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Hilltop group honors RD Management for investment in neighborhood *Beautification award recognizes improvements at Great Western Commerce Center*

COLUMBUS, Ohio—August 17, 2015—The Friends of the Hilltop on Sunday presented [RD Management](#) with a with a Commercial Community Impact Award to recognize the investment that RD Management has made to restore and modernize [Great Western Commerce Center](#).

The award was presented at Friends of the Hilltop’s 19th annual Residential and Commercial Beautification Awards. The ceremony took place Sunday at the Hilltop Senior Village.

“We are so happy with RD Management,” said Bill Huffman, operations manager with The Friends of the Hilltop, which gave the award to an RD Management representative at the 19th annual Friends of the Hilltop Beautification Awards ceremony. “We were thrilled that they came in there and turned it around. It is a beautiful sight over there; it is no longer an eyesore.”

RD Management, among the largest, privately held, real-estate development and management firms in the United States, purchased Great Western Commerce Center in 2013 for \$7.1 million. Since then, the company has invested \$2 million in renovations to the site, making physical improvements to the center in order to revitalize the property.

The capital improvements RD Management has made include overhauling and remodeling the building facades, upgrading mechanical and electrical equipment, repairing the pavement and roof, improving individual tenant spaces, and clearing out and overhauling a 50,800-square-foot anchor space to make way for a new tenant.

“RD Management acquired Great Western Commerce Center because of the great potential of the property,” said Richard Birdoff, principal and president of RD Management. “We recognize that Columbus is a vibrant city with solid economic strength, and we see in the west side of Columbus an area for future growth.”

For 19 years, The Friends of the Hilltop has presented beautification awards to neighborhood homeowners and businesses who have gone above and beyond to make improvements to their properties.

“We want RD Management to know that we want to partner with them in the Hilltop community,” Huffman said. “Great Western has a big history in the neighborhood, and we are truly pleased at the turnaround.”

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About RD Management

Specializing in the retail sector for more than 40 years, RD Management owns and operates more than 18 million square feet of neighborhood and community shopping centers throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. With a portfolio of 200+ properties, RD Management is consistently ranked among the nation’s largest, privately held, real-estate development and management organizations. RD Management maintains in-house expertise in leasing, property management, construction and development, accounting and finance, legal and information technology services.

Editor’s Note: Photos attached show before and after photos of the West Opportunity Center, a program of the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services.

The third photo attached shows John Lowry, immediate past president and beautification chairman of Friends of the Hilltop, presenting the award to Graham Allison, global business development director at GREENCREST, who accepted the award on behalf of RD Management.