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2010 Best of Reston Unveiled

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Four individuals, three businesses and one community organization were honored at the 19th annual Best of Reston "Revealing the Best" reception on Wednesday. Honorees include Imam Mohammed Magid of the All Dulles Area Muslims Society and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation for building bridges between people of different faiths. Holly Norris was honored for providing compassionate service to the nation and community, and Emily Ward was recognized for her life-long commitment to education and childcare.



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Reston Historic Trust was honored for its role in preserving Reston's past and preparing for its future. Reston Heights hotels, Sheraton and Westin, were honored for incorporating care for those in need into corporate culture. The Virginia Spine Institute was honored for investing in the well being of the Reston community, and Wetland Studies and Solutions Inc., was honored for protecting Reston's natural resources.

Also honored at the event were Fairfax County 2009 First Responder officers of the year, including police officer Eric Glueckert and firemen Ronald McNew and Craig Furneisen.

Lynn Gilmore, one of three event chairs for this year's Best of Reston gala, said they hope to raise \$300,000 or more this year. Reston Interfaith CEO Kerrie Wilson said the updated total for fundraising so far is \$218,000.

Gilmore said it was last year's Best of Reston gala that helped Reston Interfaith purchase its 40th home last May. The organization buys homes in the area to provide housing assistance to those

in need to get them back on their feet as productive members of the community. Currently Reston Interfaith has 41 properties for its housing programs.

For the past 19 years Best of Reston has honored individuals, community organizations and local businesses for their commitment to the community through service and improving the lives of others. Reston Interfaith and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce produce the event. The honorees will be recognized at the annual gala, which will be held April 15. Visit restoninterfaith.org for more info.