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EXCLUSIVE SURVEY: FAMILY CIRCLE REVEALS THE 10 BEST TOWNS *Data Driven Survey Reveals the Best Communities across the Country including Sherwood Oregon*

June 30, 2009, NEW YORK—*Family Circle* today announced the results of its exclusive survey to identify the best TOWNS AND CITIES across the country FOR FAMILIES. The communities featured in the magazine's annual roundup of perfect places to call home combine affordable housing, good neighbors, green spaces and A+ public school system. The results of the comprehensive survey appear in *Family Circle's* August 2009 issue, on newsstands July 7th.

According to *Family Circle's* survey, the 10 Best Towns are:

- Ø Sherwood, Oregon
 - Ø Evans, Georgia
 - Ø Rockwall, Texas
 - Ø Indian Trail, North Carolina
 - Ø Edina, Minnesota
 - Ø Noblesville, Indiana
 - Ø Perrysburg, Ohio
 - Ø Hendersonville, Tennessee
 - Ø Kenmore, Washington
 - Ø Sun Prairie, Wisconsin
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Each of the towns honored is made up of forward thinking leaders, parents, teachers and students who are passionate about their hometown, dedicated to bettering their children's futures and involved in advancing their local school systems as exemplified by the implementation of such programs as partnering with local government in providing recreational amenities, private medical groups to ensure treatment for students who don't have health insurance and integrating dual language classes in grade school.

Sherwood City Manager Jim Patterson said, "The City of Sherwood is honored to have been selected by Family Circle Magazine as one of the top 10 best towns and cities for families. It takes an entire community of people in schools, businesses, local government, faith community and active non-profit organizations to create a great place to live and raise a family, and Sherwood Oregon has all that."

Survey Methodology

Family Circle partnered with Onboard Informatics, a New York City research firm that provides real estate, demographic and other data, to assemble an initial list of 1,700 cities and towns with populations between 15,000 and 150,000. From that, nearly 800 localities were selected with a high concentration of households with an average income of \$75,000. Family Circle then assessed which places best met their family-friendly criteria—including affordable homes, quality schools, access to health care, green space, low crime rate and financial stability—and ranked them from top to bottom. *Family Circle* then selected the ten winners from among the highest-rated towns.

About Family Circle

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