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COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK WINS AWARDS AT REGIONAL CEREMONY

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 13, 2009 — Community Television Network (CTN) has received top honors at the Philo T. Farnsworth Video Festival for overall programming on its four public, education and government channels. The City of Ann Arbor's community media center was awarded a total of five first place and four second place awards in this multistate competition, sponsored by the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) Central States Region. Among the awards was first place in the Professional Compilation category for "CTN: Where Ann Arbor's On TV!", a sampling of programming from CTN's Public Channel 17, Education Channel 18, Government Meetings Channel 16 and CitiTV 19.

The "Philo" is awarded as recognition of excellence in cable programming. Hundreds of entries were submitted from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. Winning entries from Ann Arbor include productions from community producers and CTN staff.

Community producer Laurence "Mister Laurence" Miller won a Philo for his innovative children's music video, "Starfish", in the Non-Professional Children's Programming category. Other winners include former CTN intern Emily Skaer, who placed first in the Professional Promotional Video (more than 60 seconds in length) category for "35 Years of Ann Arbor On TV"; CTN producer Rob Cross for "CTN Video On Demand Promo" in the Professional Channel Program Promo category; and CTN producers Dana Denha and Rob Cross for "C.E.R.T." , which won the Professional Documentary Profile category.

Second place awards include: CTN producer Tim Nagae for "Ann Arbor Stormwater" (Professional Documentary Public Awareness); CTN's Greg McDonald and Rob Cross, and League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area's Jeanine DeLay, Susan Smith, and Zoe Behnke for "LWV Ann Arbor City Council Ward 5 Candidates Debate" (Professional Election Coverage); CTN's Dana Denha, Rob Cross and Alex Lamb for "City of Ann Arbor Phone System Training" (Professional Instructional); and CTN's Rob Cross for "CTN On Demand Promo" (Professional Promotional Video – less than 60 seconds in length).

Philo T. Farnsworth is known as the father of television because he invented the first receiving tube for TV transmissions, coming up with the idea when he was just 14 years old. The ACM honors Farnsworth's memory by recognizing the efforts of modern-day pioneers who work to further develop the use of his technology and promote the use of television in our communities. The awards were presented at the ACM Central State's Fall Conference in Strongsville, Ohio, in mid-October.

CTN offers free community media services for Ann Arbor residents and not-for-profit organizations, including television production classes, and manages four channels on Comcast Cable. Channel 16 provides viewers with live and replay gavel-to-gavel coverage of City of Ann Arbor meetings. Channel 17 telecasts programs submitted by residents. Channel 18 offers programming from the Ann Arbor Public Schools, the Ann Arbor District Library, and Washtenaw Community College. Channel 19 (CitiTV) features community programs produced by CTN. For more information about CTN, visit www.a2gov.org/ctn or call 734.794.6150. Follow CTN on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CTNAnnArbor, and become a fan of CTN on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CTNAnnArbor.

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