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TCREW Hosts 10th Annual Champion Awards*Local Professional Women's Group Grants Community Impact Gift To
Achievement Academy Of Durham*

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In honor of the 10th annual Champion Awards program, Adrienne Cole, community involvement chair, announced a \$10,000 donation to the Achievement Academy of Durham. The Achievement Academy of Durham works with local at-risk students who have dropped out of high school and encourages them to become successful community members by obtaining a North Carolina High School Equivalency Diploma and postsecondary education. View a short video describing the work of the Achievement Academy at www.tcrew.org.

The 2008 Champion Award winners include:

- Visionary: Charlene Grunwaldt, publisher, *Triangle Business Journal*
- Most Creative Land Use: Brightleaf at the Park
- Most Innovative Financing Project: Heilig-Levine
- Best New Mixed-use Development: Lakeview
- Best New Office Development: Research Triangle Foundation Headquarters
- Best New Retail Development: Highpark Village
- Best Redevelopment Project: Paragon Commercial Bank
- Most Creative Marketing Campaign: Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice
- Professional Commercial Real Estate Service: Randy Roberson, director of development, Highwoods Properties
- Community Enhancement Award: USA Baseball Complex
- Trail Blazer Award: Michelle Rich Goode, Rich Commercial Realty
- Trendsetter: Roland Gammon III, White Oak Properties
- Triangle CREW Networking Award: House Rescue Project, Builders of Hope, Inc.
 - Lori Britt, vice president, First Citizens Insurance Services
 - Natalie Connell, vice president, VHIC, Inc.
 - Carolyn Grant, president, Omega Property Group
 - Nancy Murray, president and managing partner, Nsite Development Group & W3Development
 - Billie Redmond, president and CEO, Coldwell Banker Commercial TradeMark Properties
 - Beth Trahos, attorney, Smith Moore LLP
- Impact Award: Greg Sanchez, president and partner, Tri Properties

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Quotes:

"The Champion Awards program recognizes the positive impact these outstanding commercial real estate leaders, deals and projects have had on the Triangle," said Heath. "In honor of our 10th anniversary, we are pleased to extend this recognition beyond commercial real estate to the Achievement Academy of Durham for their work with at-risk students."

About Triangle Commercial Real Estate Women (TCREW):

Triangle Commercial Real Estate Women (TCREW) has more than 160 members in a variety of professions within the commercial real estate industry. Drawing upon this diversity, any member of TCREW can call upon the resources and expertise of local members to best serve the needs of their customers. Moreover, any member can draw upon the national network of more than 6,000 members nationwide and in Canada to provide responsive solutions to customers with needs in the national market. For more information, visit www.tcrew.org.

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