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19th Annual Awards Program to Recognize and Honor Central Ohio Family Businesses

Columbus, Ohio, September 11, 2017 – [The Conway Center for Family Business](#) and more than 500 business leaders are set to honor leading Central Ohio family businesses at the **19th Annual Family Business Awards Program** from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8 at the Hilton Columbus in Easton Town Center, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

In addition, luncheon guests and more than 50 family businesses and advisers will network and showcase products and services at the **Family Business Expo from 10 a.m. to noon**, before the annual awards program.

The Family Business Awards Program was established in 1999 to recognize excellence in family business, and has honored over 250 Central Ohio family businesses in the last 19 years. The 2017 awards program will recognize 37 Central Ohio businesses in six categories. Angela An, Channel 10 morning anchor, will emcee. This year's honorees include:

Family Business of the Year

Ricart Automotive is a leader in their industry and a generous contributor to the community at large through in-kind volunteer work, cash donations, and sponsorships. They have a strong family legacy and work hard to take care of their 540 employees.

Lifetime Achievement

Bill Englefield, III credits his success with surrounding himself with good people. Starting from humble roots, he worked hard to achieve great success with his company, Englefield, Inc., which includes the Duchess Shoppes.

Community Engagement

- Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams

Re-Invention

- Alyfe Wellbeing Strategies

Succession Planning

- Lee Farms – Small Sized Company

- Advance Sign Group – Medium Sized Company
- Kimball Midwest – Large Sized Company

Milestone Awards:

100 Years – George F. Neff & Company

65 Years – Anthony-Thomas Candy Co.

60 Years – Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc.

55 Years – 2-J Supply, Inc.

50 Years –

- Artina Promotional Products
- Jay-Car Construction Company, Inc.
- Straub Dance Center

45 Years – McGohan Brabender

40 Years –

- Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation
- Flyer's Pizza/Ulrey Foods
- Heiberger Paving, Inc.
- Jet Container

30 Years –

- Burton Metal Finishing, Inc, & Powder Coating
- Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls
- The Basement Doctor

25 Years –

- Capital-Plus, Inc.
- Kaiser Consulting
- Safex

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- 5 Seasons Landscape Management
- Easy IT
- QuickStitch Plus
- RobinTek

15 Years –

- Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams
- PMG Employment Consultants

10 Years –

- A Player Advantage
- Hina Environmental Solutions

5 Years –

- CloudCover, LLC
- Outreach Promotional Solutions

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ABOUT THE CONWAY CENTER

The [Conway Center for Family Business](#) 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 approximately 200 family-owned businesses from Central Ohio ranging in size from two to more than 20,000 employees.