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The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Announces Business Award Winners

Thursday, May 15, 2008 (Greensboro, NC) – The Greensboro Chamber celebrated 13 companies and individuals for distinguished achievement in business at the Business Awards Luncheon at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center. Below is a listing of award winners:

Nussbaum Center Associate of the Year – Clear View Endoscopy, which was formed in 2007 by Anthony DeSiena is the 2009 recipient. The company has gained customers across the U.S through their commitment to customer service and has realized revenue growth in excess of 3000% over the last 12 months. Clear View embodies a strong spirit of entrepreneurship and the Greensboro Chamber and the Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship are proud to recognize them through this joint award.

Minority Business Person of the Year – Javier Gomez, of Dynamic Quest is the 2009 recipient. Gomez has led Dynamic Quest through tremendous growth since the company was established in 2000 as a software development, business solutions, and corporate data center provider. Because of Gomez' work to diversify the company, Dynamic Quest has continued to grow despite a difficult economy.

Small Business Person of the Year – Eric Burg, owner of Apple Rock Advertising and Promotion, Inc. has grown his company from 2 employees in 1991 to 39 employees today. Through fiscal responsibility and measurable branding efforts, Burg has led his company to steady annual growth. He focuses on the company's efforts to enhance customer relationships so his customers can be successful in their markets. Burg supports the community in a variety of ways through six different chambers of commerce, the Komen Race for the Cure, and various MS fundraising activities

Small Business Advocate of the Year – Dennis Stearns, President of Stearns Financial Group has gone above and beyond to significantly impact the community of small businesses. A successful small business owner, Stearns has helped many others be successful by sharing the insight from his own success as a small business owner. Stearns serves on the National Financial Planning Leadership Advisory Board, as well as the boards of the Gateway University Research Park, the Greensboro Symphony, the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Greensboro.

Women in Business Award – The owners of Loco for Coco, a unique mother/daughter team of Betsy and Amie Gauthier were given the Women in Business Award. This award is given jointly by the Women's Resource Center and the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. It recognizes successful women in business who not only run their companies but give back to the community in exemplary fashion. The Gauthiers were recognized for their dedication to the community and for serving as a strong role models and advocates for women of all ages.

Other Awards Given at the Business Awards Luncheon

- GMA Retailer of the Year – jointly given with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce to Deep Roots Market
- Employers of the Year, given by the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities –
 - Large Business – Cardinal Health
 - Medium Business – Chili's Bar and Grille and Dynamic Quest
 - Small Business – 1st Carolina DJ's
 - Media Award – It's All About Your Business
 - Brant Taylor Barrier Free Success Award - Brant Taylor
- Arts in Business Award – Given jointly by the United Arts Council/GMA/Chamber of Commerce to the Moses Cone Health System for their outstanding integration of the arts in their facilities and treatment approaches.

The Business Awards Luncheon was held in conjunction with the Piedmont Triad Business Showcase to offer the Greensboro business community a complete day of marketing and networking opportunities.

The Chamber of Commerce is Greensboro's premiere business association, working to build a strong economy one business at a time through unique educational programs, leadership training, and opportunities to network with key business leaders. The Chamber is a member of the Greensboro Partnership, united with Greensboro Economic Development Alliance and Action Greensboro to create a growing economy and vibrant quality of life.

