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Saint Charles Main Street Foundation Honors Community Contributions at 5th Annual OneMain & Awards

Saint Charles, MO – March 6, 2024 – The Saint Charles Main Street Foundation proudly hosted its 5th Annual OneMain & Awards on Wednesday, honoring the dedication and efforts of individuals and organizations that have significantly contributed to the revitalization and preservation of the historic Main Street district.

The celebratory event recognized achievements across four categories aligned with Main Street America's Main Street Approach™: Promotions, Design, Economic Vitality, and Organization. The awards underscore the community's commitment to sustaining the cultural and historical integrity of Saint Charles.

Award Recipients Highlight:

- **Promotion Award:** Marking its 25th anniversary, the Promotions Award was presented to the Main Street community, acknowledging their efforts in making the Fete de Glace Ice Festival a unique and memorable event. This award also celebrates the Historic Main Street Businesses and their unyielding volunteers.
- **Design and Preservation Award:** Architect Darren Stross received this award in recognition of his extensive contributions to the Main Street district. His work in over a dozen projects has been fundamental in blending historical preservation with modern innovation, significantly enhancing the district's charm and historical worth.
- **Economic Vitality Award:** Led by President Jim Farrell, the Historic Revitalization of Missouri (HRM) was recognized for its outstanding impact on local economic and community development. Their advocacy for increased Missouri Rehabilitation Tax Credit and other improvements has been pivotal in the St. Charles Historic Main Street district's ongoing growth and preservation efforts.
- **Organization Award:** SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital - St. Charles was honored for their remarkable improvements to First Capitol Drive's infrastructure and aesthetics, from 5th Street to 2nd Street, which included sidewalk enhancements and landscaping, as well as a new hospital entrance.

The Saint Charles Main Street Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to all OneMain & Awards recipients and the community for their continued support and commitment to the historic Main Street district's revitalization and preservation.

About St. Charles Main Street Foundation: The Saint Charles Main Street Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated to fostering community engagement and enhancing the historic Main Street district's cultural and economic vitality. For more information on the foundation's various programs and events, please visit www.stcmain.org.

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