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## Sachs to receive lifetime achievement award

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Louis S. Sachs, chairman of Sachs Properties Inc., received a lifetime achievement award during the 17th annual "Excellence in Community Development" awards banquet Nov. 24.

Sachs was among a number of local business people honored at the event, which is sponsored by Progress 64 West.

The awards banquet was at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center, 16625 Swingle Ridge Road.

In addition to Sachs, local business leaders honored included the late Bob Jones of the Jones Co.; Thomas R. Hughes, president of T. R. Hughes Inc.; and Richard C. Ward, chief executive officer of Development Strategies Inc.

Sachs was honored for his efforts to encourage business growth. He created the 1500-acre Chesterfield Village development.

In 1967, Sachs bought 37 acres at Interstate 64 and Clarkson Road to build apartments. However, he became aware of a St. Louis County plan designating the I-64/Clarkson Road/Olive Boulevard area as a center for future development.

Over the next few years, he acquired more than 1,100 acres on both sides of the highway, studied the area's development potential and designed a master plan for the area, with what's now Westfield Shoppingtown Chesterfield as its centerpiece. Today, Chesterfield Village is a \$3 billion development with hundreds of firms.

Sachs also was honored for his philanthropic endeavors. He donated land for the future Stages St. Louis theater and performing arts academy site and the Samuel C. Sachs branch of the St. Louis County Library in Chesterfield. He also provided funding for the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House and Education Center and other projects at Faust County Park.

The winner of a \$1,000 Louis S. Sachs scholarship award was announced and honored at the banquet. Progress 64 West in cooperation with Junior Achievement of Mississippi Valley Inc., launched the scholarship award program this year to honor Sachs.

Ward was honored for playing a key role in helping Sachs come up with a master plan for the Chesterfield Village development and mapping out the land-use plans for most of the communities along the Interstate 64 corridor between

Chesterfield and Wentzville.

Jones was posthumously recognized with the Buzz Westfall Regional Development Award. His company built many homes in Chesterfield and throughout West County. He led a petition drive to move the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District service area boundary line from Clarkson Road westward to Highway 109. In addition, he championed efforts to install a Caulks Creek sewer line, which made it possible for MSD to provide sewer service to the western end of Chesterfield and other parts of West County.

Hughes was honored for his real estate developments in St. Charles County.



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