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*Southside Family School Executive Director Receives Comcast Leadership Award*

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***SOUTHSIDE FAMILY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECEIVES COMCAST LEADERSHIP AWARD  
Eliza Goodwin, City Year Alumna, Recognized for Innovation and Community Service***

**June 3, 2005 (Minneapolis, MN)**—Eliza Goodwin, Southside Family School’s Executive Director received the highest City Year Alumni honor, the Comcast Leadership Award. Goodwin, a 1995 Rhode Island City Year volunteer, was recognized for her continued dedication to strengthening communities.

The 2005 Comcast Leadership Awards were presented at the City Year annual convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. Comcast, a corporate sponsor of City Year, awarded five outstanding alumni for “embodying City Year’s emphasis on teamwork, responsibility, diversity, respect for others, leadership, innovation and personal growth.” Honorees all remain dedicated to community service, create solutions for social change, and continue a commitment to excellence.

“We are so proud of Eliza. We benefit from her vision and leadership everyday. She works tirelessly to bring together parents, staff and the community to achieve our mission,” says Natalie Freud, a Southside Family School teacher, about Goodwin.

City Year is service organization that joins youth from diverse backgrounds for a year of intense full-time service. City Year’s annual convention provides an opportunity for young leaders, completing a year in schools and neighborhoods, to appreciate ways in which alumni continue to illustrate the power of service and to celebrate the organizations work.

The Southside Family School is a small, k-8 school whose mission is to meet the needs of a culturally and ethnically diverse population by engaging children in critical thinking and problem solving, involving children in political and social activism, encouraging creative expression, offering a wide range of electives and advocating for children and families. Founded in 1972, the school pairs fundamental academics with an award-winning social justice curriculum. For more information please visit the school’s website at [www.southsidefamilyschool.org](http://www.southsidefamilyschool.org).

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