21st Century Vision work with the North Central Arkansas Economic Development (NCARED) Corporation. The 21st Century Vision initiative included a regional demographic profile, a target industry study and economic analysis, and development of a regional blueprint using Breakthrough Solutions concepts for the future of the region. A special thanks to the NCARED board and other leaders in the region for their cooperation and involvement in this process.
- In 2005, selected to write a chapter on strategic visioning for the **Community Development Handbook** used for professional certification and in Community Development Institutes in Arkansas and other states.
- The VISION 2010 Breakthrough Solutions Program was selected for the **2004 Outstanding Program Award** from the international Community Development Society. This award is granted to recognize an outstanding program that utilizes the CDS Principles of Good Practice and has a “substantial and lasting impact on the community or population it serves.”
- Breakthrough Solutions was selected by the Heartland Center for Leadership Development to be included in the book, ***Field Guide to Community Building, funded by the Kellogg Foundation.***
- Received the **2001 Innovative Program Award** from the Community Development Society, “in recognition of a superior innovative program using the principles of good practice as adopted by the Society”.
- Subject of an **independent evaluation** conducted by Mary Dillard, Dillard and Associates. The report showed "very, very positive results," with 97.5 percent of the participants stating they now have a shared vision of their community's future.

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