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### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Program to Honor Central Ohio Family Businesses for 2011 Achievements**

Columbus, Ohio -- The Conway Center for Family Business will recognize high-achieving Central Ohio family businesses and supporters at the 13th Annual Family Business Awards Program on **Friday, November 4th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**, to be held at Catering By Design, 6465 Busch Boulevard.

Tickets for the event cost \$35 per person and \$250 per table for Conway Center members and \$60 per person and \$450 per table for non-members. To find out more or to make your reservation, contact Deana Gordon by October 26 at [Gordon@familybusinesscenter.com](mailto:Gordon@familybusinesscenter.com) or visit [www.familybusinesscenter.com](http://www.familybusinesscenter.com).

The Family Business Awards Program was established in 1999 to recognize excellence in family business and has honored over 100 local family businesses throughout that time. The 2011 awards program will honor 21 Central Ohio businesses and two individuals in six categories:

**Communication** - Family businesses that have developed effective communication within their family business.

- Highlights for Children, Inc. (Headquarters-Columbus)

**Community Engagement** - Family businesses that have made a significant contribution to the Central Ohio Community.

- EclipseCorp (Headquarters- Gahanna)
- Ohio Support Services (Headquarters - Columbus)
- The Charles Penzone Salons (Main Office - Powell)

**Milestone Achievements** - Family businesses that have reached a significant milestone during 2011.

**150 year anniversary**

The Wilson Bohanan Lock Company (Marion)

**100 year anniversary**

Columbus Sign Company(Columbus)  
George J. Igel & Co., Inc (Columbus)

**90 year anniversary**

Atlas Butler Heating & Cooling (Columbus)  
White Castle System, Inc. (Columbus)

**75 year anniversary**

The Ohio Exterminating Company (Columbus)

**40 year anniversary**

Courtesy Ambulance Inc. (Newark)  
Lincoln Construction (Columbus)

**30 year anniversary**

Lindey's Restaurant (German Village)  
Uniglobe Travel Designers, Inc. (Columbus)

**Lifetime Achievement Award: Charles Penzone, The Charles Penzone Salons**

**Re-Invention** - Family businesses that have successfully adjusted their business strategy to address the changing business and societal demands.

- Donatos Pizza (Columbus)
- Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls (Logan)
- Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc.(Columbus)

**Succession Planning** - Family businesses that have developed a succession plan or transferred leadership.

- Martin Carpet Cleaning Company(Columbus)
- Rhoads Farm Market and Garden Center (Marion)
- Stanley Steemer International, Inc.(Dublin)

**Support** – Organizations or individuals that have shown support or demonstrated a commitment to strength, success or longevity of a family firm.

- Becky Blatt (Former Assistant Director, Conway Center for Family Business)
- Ohio Dominican University (Columbus)

**The Program is made possible through the support of:**

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The [Conway Center for Family Business](#) is Central Ohio's leading resource for educational programs, resources and networking opportunities to support the growth and success of family-owned businesses. The Center celebrates the successes of family-owned businesses at its annual awards program and offers peer group opportunities for next-generation leaders, family business leaders, and women family business owners. The organization includes more than 100 family-owned businesses from Central Ohio ranging in size from three to more than 10,000 employees.

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