



**Christy Webber**  
**President**  
**Christy Webber Landscapes**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

In 1988, Christy Webber bought an old pickup truck and some lawn mowing equipment and began cutting grass around Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. In the years since, Christy Webber Landscapes has grown into one of the largest landscape contractor firms in Chicago, with over 250 employees and annual revenues of \$20 million.

Today, the company maintains some of Chicago's most prestigious landmarks, such as Millennium Park, the Museum of Science and Industry and O'Hare and Midway airports. Recent landscape construction projects include Kennedy King College, Millennium Park and the McCormick Place West addition. In addition, the company continues to serve hundreds of residential design and maintenance clients, some of which have been with Christy since her small beginnings.

Christy was the first woman in the state of Illinois to become a Certified Landscape Technician, the designation that recognizes proficiency in the landscape workforce. She has been inducted into the University of Illinois at Chicago's Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame and was selected as the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Week 2009 "Entrepreneurial Success of the Year." Her company has received numerous distinctions as well, such as inclusion on *Inc. Magazine's* "Inner City 100" list of America's fastest-growing urban businesses and *Lawn and Landscape Magazine's* Top 100 companies.

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