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NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR DEC. 7 AUBURN HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SILVER & GOLD AWARDS

Auburn Hills, MI – Congratulations to the following outstanding Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce Award nominees.

On Monday, December 7, 2020, the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce will recognize individuals and companies for their achievements and reveal the winners at the annual Silver & Gold Awards - a live virtual broadcast event - from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The program honors business leaders and companies in the areas of innovation, leadership, and community involvement. It also recognizes volunteers and supporters of the Auburn Hills Chamber.

Auburn Hills Chamber and Special Recognition Awards recognizing leaders include:

Ambassador of the Year
Board Member of the Year
Outgoing Committee Chair
Outstanding Committee
Best Taste on the Go Vendor
Mayor's Award

Named Awards recognize individuals and companies who represent "sterling" qualities of excellence and leadership including:

Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC Woman's Leadership Award

This award recognizes a woman who exemplifies a strong commitment to personal, community and professional development.

Nominees include: Kelly Carroll-Burgin – K. Carroll Accessories, Cortney Casey – Michigan By The Bottle Tasting Room, Kristen Conte – Baker College, Athena Dumas – Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit/Oakland County Michigan Works! Pontiac, Katie Gadulka – Michigan Association of CPA's, Lisa Goyette – CH Training & Coaching, Ora Hirsch Pescovitz – Oakland University, Heidi Kassab – Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Iris Lane – Baker College, Stephanie Lee – Oakland University, Kristin Old – Taubman Corporation, Dawn Priebe – Merlin Entertainments/Peppa Pig World of Play, Renee Roth – Dewpoint, Tamika Roy – GKN Driveline, Leigh Settlemoir Dzwik – Oakland University, Patty Sterba – Dewpoint, JaCinda Sumara – Oakland Schools, Stefanie Thornton – Faurecia North America, Kathy Urech – AM General.

Atlas Copco Excellence Award

Awards the company that not only meets industry standards but has clearly gone above and beyond to improve their company and industry expectations.

Nominees include: Applied Imaging, BorgWarner, Easterseals Michigan, PC Miracles, Team CORE, The HUB Stadium, TI Fluid Systems.

Auxiom Golden SMB Award

This award recognizes a small or medium size business that exemplifies "The Golden Rule" - treat others as you want to be treated.

Nominees include: Crossroads Care Center, Everybody by Dutton Farm, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Detroit/Auburn Hills, Johnston Photography, Lucerne International, MDTs, LLC, Mission Point Resort, New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Trion Solutions, Inc., Venture HR Pro.

Baker College of Auburn Hills Education Advocate Award

This award is presented to the company with the most progressive education initiatives.

Nominees include: ABB, Inc., Challenge Island – Oakland County East, Faurecia North America, MSU Federal Credit Union/OU Credit Union, Munetrix, Oakland Community College.

Beaumont Health Excellence in Healthcare Award

This award honors an individual who demonstrates leadership, innovation, and excellence in the healthcare field.

Nominees include: Remy Bruder -Rochester University, Mike Dyki – Blossom Collection – Mocerri Companies, Jeffrey Guina, MD – Easterseals Michigan and Beaumont Hospital.

City of Auburn Hills Business Success Story Award

This award is given to a company large or small, that has made significant strides within their business. This award also recognizes the outstanding commitment to a company's employees, its mission, and overall achievements within an organization.

Nominees include: Crossroads Care Center, Easterseals Michigan, MDTS, LLC, Mission Point Resort, PeopleMost, Quantum Services Group.

Consumers Energy Cares Award

This award recognizes the individual that continuously demonstrates a commitment to helping others in the community.

Nominees include: Julianna Blankenship – Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, LaRue Brown – Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, Tracey Fish – Crossroads Care Center, Jordan Hopkins – Jordan Hopkins Photography, Don Johnston – Schooley Mitchell, Amber Maiani – Venture HR Pro, Dustin McClellan – Pontiac Community Foundation, Brian Miller – Auburn Hills Police Department, Domenic Morelli – Faith Works, Debbie Pruent – GKN, Ashley Werkmeister – Chief Financial Credit Union, Brent Wirth – Easterseals Michigan.

DBusiness Magazine Emerging Leader Award

This award is presented to the individual who stands out as a leader among peers 35 and younger.

Nominees include: Jeremy Bishop – Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills, Jennifer Bleau – Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, LaRue Brown – Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, Brandon Kidder – Family Table Café, Katie Lamb – Neighborhood House, Hillary Marshall – Kay Automotive Graphics, Meghan Oesterle – Faurecia North America, Jennifer Porter – Rochester University, Kelly Schafka – Dewpoint.

Detroit Pistons Game Changer Award

This award recognizes an individual who is changing the way business is done or making a significant contribution to our community.

Nominees include: John Barnes – Dorsey Schools, DJ Bridges – Quicken Loans/Rock Central, Richard “Buzz” Brown – Munetrix, Jessica Cobb – MDTS, Steven Flores – Cornerstone Community Financial, James Lopiccolo – Capocore Professional Advisors, Amber Maini – Venture HR Pro, Karen Phelps – Phelps Positive Performance.

Faurecia North America Diversity & Inclusion Pacesetter Award

This award is presented to a local company that promotes and facilitates a culture of diversity and inclusion in the categories of work environment, career development, training, networking, and mentoring.

Nominees include: EveryBody by Dutton Farm, McLaren Oakland, New Horizons Rehabilitation Services Inc.

Gardner-White Michigan Economy and Community Contributions Award

Honors an individual who is a community leader from a Michigan-owned and operated business.

Nominees include: Matthew Farrell – Team CORE, Mike Kneffel – Blair Hall Coffee, Jean Stenger – DKSS CPAs + Advisors.

Great Lakes Crossing Outlets Shared Values Award

Presented to a company who demonstrates a commitment to the shared values of Great Lakes Crossing Outlets by taking the high road, playing for the team, respecting everyone, pushing the envelope, pursuing excellence, honoring tomorrow today, staying accountable, and loving what they do.

Nominees include: CH Training & Coaching, Dewpoint, Job Impulse, United Shore Professional Baseball League, Xceleration Fitness.

Mahindra Automotive North America "RISE" Award

This award recognizes one individual or group of individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to beautifying the local community by way of an initiative related to agriculture or the arts.

Nominees include: Patrick Burns – Timberland Landscape Inc., Sheila Clayton – Sprigs Floral Expressions, Don & Dorothy Johnston – Johnston Photography/Schooley Mitchell.

Oakland University Innovator of the Year Award

This award is presented to the company with an impressive innovation story.

Nominees Include: Challenge Island – Oakland County East, Continental Structural Plastics, Cygnet Institute of Personal Financial Literacy, EveryBody by Dutton Farm, MSU Federal Credit Union/OU Credit Union, Oakland Youth Orchestras.

Ogletree Deakins Human Resources Vanguard Award

Presented to the company that takes on a human resource challenge in a creative and innovative way given the increased competition for talent, the complex regulatory environment, and our litigious society.

Nominees include: Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Job Impulse, Rightsize Facility.

Pomeroy Living Outstanding Community Wellness Award

Presented to a company who is a great community partner and is always focused on the wellness of others.

Nominees include: Continental, Genisys Credit Union, Marsh & McLennan, Munetrix, Nexteer Automotive, Team CORE.

Stella Wealth Management of Raymond James Higher Standard Award

This award is presented to the individual that has shown high standards in business acumen and service.

Nominees include: Michael Crank – Royal Park Hotel, Debbie Gibb – Merlin Entertainment, Dawn Priebe – Peppa Pig World of Play.

Trion Solutions, Inc. Vision Made Perfectly Clear Award

Presented to a small to mid-size emerging company with a clear and distinctive vision and on a fast track to success. The company likely would have been founded within the past 10 years.

Nominees include: Blue Skies Brewery, GameTime, Hummus Goodness.

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.auburnhillschamber.com or call 248-853-7862. Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce is where business, educational, cultural, and civic leaders collaborate to connect a world-class business community. The Chamber represents more than 375 companies including 75,000+ employees, and is focused on networking, leadership, education, community support, and workforce development programming which supports the business needs of the local area.