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### **2018 GOLDEN HAMMER AWARDS WELCOME NOMINATIONS**

**Richmond, VA - June 15, 2018** – Historic Richmond + Storefront for Community Design will co-host the Golden Hammer Awards for the second year on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the historic Monumental Church. Call for nominations begins today and will close September 15.

Historic Richmond Executive Director Cyane Crump said, “As Richmond-area nonprofits with interests in historic preservation and neighborhood revitalization, we are delighted to co-present the awards to recognize professionals working in neighborhood revitalization, blight reduction and historic preservation in the Richmond region.”

Projects completed after January 1, 2017 located in the greater Richmond area (City of Richmond, Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico) will be considered for the categories of: Best Restoration, Best Adaptive Reuse, Best New Construction, Best Placemaking and a new category Best Residential focusing on single-family projects.

“With over 45 submissions last year, we are excited to see which projects in the area will be nominated,” said Ryan Rinn, Executive Director of Storefront for Community Design. “Teamwork and partnerships have always been critical to preservation and placemaking in Richmond and we look forward to another year of high quality submissions.”

Nominations will be accepted starting today and will close September 15, 2018 at midnight. Applications for the 2018 Golden Hammer Awards can be submitted at [historicrichmond.com/2018-golden-hammer-awards](http://historicrichmond.com/2018-golden-hammer-awards).

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**About the Golden Hammer Awards.** The Golden Hammer Awards were started in 2000 with a goal of honoring excellence in neighborhood revitalization projects throughout Greater Richmond. In 2017, a record breaking 48 nominations were submitted to be considered for eight coveted Golden Hammer Awards designed by Richmond artist Jason Adkins. Winners included Jackson Modern, Saunders Station, Maggie Walker Community Land Trust- First Home, the Varina Area Library, the Garden at Sixth Mount Zion, the Maggie Lena Walker Memorial Plaza, Ledbury Flagship Store and Corporate Headquarters, and the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia.

**About Historic Richmond.** Historic Richmond is a non-profit organization dedicated to shaping the future of Richmond by preserving our distinctive historic character, sparking revitalization and championing our past and future architectural legacy. We are champions of the past and passionate fans of its future. Visit [HistoricRichmond.com](http://HistoricRichmond.com), join us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram @historicRVA.

**About Storefront for Community Design.** Storefront for Community Design is Richmond, Virginia’s nonprofit design resource center. Storefront improves the quality of life in the city by facilitating access to planning and design resources. Storefront matches professional designers who volunteer their time with members of the community to uncover Richmond’s urban potential. Visit [storefrontrichmond.org](http://storefrontrichmond.org), join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @StorefrontRVA.