



CITY OF ESCONDIDO RECEIVES 'COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY' AWARD

The City of Escondido received the Commitment to Community Award from the Hope Through Housing Foundation at its Annual Gala, *Just One Dream of Hope*. The gala was held Thursday November 18, 2010, at Disney's California Grand Hotel in Anaheim. Accepting the award on behalf of the City was Jerry VanLeeuwen, Director of Community Services and Roni Keiser, Housing Division Manager. The award was presented to the City Council by John Seymour, Vice President of Acquisitions, on December 15, 2010. Escondido received this honor for its outstanding leadership and dedication to community revitalization, growth and vitality by "demonstrating extraordinary effort, perseverance and diligence to achieve exceptional results with service-enriched affordable housing and more specifically through its most recent accomplishment - Juniper Senior Village, a 61 unit affordable senior development," located at 215 East Washington Avenue, Escondido.

The award was one of only two presented in a program accented by individual Stories of Hope and a musical production produced and performed by Disney artists, joined by forty children from a HOPE community in Rancho Cucamonga and Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Established in 1998, Hope Through Housing Foundation (Hope) was formed to address the needs of adults, families, children and seniors in low-income communities. In partnership with National Community Renaissance (National CORE), Hope is committed to transforming individuals, families and neighborhoods by providing evidence-based social services on-site for residents and neighborhoods in need.