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**GRAND RAPIDS RECOGNIZED AS A TOP 100 PLACE TO LIVE BY RELOCATEAMERICA
Support from local community needed to help city win Overall Top 10**

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 20, 2011 -- RelocateAmerica named Grand Rapids as one of the ["Top 100 Places to Live"](#) in its 14th annual listing of the top communities in the United States. Grand Rapids could also rank as a top 10 community with support from area residents, who post content, photos and videos that showcase the city's offerings to a designated website: <http://tinyurl.com/4yyl9d8>.

"We are thrilled to rank in RelocateAmerica's Top 100 Places to Live. Such a designation speaks to our community's pride, diversity, innovation and remarkable quality of life not found in most cities," said Experience Grand Rapids President Doug Small. "With the community's help we can place in the top 10. I encourage you to participate by submitting content that highlights our great city and why we deserve the recognition."

The winners of the "Top 10 Places to Live" will be determined by content submitted by the local communities. Deadline for submissions is July 31, 2011. The results will be released on August 2, 2011.

"West Michigan is quickly becoming a national and international destination for growing businesses and talent," said Birgit Klohs, president and CEO, The Right Place, Inc. "The innovative companies and talent of the future are locating in cities that are engaged, vibrant, and unique. RelocateAmerica is providing the Grand Rapids community with a platform to speak to the special quality of life that is Grand Rapids."

Voting for the top 10 is new for 2011. It's part of a yearlong initiative to give local residents and leaders direct input about how their community rates in various quality of life categories. There will be six different categories released throughout the year, including the top areas for education, recreation, and places to retire.

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“We are looking for a strong show of support among local residents and community and business leaders as the top 10 breakout category winners are now determined through a special nomination process,” said RelocateAmerica President Steve Nickerson. “Community pride is a good indicator of great leadership and a mark of what makes it a great place to live, work and play.”

Rick Baker, president and CEO of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, recently relocated to Grand Rapids from Illinois.

"As a newer member of the community, it makes perfect sense to me that Grand Rapids would earn a spot on this list," Baker said. "Our business community is strong, we have a diverse mix of industries in the area, and our cultural and civic institutions are thriving. We have a lot to be proud of in this city, and I'm sure that will come through in process of voting for the top 10."

The 2011 “Top 100 Places to Live” list along with archives of previous years' winners are available at www.RelocateAmerica.com.

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RelocateAmerica™ offers relocating consumers a directory of over 6,000 community profiles to research and review useful information about the local housing market, the culture of each community, activities and local businesses. Featuring community specific relocation resources and links to knowledgeable local services to assist with an upcoming relocation.

RelocateAmerica’s Research Team determines the list based on review of various data gathered for economic, employment, housing, education, industry, opportunity, environment and recreation along with feedback from area leaders and residents.

Since 1997, RelocateAmerica has served millions of relocating consumers by providing real estate and moving resources. RelocateAmerica also helps promote small and medium-sized businesses by leveraging the community's attributes. RelocateAmerica is headquartered in Brighton, Michigan.