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EXCLUSIVE SURVEY: FAMILY CIRCLE REVEALS THE 10 BEST TOWNS

Tennessee City Among the Best

Data Driven Survey Reveals the Best Communities across the Country

June 30, 2009, NEW YORK—*Family Circle* today announced the results of its exclusive survey to identify the best TOWNS AND CITIES across the country FOR FAMILIES. The communities featured in the magazine's annual roundup of perfect places to call home combine affordable housing, good neighbors, green spaces and A+ public school systems. The results of the comprehensive survey appear in *Family Circle's* August 2009 issue, on newsstands July 8th.

According to *Family Circle's* survey, in alphabetical order, the 10 Best Towns are:

- Edina, MN
- Evans, GA
- Hendersonville, TN
- Indian Trail, NC
- Kenmore, WA
- Noblesville, IN
- Perrysburg, OH
- Rockwell, TX
- Sherwood, OR
- Sun Prairie, WI

"The recognition is phenomenal and will come as no surprise to our 50,000 residents who proudly call Hendersonville home," said Mayor Scott Foster. "The award confirms what we already know – that Hendersonville is a great place to live, work, and play. We are proud to be nationally ranked and singled out as a **"Top Town for Families"** in *Family Circle's* August edition. It's official: Hendersonville is a winner!"

According to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, the key to successful communities is the hard work and determination of the people who live there. Each of the towns honored is made up of forward thinking parents, teachers and students who are passionate about their hometown, dedicated to bettering their children's futures and involved in advancing their local school systems as exemplified

by the implementation of such programs as partnering with private medical groups to ensure treatment for students who don't have health insurance and integrating dual language classes in grade school.

Don Long serves as the Mayoral Assistant and Director of Economic/Community Development in Hendersonville TN. Of the recognition, Long said, "It is an honor to be recognized nationally for what we have been saying locally for quite some time, Hendersonville is a great place to call home. The quality of life in Hendersonville is second to none; our families have recognized this for years. There is a neighborly affection in Hendersonville where we all look out for one another, we work for the common good, and take tremendous pride in the city we all love."

In addition to outlining the strong family friendly business climate, Long went on to say, "This month Hendersonville is celebrating its 40th anniversary as an incorporated city. As the state's tenth largest city, to have come this far in such a relatively short period of time is amazing."

Survey Methodology

Family Circle partnered with Onboard Informatics, a New York City research firm that provides real estate, demographic and other data, to assemble an initial list of 1,700 cities and towns with populations between 15,000 and 150,000. From that, nearly 800 localities were selected with a high concentration of households with an average income of \$75,000. We then assessed which places best met our family-friendly criteria—including affordable homes, quality schools, access to health care, green space, low crime rate and financial stability—and ranked them from top to bottom. *Family Circle* then selected the ten winners from among the highest-rated towns.

Greatschools.net, a nonprofit website with a mission to improve education by inspiring parents to get involved, provided *Family Circle* with the public school ratings used in the town rankings. The site profiles more than 90,000 public elementary, middle and high schools in 50 states.

About Family Circle

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committed to women's issues and in 1973 became the first women's magazine to fully underwrite a professional women's sporting event, the Family Circle Cup, an annual women's tennis tournament held in April in Charleston, S.C., at Family Circle Magazine Stadium.

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