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Cambridge Police Officer Michael Daniliuk to be Honored for Service to Youth with Presentation of Leading Role Award by Cambridge Community Television

Cambridge, MA – [August 24, 2010] – Officer Michael “Whitey” Daniliuk of the Cambridge Police Department will be honored for his years of diligent work with youth with the presentation of the leading role award by Cambridge Community Television at the station’s annual Backyard BBQ fundraiser on Thursday, September 16, 2010.

After 13 years in patrol, Michael Daniliuk joined the CPD Family Services Unit this year as the Youth Outreach Coordinator. A lifelong Cambridge resident, Daniliuk was director of the West Cambridge Youth Center from 1991-1997, is a board member of the Ahern Foundation and Galluccio Associates, co-founder and co-commissioner of the North Cambridge Nite Court Basketball League, and current and former coach of various Cambridge youth sports including Babe Ruth Baseball and Cambridge Pride Basketball. This spring, he began the *Man to Man Each One Teach One* project, to engage positive male role models with disconnected male teens in Cambridge, in order to address negative behavioral and societal issues. He is married and has three children.

Each year, Cambridge Community Television honors three individuals who have dedicated years of service to making Cambridge, and the wider New England region, a better place through their work on social issues. In addition to Daniliuk, Khari Milner and Robert S. Hurlbut, Jr., who have also worked extensively to improve the lives of local youth, will receive Leading Role Awards.

CCTV’s Backyard BBQ, the station’s annual fundraiser for its youth program, features an array of food from local restaurants, live music from Zili Misik, and a silent auction. The Youth Media Program teaches Cambridge teens media production and career skills, while providing the equipment, facilities and support for them to make media of their own. Every \$1,500 raised supports another teen in CCTV’s summer and after-school programs. Alumni of the program have gone on to study media at prestigious institutions such as Emerson College and New York University, have received awards for their work, and have had work featured in film and media festivals, including the Boston International Film Festival.

Tickets: Tickets are \$55 for the general public, \$90 for two tickets, \$35 for students, seniors, and unemployed individuals, and \$18 for children under 12. Purchase tickets online at www.cctvcambridge.org/bbq in person at CCTV, or at the door, while supplies last.

Cambridge Community Televisions' Backyard BBQ

Thursday, September 16th, 2010

(Rain date Thursday, September 23, 2010 – check cctvcambridge.org/bbq for updates)

CCTV's "Backyard," 675 Massachusetts Ave. (Entrance on Prospect)

Tickets available in advance online at www.cctvcambridge.org/store, or at CCTV.

About CCTV: CCTV operates Channels 9, 10, and 22 on the local cable system in Cambridge, and has been recognized as the number one public access center in the United States nine times in its twenty-two year history. As a public forum for Cambridge residents, businesses and organizations, all programming is either produced or sponsored by Cambridge residents, and includes local news coverage, politics, music, cultural affairs, and international programming. As a community center, CCTV provides a variety of ways for residents to become involved, including numerous media production classes, the Youth Media Program, computers for Seniors classes, the Drive-By Gallery, and more.

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For more information about the Leading Role Awards at CCTV's 2010 Backyard BBQ, contact Nilagia McCoy at 617-661-6900 ext. 116, or email nilagia@cctvcambridge.org.

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