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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY BUSINESS AWARDS**  
*Outstanding Family-Owned Businesses to be Recognized for Achievements*

COLUMBUS, OHIO -- The Conway Center for Family Business is now accepting nominations for its 16th Annual Family Business Awards Program honoring family businesses for outstanding achievements and milestones. Any family-owned business located in Central Ohio may be nominated for an award. **Nominations are due to the Conway Center by July 25, 2014.**

Award recipients will be recognized in seven categories, including:

- **Community Engagement** - for family businesses that have made a significant contribution to the Central Ohio community.
- **Communication** - for family businesses that have developed tools or strategies for effective communication within their company or with their family members regarding the business.
- **Lifetime Achievement** - for family business leaders who have made a significant contribution to their industry or the Central Ohio business community.
- **Milestone Achievement** - for family businesses that have reached a significant milestone or anniversary during 2014.
- **Re-Invention** - for family businesses that have successfully adjusted their business strategy to focus on or to address a changing business climate or societal demand.
- **Succession Planning** - for family businesses that have developed or completed a succession plan or transferred leadership.
- **Support of Family Business** - for organizations or individuals that have shown support or demonstrated a commitment to the strength, success or longevity of family firms.

More than 100 of Central Ohio's finest family businesses have been honored in the past 16 years. Past winners include: A.D. Farrow Co. Harley Davidson, Charles Penzone Salons, Converse Electric, Donatos Pizza, Highlights for Children, The Inn and Spa at Cedar Falls, Lincoln Construction, Ohio Power Tool, Ricart Automotive, Stanley Steemer, Velvet Ice Cream and White Castle System, Inc.

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Details and online nomination forms for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Business Awards Program are available at [www.familybusinesscenter.com](http://www.familybusinesscenter.com) or information may be requested at 614.253.4820. **Nominations must be post-marked or delivered to the Conway Center for Family Business, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219 or submitted online by July 25, 2014.**

Family businesses chosen to receive an award will be recognized in a November issue of *Business First* and will be honored at the Conway Center for Family Business Awards Luncheon on November 7, 2014. The event will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43219.

Event sponsors include: *Business First*; Commerce National Bank; Definity Partners; Fathom; Gryphon Financial Partners; Rider+ Reinke Financial Group; and Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP.

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#### **ABOUT THE CONWAY CENTER**

The [Conway Center for Family Business](http://www.familybusinesscenter.com) is Central Ohio's 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 150 family-owned businesses from Central Ohio that collectively employ more than 10,000.