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16th Annual Conway Center Awards Program to Honor Successful Central Ohio Family Businesses

Columbus, Ohio – The Conway Center for Family Business will present awards to leading Central Ohio family businesses and supporters at the 16th Annual Family Business Awards Program **11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** on **Friday, November 7** at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road. More than 450 family business leaders will attend.

The popular Family Business Expo will be held before the Awards Program, 10:00-11:45 a.m. The expo will feature family businesses and advisors showcasing their products or services.

The Family Business Awards Program was established in 1999 to recognize excellence in family business and has honored over 150 Central Ohio family businesses. During the 2014 awards program, 27 Central Ohio businesses and two individuals will be honored in nine categories, including a special Director's Award:

- **Family Business of the Year** – A family business that exhibits strong commitment to family and business, contributions to their industry and the Central Ohio community, innovative business practices and strong succession planning.
 - **Velvet Ice Cream**
- **Lifetime Achievement** – A family business leader who has made a significant contribution to his or her industry or the Central Ohio business community.
 - **Farah Majidzadeh, Resource International, Inc.**
- **Communication** – Family businesses that have developed effective communication within their family business or with family members regarding the business.
 - **Champion Real Estate Services**
 - **Integrated Leadership Systems, LLC**
- **Community Engagement** – Family businesses that have made a significant contribution to the Central Ohio community.
 - **ms consultants, inc.**
 - **Luebbe Hearing Services**
 - **Safex, Inc.**
 - **Sugardaddy's Sumptuous Sweeties**
- **Milestone Achievements** – Family businesses that have reached a significant milestone during 2014.
 - **timeless skin solutions**, 10 years
 - **Advance Sign Group**, 15 years
 - **EclipseCorp**, 20 years

- **Jendco Safety Supply, Inc.**, 25 years
- **IGS Energy**, 25 years
- **Air Force One**, 30 years
- **Katzinger's Delicatessen**, 30 years
- **Cashmans Horse Equipment**, 35 years
- **Rotolo's Pizza**, 40 years
- **DāNite Sign Co.**, 40 years
- **Kirk Williams Company**, 65 years
- **Dublin Cleaners and New Albany Cleaners**, 80 years
- **Re-Invention** – Family businesses that have successfully adjusted their business strategy to address the changing business and societal demands.
 - **ABC Home Services**
 - **CASTO Management Services**
 - **Rinkov Eyecare Centers**
- **Succession Planning** – Family businesses that have developed a succession plan or transferred leadership.
 - **Diehl-Whittaker Funeral Service, Inc.**
 - **Miles-McClellan Construction Co., Inc.**
 - **Sound Communications, Inc.**
- **Support of Family Businesses** – Organizations or individuals that have shown support or demonstrated a commitment to strength, success or longevity of family firms.
 - **GREENCREST**
 - **Johnson Investment Counsel**
- **Director's Award** – A special award is being presented this year to Darci Congrove, of GBQ Partners, for her valuable insight, assistance and advice to the Conway Center since its inception.

The Family Business Awards Program is made possible through the support of: Columbus Business First, Commerce National Bank, Definity Partners, Fathom, Gryphon Financial Partners, Rider + Reinke Financial Group and Taft/.

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 more than 160 family-owned businesses from Central Ohio that employ more than 17,000 individuals.

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