



May 2011

Dear Medina County Business Advocate:

To celebrate the accomplishments of Medina County companies, the Medina County Economic Development Corporation has partnered again with Westfield Bank, in cooperation with the Chambers of Commerce of Medina County, to present:

### **The Eighth Annual Medina County Business Awards**

Your input is a critical element in the awards process. Below is a brief description of the seven awards, along with a nomination form on the opposite side. Please consider nominating individuals, companies, customers or associates that fit the criteria, which could include you. There is no limit to the number of deserving candidates you may nominate.

The deadline for nominations is August 5, 2011. All nominees will be notified and asked to indicate their interest in participating in the awards program by providing additional information to the judges. An independent judge's panel will evaluate the nominations and make the final awards decisions. Judging will be based on the nomination form and the information gathered from the nominees. Winners will be honored at the 12th Annual MCEDC Autumn Speaker Series to be held on **November 7, 2011** at the Blair Center in Westfield Center, Ohio—registration begins at 4 PM.

Please circulate the nomination form throughout your organization to ensure that the most worthy candidates are recognized. Additional copies of the form, along with a list of past award recipients, can be downloaded at [www.medinacounty.org](http://www.medinacounty.org) or [www.westfield-bank.com](http://www.westfield-bank.com). For any questions about the awards nomination process, please contact Andrea Lyons at 330-722-9215 or [alyons@medinacounty.org](mailto:alyons@medinacounty.org).

Thank you,  
Bethany Dentler, Executive Director  
Medina County Economic Development Corporation

### **MEDINA COUNTY BUSINESS AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS**

- **ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR:** This award honors a Medina County owned/operated business, demonstrating substantial innovation in a product, production methods, market creation/development, and/or demonstrating rapid growth or potential for significant growth.
- **CAPITAL INVESTMENT:** This award honors a Medina County business with a capital investment of more than \$500,000 during calendar year 2010 that has provided a sustainable increase in revenue and/or employment or has enhanced our community's appeal by expanding, building or renovating a structure in the county.
- **SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE:** This award honors a Medina County owned/operated business with less than 50 employees and/or less than \$3 Million in total revenues demonstrating long-term commitment to sound business practices in operation, management and sustainability.
- **BUSINESS GROWTH:** This award honors a Medina County company that has shown/averaged sustained growth in revenue and employment for at least five (5) years.
- **GREEN LEADER:** This award honors a Medina County company that has adopted eco-friendly strategies, including energy efficiency improvement, waste reduction, or use of renewable resources as a critical component of business operations to secure our environmental future.
- **CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR-COMPANY:** To encourage a charitable environment and recognize creative efforts that make a difference, this award honors the Medina County *company* that goes well beyond the minimum expectation of community service. It recognizes companies of all types and sizes that make outstanding civic contributions to their communities.
- **CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR-INDIVIDUAL:** This award honors the *individual* who consistently goes well beyond the minimum expectation of community service. This award honors the individual who makes a difference and who demonstrates exceptional charitable involvement in his/her community or the county.

**PLEASE NOTE: All nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m., August 5, 2011.**

**Submit all nominations to:**

MCEDC - Medina County Business Awards  
144 North Broadway Street, Suite 202  
Medina, OH 44256

or  
Email: [alyons@medinacounty.org](mailto:alyons@medinacounty.org)  
Fax: (330) 764-8449

# 2011 MEDINA COUNTY BUSINESS AWARDS



## Section I

About the Nominee:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_

CEO/President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Nomination:** Please provide specific details and information on nominee/company that justify consideration for one of the award categories listed below. Add attachment

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## Section II

Nominated for:

*Please check the appropriate award that your nominee best represents. Check only one category per nomination. Note that Corporate Citizen Category has two distinct categories. Descriptions for each category are on the opposite side of this nomination form. Award winners from 2010 are not eligible to win the same category in 2011.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur of the Year  | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Investment                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Enterprise   | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Growth                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Citizen of the Year— <b>Corporate</b>                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Citizen of the Year— <b>Individual</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Leader (formerly known as Sustainability-Environmental Improvement) |   |

## Section III

Nominated By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



## MEDINA COUNTY BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

| <u>Category</u>  | <u>Year</u> | <u>Recipient</u>                                  |
|--|-------------|---|
| <b>Entrepreneur of the Year</b>                                    | 2004        | Debra Destro, Brunswick Tax Service               |
|  | 2005        | Clinical Research Management                      |
|  | 2006        | Ovation Polymers                                  |
|  | 2007        | Healthcare Innovative Solutions                   |
|  | 2008        | EBO Group, Inc.                                   |
|  | 2009        | Inflatable Images                                 |
|  | 2010        | Monitoring Control & Compliance/Elkins Earthworks |
| <b>Capital Investment</b>  | 2004        | Destiny Manufacturing (non-facility)              |
|  | 2004        | Trillium Creek (facility)                         |
|  | 2005        | Liquid Resources of Ohio, LLC                     |
|  | 2006        | BPR Rico  |
|  | 2007        | Mercury Distributing/Shamrock Industries          |
|  | 2008        | Brunswick Toyota                                  |
|  | 2009        | Wellman Products Group                            |
|  | 2010        | Medina Hospital a Cleveland Clinic Hospital       |
| <b>Job Creation</b><br><i>(only year for this category)</i>        | 2004        | Destiny Manufacturing                             |
| <b>Small Business Enterprise</b>                                   | 2005        | Griffith Holdings                                 |
|  | 2006        | Action-Flexo Graphics                             |
|  | 2007        | Romeo's Pizza                                     |
|  | 2008        | Healthcare Innovative Solutions                   |
|  | 2009        | Justice & Company                                 |
|  | 2010        | Ferrell-Whited Physical Therapy Services          |
| <b>Sustained Business Growth</b><br><i>Renamed Business Growth</i> | 2009        | Sandridge Food Corporation                        |
|  | 2010        | Foundation Software                               |



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| <b>Sustainability—Environmental Improvement</b>                              | 2009        | VEXOR Technology, Inc.                            |
|  | 2010        | Sandridge Food Corporation                        |
| <b>Corporate Citizen of the Year</b><br><i>(only year for this category)</i> | 2004        | Patrick H. Norris, Norris Auto Mall               |
| <b>Corporate Citizen - Corporate*</b>  | 2005        | FirstMerit Bank, N.A.                             |
|  | 2006        | Western Reserve Bank                              |
|  | 2007        | The Ruhlin Company                                |
|  | 2008        | Dorman-Farrell, LLC                               |
|  | 2009        | Stop'N Go of Medina                               |
|  | 2010        | The O'Neill Group                                 |
| <b>Corporate Citizen - Individual*</b>                                       | 2005        | Jim Gerspacher, Gerspacher Real Estate Group      |
|  | 2006        | Mark Dorman, Dorman-Farrell, LLC                  |
|  | 2007        | Ron Paydo, FirstMerit Bank                        |
|  | 2008        | William Doraty, Bill Doraty KIA                   |
|  | 2009        | Lori Betz, GTB Medical Services, Inc.             |
|  | 2010        | Barbara Dzur, Gerspacher Real Estate Group        |
| <b>Lifetime Achievement Award**</b>  | 2004        | Robert & Phyllis Leatherman, The Leatherman Group |
|  | 2006        | Don Simmons, Simmons Brothers Construction        |
|  | 2008        | Congressman Ralph Regula                          |

\*A distinction was made between corporate/individual contributions.

\*\*The Lifetime Achievement Award is a special award to express that the time, effort and contribution to the county are great and are truly reflective of a lifetime.