

Right Place. Right Size.

## Downtown Delaware Presents Awards for Revitalization Efforts

*Recipients honored at Delaware Maryland Revitalization Conference in GAMSA Award Winning Town of Rehoboth Beach*

**DOVER, Del.** (September 28, 2010) – Diane Laird, Downtown Delaware State Coordinator, honored Delaware’s *Main Street Champions* at the inaugural 2010 [Delaware-Maryland Downtown Revitalization Conference](#). Downtown volunteers and partners from across the state who have gone the extra mile in supporting downtown revitalization efforts in Delaware were recognized.

“The Main Street Program is an economic development tool that encourages entrepreneurial opportunity in downtowns across the state,” said Diane Laird, Downtown Delaware’s State Coordinator. “Today we are pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of those who exemplify superior volunteer commitment and partnership with Delaware’s revitalization organizations.”

The awards were presented to individuals who best embodied Downtown Delaware’s mission of providing Delaware’s historic downtowns, communities, and small businesses with tools to revitalize their commercial districts, increase entrepreneurship and innovation, and enhance quality of place. The 2010 recipients include:

### **BEST SPECIAL EVENT OR ONGOING EVENT SERIES**

Bug & Bud Festival  
Downtown Milford, Inc.

### **MOST CREATIVE FUNDRAISING EFFORT**

Middletown Designer Show House  
Middletown Main Street

### **OUTSTANDING MAIN STREET MERCHANT AWARD**

Chuck Stanko and George Carroll, Dolce Bakery & Coffee  
Members of Downtown Milford, Inc.

### **BEST DOWNTOWN RETAIL EVENT**

Food & Brew Fest  
Downtown Newark Partnership

### **OUTSTANDING DESIGN PROJECT**

Downtown Wilmington, Vacancy Treatment Standard (VTS)  
Main Street Wilmington

### **MAIN STREET CHAMPION**

Gary Emory  
Downtown Milford, Inc.

### **BEST ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING STORY**

Downtown Gift Card Program  
Downtown Newark Partnership

### **BEST FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT: OVER \$10,000**

Scott Angelucci: Riverwalk Center for the Arts  
Downtown Milford, Inc.

**About the Delaware Economic Development Office**

The Delaware Economic Development Office is an executive state agency responsible for attracting new investors and businesses to the state, promoting the expansion of existing industry, assisting small and minority-owned businesses, promoting and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of the State. Visit [dedo.delaware.gov](http://dedo.delaware.gov).

**About Downtown Delaware**

Downtown Delaware, a program of the Delaware Economic Development Office, provides Delaware's historic downtowns, communities, and small businesses with tools to revitalize their commercial districts, increase entrepreneurial opportunity, and enhance quality of place. To learn more about the Main Street program, visit [www.delawaremainstreet.com](http://www.delawaremainstreet.com).

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