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Urban Impact Founder and President Wins Award for Long-Term Commitment to the North Side

PITTSBURGH, PA/ATLANTA, GA--On October 24, 2011, the Rev. Dr. Ed Glover, Founder and president of Urban Impact Foundation, received the top award in the "Restoring Places" category at the Epoch Missions Gala held in Atlanta, GA. The gala yearly recognizes individuals serving both locally and abroad in areas such as poverty, water advocacy, HIV/AIDS, sex trafficking, homelessness, creating growing churches, and other categories.

Out of 448 nominees spanning 25 countries and 19 states, Pastor Ed received the prestigious award with a grant totaling \$20,000. The award honors individuals for their long-term impact and holistic (physical, spiritual, social) influence on a community.

To address the needs of his community, Pastor Ed and his wife Tammy moved to the North Side of Pittsburgh 24 years ago. Living on a street where every other house was boarded up, Pastor Ed started to transform the area where he lived "one person, one family, one block at a time." In 1995, Pastor Ed created Urban Impact to fulfill this mission, and this phrase is now the organization's tagline.

16 years later, through many heartbreaks and victories, Urban Impact has transformed and touched the lives of countless students and families on the North Side of Pittsburgh. Through, Urban Impact now enrolls over 1100 at-risk kids in its youth-based athletics, performing arts, and educational programs. Through the collaborative efforts of many individuals and 97 Pittsburgh organizations, Urban Impact served 23,683 meals and boasted a 97% high school graduation rate in 2011. Although the organization continues to grow in popularity and in reach, Pastor Ed continues to hold to the vision of transforming a community one person, one family, one block at a time.

A graduate of Lambuth University, Ed received his Masters of Divinity from Alliance Theological Seminary and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Toccoa Falls in Georgia. He currently serves as President and Founder of Urban Impact as well as an Associate Preacher and Director of Urban Missions for Christ Church at Grove Farm, in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. To this day Pastor Ed and his family continue to live on the North Side in the same house, but on a block that has been transformed.

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About Urban Impact: Urban Impact is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to fulfill its part in serving the North Side of Pittsburgh by investing in the lives of at-risk children, youth and their families in order to develop productive and responsible members of society and the community. It does so through athletics, performing arts, summer day camp, Global Impact, and Options programs. Urban Impact is funded by churches, businesses, foundations, and individuals. For more information, visit www.urbanimpactpittsburgh.org.

About the Epoch Missions Gala: The event took place at The Fox Theater in Atlanta, GA. Awards and grants totaled \$50,000 across six categories: The People's Choice Award, The Creativity Award, The Collaborative Award, Outstanding Works in the Lives of Individuals Award, Restoring Places Award, and The Innovative Start-Up Award. The nominations were reviewed by a committee made up of 14 leaders from varying backgrounds. For more information, please visit www.Epoch2011.com.