



## News Release

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### Mary Means Receives National Preservation Honor Award

Louisville, Ky. (Sept. 30, 2004) – Mary Means was recognized today as the leader of the team that created the national Main Street movement. The National Trust for Historic Preservation presented the Founders of Main Street with its prestigious National Preservation Honor Award at the 2004 National Preservation Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

“Few people have had more impact on community revitalization than Mary Means, Scott Gerloff, Tom Moriarity and Clark Schoettle,” said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “These Founders of Main Street redefined historic preservation with the Main Street Project. Their groundbreaking work in the late 1970s stimulated a nationwide movement of downtown revitalization,” said Moe. “This approach has influenced an entire generation of preservationists and has had an astounding impact on communities nationwide.”

In presenting the award, Randall Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court and Trustee of the National Trust, further commended Means and her colleagues, noting that “Main Street has put the message of preservation to work in more places, involving more Americans, than any other effort in the entire history of the National Trust.”

Means is President of Mary Means & Associates, Inc., a planning and community development firm with public interest clients throughout the eastern US. The firm is known for its work in community revitalization and place-based economic development. Since 1990, Mary Means & Associates has been located in Old Town Alexandria.

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