



Smoke-free Business of the Year Award

April 22, 2009

Dear Business Owner:

Prevention Connections is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual **Smoke-free Business of the Year Award**. We are looking for businesses who have decided to implement a smoke-free/tobacco-free policy for their company and have a genuine concern about the health of staff and their clients or patrons.

Prevention Connections would like to celebrate and honor our Smoke-free Business of the Year for 2009; the award will be presented at The Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation's 8th Annual Grantee Training Conference on October 7, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel Downtown in Richmond. Along with the award, a statewide press release will be sent out with information about the company and its efforts to improve the health of citizens.

Last year Prevention Connections honored the **Marriott Newport News** at City Center as its **1st Smoke-free Business of the Year** for its commitment to smoke-free policies that better the health of its patrons and employees.

Attached is the application for the award. Once all applications have been received, the Awards Committee for Prevention Connections will make its recommendations to the Board of Directors and the winning business will be notified.

If you would like to discuss the application or its process, please call Rita Angelone 804-371-2589. Applications are due to Prevention Connections no later than 5:00 p.m. August 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neal Graham".

Neal Graham

Interim Chair, Board of Directors