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Medina County Business Award Winners for 2017

Medina, OH. For the past fourteen years, Medina County has celebrated the best and brightest from within its business community, and this year was no exception. An audience of nearly 250 people was present in Westfield Center on October 26 to celebrate the 2017 Medina County Business Awards.

From over 100 nominations, the judges whittled the field down to 26 finalists in four awards categories, including: Business Growth, Capital Investment, Community Advocate, and Entrepreneur of the Year.

“This business awards event is an opportunity to honor the outstanding people who make up Medina County’s business community, and to bring well-deserved recognition to the companies who choose to invest in our area and create family-sustaining jobs,” said Bethany Dentler, Executive Director of Medina County Economic Development Corporation, which hosts the business awards program. “Out of 7,000 companies in Medina County, the companies being honored are truly exceptional.”

The Medina County Business Awards program is sponsored by Westfield Bank. Chairman and CEO Jon Park said, “Westfield is proud to be a part of the business excellence that is the backbone of Medina County. We want to congratulate all of the honorees and winners.”

Nominees in the Business Growth category were:

- All Construction Services
- Antonio’s Pizza
- Buckin’ Ohio
- Engelke Construction Solutions
- Ethode

The Business Growth award went to Engelke Construction Solutions, a Brunswick construction management services firm which is expanding into a new location to accommodate its growth.

Nominees in the Capital Investment category were:

- Aldi’s Hinckley
- Atlantic Tool and Die
- Cornwell Tools
- Fuserashi International Technology
- Holiday Inn Express
- Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority
- MTD Products Inc.

The Capital Investment award went to MTD Products of Valley City, which added over 100 employees while investing \$5.8 million last year in its operations.

Nominees in the Community Advocate category were:

- City of Medina
- DS Benefits – Matt Baker
- Fuserashi International Technology
- Medina County Career Center – Sandy Frommeyer
- Medina Creative Living
- Proximity Marketing
- The Ruhlin Corporation – Russ Gregory
- SFS Intec
- V3 Transportation

The Community Advocate award went to Proximity Marketing, a Brunswick marketing company which has donated countless hours towards supporting community development efforts like the Made in Medina County expo.

The nominees in the Entrepreneur of the Year award were:

- Excel Impact, LLC
- Pleasant Valley Corporation
- Quality Innovative Products
- Supply Side

The Entrepreneur of the Year award went to Pleasant Valley Corporation, a family owned construction and facility management firm in Granger Township which has hired 70 new employees in the past few years and is currently constructing a new global headquarters facility.

The nominees also received proclamations from Ohio Representatives Steve Hambley and Darrell Kick, Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted, Ohio Governor John Kasich, and US Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman.

Nominations for the 2018 business awards can be emailed to kathyb@medinacounty.org through June 1, 2018.

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