Goose Hill Good Finds Essay Responses

1. Why are you are nominating this individual or organization?

The Goose Hill neighborhood has seen a downturn in recent years. The addition of Goose Hill Good Finds has created a new breath of fresh air on ,"The Avenue."

2. Describe how this person or organization meets each of the criteria for the respective award category

The storefront at 2155 Van Vranken Ave provides a safe area for coming together for educational initiatives and provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors. It also provides individuals the opportunity to make new acquaintances, learn about resources and services in Schenectady, and provides access to affordable quality goods.

Prior to opening her business on "The Avenue", the current location was a boarded up eye soar. Since establishing her business here, she has cleaned up this once questionable street corner and created a welcoming space. Her business and community driven initiatives have brought in support and recognition from beyond the North Side that contributes to our local economy.

Kristine had engaged our community by welcoming students from Yates Elementary School to the store. This summer she helped to clean up the children's garden at Steinmetz Park and took several classes for walking tours of the park. Students learned about taking care of their community.

Kristine has become very involved with the Neighborhood Association and has taken the opportunity to interview current and previous residents of Goose Hill regarding Goose Hill's rich history. She plans to publish a collection of historical images and captions in a book on Goose Hill in the Images of America series through Arcadia Publishing