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ESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A DOUBLE WINNER IN 2006

Essex Community Foundation has been awarded its second Business of the Year Award for its work in the community. At a special ceremony of Essex Business Awards 2006, held at Braxted Hall (21 September) Chief Executive Laura Warren and Marketing Officer, Jo Murphy were presented with the Award for Best Business in the Community.



The event was organised by the Essex Chronicle and Gazette Series.

Four months ago, the Community Foundation also won the Community category in the Newquest sponsored Essex Countywide Business Awards. In the ten years since it started, Essex Community Foundation has distributed over £8 million in grants to Essex based charities from funds set up by local families, businesses and public agencies who want to support Essex charities.

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"We feel that this was a fantastic achievement in our tenth anniversary year. Sometimes charities are not recognised for the business acumen needed to run professional, effective, efficient organisations" said Laura. "We have a special responsibility to demonstrate to those whose funds we manage that their charitable giving will make a difference to the lives of local people, and these awards are a recognition of what a community foundation can do in its community"

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Notes to Editors:

Essex Community Foundation was set up in 1996 and has established a grants programme which has seen more than 2500 Essex based charities and community groups receive over £8 million in grants. Funds are distributed on behalf of a wide range of donors who want their charitable giving to be accessible to local charities. www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

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