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City of Aumsville Receives Award for Excellence

SALEM – The city of Aumsville was presented with the 2004 Award for Excellence by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) during its 79th annual conference, held November 4-6 in Portland.

The award, presented annually since 1983, recognizes exceptional achievement by an Oregon city in addressing a critical local issue. Aumsville received the award for its Cascade Community Family and Child Development Center.

Background – Cascade Community Family and Child Development Center

The project involved the collaboration of a municipal government and a local school district. The City Council secured a \$600,000 grant from the Oregon Economic Development Department to build the center, and the school district donated lands next to the existing elementary school and paid the remaining \$1.4 million project balance through lottery funds. The center, which opened in January of 2002, houses a teen parent program, a low-income preschool and daycare, an early intervention program and a special education program for kids ages 0-5.

About the Award for Excellence

The program, which began in 1983, recognizes cities for their outstanding achievements in addressing critical local issues. Each year, entries are judged on three criteria:

- Reducing the cost of government
- Improving the quality of life in the city
- Increasing the quality of municipal services

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the League of Oregon Cities is a voluntary association representing 239 incorporated cities in Oregon. The League helps city governments provide service to citizens through policy setting, legislative service, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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