

Business Recognition Awards



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**Monday, November 23, 2009
6 p.m.
Civic Center**

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The City of Novi is proud of all the businesses who call our community "home." In 2008, Novi initiated an annual recognition program to honor organizations who exemplify the Novi spirit and serve as models for other community partners. Nominees were judged on business practices, corporate citizenship, and green technologies. A committee of community representatives reviewed all nominations and selected the winners. We thank you for joining us this evening as we honor this year's winners and celebrate their successes and continued commitment to Novi.

City Council

Mayor David B. Landry
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Council Member Terry Margolis
Council Member Andrew Mutch
Council Member Kathy Crawford
Council Member Dave Staudt
Council Member Justin Fischer

City Manager

Clay J. Pearson

Assistant City Manager

Pamela W. Antil

Neighborhood and Business Relations Group

Tracie Ringle, Communications Specialist
Ara Topouzian, Economic Development Director
Sheryl Walsh, Director of Communications
Robin Working, Communications Assistant



Large Business

Business Practices

Hotel Baronette

- Operates with an “open door” management philosophy
- Provides mentoring programs
- Seeks to advance associates careers
- Implementation of a Safety Committee in which realistic job related safety measures are put into place by hourly associates
- Successfully inspires employees to create an atmosphere that rewarding

Corporate Citizenship

Sheraton Detroit Novi

- Created an internal organization incentive that led to the donation of over \$2,500 to charities
 - Partnered with Novi High school to host their Travel and Tourism interns for a 12-week program
 - Worked with the Church of the Holy Family in conducting a clothing drive. Currently in the process of a food drive that will be donated to the Faith Presbyterian Church
 - Donated soaps, shampoo and other items to St. Christina's for the homeless work they do
 - Worked with the Habitat for Humanity Oakland County in building a home
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Small Business

Business Practices

Novi Youth Hockey Association

- Dedicated volunteers teaching and improving hockey skills in an atmosphere that promotes good sportsmanship
- Provides each and every person within the Novi Youth Hockey Association, the opportunity to learn, grow, and enjoy the game of hockey
- Accommodate players of all levels of play, both house and travel teams are offered to support players ranging from ages 4 to 18
- 500+ players are active in the house program with another 120+ travel players, supported by 150+ coaches and managers, making the Novi Youth Hockey Association one of the largest in Michigan and the United States
- Coordinates a Learn to Play Hockey program to introduce younger players to the game
- NYHA teams have won state and district championships and numerous invitational tournaments in and out of state

Corporate Citizenship

Lotus Bank

- Operates with a organizational philosophy of giving back by improving the areas in which we work but also live
- CFO staffed a hotline at the Lighthouse of Oakland County to counsel people in financial distress
- Staff members volunteer at homeless shelters and food banks, church out-reach programs and other non-profit organizations
- Continued participation in an annual Teach our Children to Save Program
- Monetary contributions to dozens of local organizations for a variety of local causes

Green Technologies

Advanced Vein Therapies

- Electronic Medical Records
- Recycle batteries
- Recycle paper products, plastic, and cans
- Green purchasing strategies
- Energy conservation and efficiency
- Recycle printing cartridges

Mayor's Ambassador of the Year Award

Sho Nakahama — Japanese Business Society of Detroit

Honorable Mentions

FanningHowey, Cosmetic & Family Dentistry, Bright House Networks, Carrabbas Italian Grill, ServPro of Novi, Bonefish Grill, Town & Country Eyecare, Total Sports Complex

Special thanks to all who participated in this program, especially Todd Kuzma, Cal Stone, Linda Daly, Maureen Krauss, and Gail Credit for reviewing the nominations.



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