

**Medina, Ohio, Nov. 15, 2011** — On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Medina County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) recognized seven outstanding county-based companies at its annual Medina County Business Awards event sponsored by Westfield Bank. The standing-room-only event was attended by close to 300 local business leaders and elected officials.

The following companies and individuals were recognized for their achievements:

- Small Business Enterprise – Payroll4Construction.com, Brunswick, OH
- Green Leader – Envision Waste Services, Seville, OH
- Corporate Citizen Individual – Delmar Jones, Jonesy’s Cleaners, Medina, OH
- Corporate Citizen Company – Westfield Insurance, Westfield Center, OH
- Business Growth – Romeo’s Pizza, Medina, OH
- Capital Investment – McJak Candy Company, Medina, OH
- Entrepreneur of the Year – Quasimoto Interactive, Sharon Township, OH

“As the Executive Director of MCEDC, I am privileged to meet with Medina County business executives, tour their companies, and hear the uplifting stories of their success which don’t make the headlines,” stated Bethany Dentler, MCEDC Executive Director. “That’s the main reason we present the Medina County Business Awards, to bring well-deserved recognition to the companies who are out there investing in our area and creating family-sustaining jobs”.

### **Highlights of Award Winners**

**Small Business Enterprise:** Recognizes a business with less than 50 employees and/or less than \$3 Million in total revenues who demonstrates long-term commitment to sound business practices.

#### ***Payroll4Construction.com***

- In 6 years, the firm has grown to 12 employees.
- In the first 2 years alone, the company increased its revenue by nearly 15,000% and in 2011, they are on pace for a 100% increase in both revenue and clients.

**Green Leader:** Honors a Medina County company that has adopted eco-friendly strategies.

*Envision Waste Services*

- Envision Waste Services currently operates the Medina County Central Processing Facility which processes all of the municipal solid waste for Medina County’s residents and businesses.
- Through its efforts, Envision Waste Services is currently diverting 33% of the solid waste generated in the County from being disposed at a landfill.

**Corporate Citizen – Individual:** Honors the **individual** who consistently goes well beyond the minimum of community service.

*Delmar Jones/Jonesy’s Classic Cleaners*

Since opening Jonesy’s Classic Cleaners 6 years ago, Delmar has made his civic mark on Medina County through various organizations:

- United Way – Chairman of the Board and past recipient of Community Spirit Award
- Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors
- Member of the Medina County University Center’s Strategic Advisory Council

**Corporate Citizen – Company:** Recognizes the Medina County **company** that goes well beyond the minimum expectation of community service.

*Westfield Insurance*

- Education: Investment in Medina County University Center, Academic Challenge quiz shows, and Young Entrepreneur’s Program
- Safety: Supported of a teenage safe driving program.
- Human Service: Supported the United Way and Feeding Medina County initiative.

**Business Growth:** Honors a company that has shown sustained growth in revenue and employment for at least five years.

***Romeo’s Pizza***

- In 10 years, Romeo’s has opened 30 pizza locations and just recently launched a new burger concept restaurant, which is expected to expand throughout Northeast Ohio and Columbus in the next 12-18 months.
- In that same period, Romeo’s grew their revenues by 2400% and created over 700 new jobs with an annual payroll of \$6 million.

**Capital Investment:** Honors a company with a capital investment of more than \$500,000 during calendar year 2010.

***McJak Candy Company***

- In 2010, McJak invested \$2.8 million into a new lollipop line and support equipment and an additional investment of \$150,000 in new packaging equipment.
- The owners utilized county-based contractors for the construction and equipment installation, further investing in the local economy.

**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Recognizes a company demonstrating substantial innovation in a product, market creation and development.

***Quasimoto Interactive***

- Located in Sharon Township, Quasimoto Interactive is a national player whose customers include Costco, Best Buy, Fry’s Electronics and Disneyland.
- By partnering with Ablegamers, Quasimoto provides adaptive control devices for disabled gamers.
- The company’s revenue increased 300% from 2009 to 2010, and 2011 is on track to double.

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Medina County Economic Development Corporation is a membership-support non-profit organization devoted to growing and expanding the business community of Medina County and the Northeast Ohio region. [www.medinacounty.org](http://www.medinacounty.org). For information, please contact Andrea Lyons, 330-722-9215.

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