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**Health Department Presents City's First Charm City Health Awards**

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 31, 2009)** — The Baltimore City Health Department announced the first recipients of the Charm City Health Awards. Rub Barbeque, located at 1843 Light Street, received the first Charm City Health Award for Excellence in Sanitation. The Maryland School for the Blind, located at 3501 Taylor Avenue, received the first Charm City Health Award for Nutritional Information.

The food facility recognition program was first introduced in the beginning of January 2009. The sanitation award is earned by food facilities that maintain a solid record of sanitation and hygiene. The nutritional information award is earned by those who provide nutritional analysis and information of menu items to their customers.

"I congratulate both of these establishments for going above and beyond the state and local public health requirements, said Olivia Farrow, Interim Health Commissioner. "Food establishments that strive to meet the criteria of either of these awards demonstrate their commitment and priority to improving public health."

Qualified restaurants are invited to apply for these awards. The food facility recognition program can be found online at <http://www.baltimorehealth.org/healthawards.html>.

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