



MARYLAND
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

2015 Maryland Business Philanthropy Awards

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Baltimore Business Journal, **is seeking nominations of businesses that have provided outstanding support for local non-profits 501(c)(3)s and/or schools this past year (September 2014 through August 2015) for the annual Business Philanthropy Awards.** At least one outstanding small, medium and large business will receive an award. All nominees will be recognized at the Maryland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Philanthropy Day Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at the Waterfront Marriott Hotel in Baltimore.

Please note these awards are in addition to other awards to be presented that day.

You are invited to nominate your own or another business for the 2015 Business Philanthropy Awards. The nominations will be judged by a panel of business and community leaders. Nominations must be received by 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2015. **Nominations should be faxed or mailed to the Chamber at 410-269-5247 or 60 West Street, Suite 100, Annapolis, MD 21401.**

For more information about the Maryland Business Philanthropy Award, contact Jessica Palmeri, Vice President, Programming and Communications for the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, at 410-269-0642 or 301-261-2858 ext. 129 or via email at jpalmeri@mdchamber.org.

Corporate Philanthropy in Maryland

Corporate philanthropy, or corporate giving, takes many forms in our state. Most often, corporations make financial contributions to non-profit organizations. However, businesses also make in-kind donations of goods or services, match their employees' charitable contributions, and encourage or sponsor employee volunteerism.

Please take this opportunity to let others know what you, or other businesses you know, are doing in the community. You will help us reach our goal of promoting philanthropy in Maryland by nominating a company with an outstanding record of charitable activity and attending the award luncheon.

Eligibility

1. The Business Philanthropy Award is open to any business with at least one Maryland location which has made a contribution through financial support, in-kind donations, or volunteer effort, to residents of Maryland. Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.
2. The service must have been provided between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015. Multi-year commitments will also be considered.
3. Businesses are encouraged to nominate themselves; however they must have a letter of support from a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with whom they served. Nominations from non-profit and public agencies are also encouraged.

Criteria

All nominations will be judged by the following:

- The extent of the service provided to the community.
- The impact this service has on the community.
- The commitment that the corporation has shown to the community over time.

In addition to these criteria, the judges will consider the size of the business relative to their corporate giving. Please be as specific about dollar and manpower value as possible so that the judges can best review your philanthropic activities.

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NOMINATION FORM Deadline:

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Company Being Nominated: _____

CEO Name/Title: _____

Day Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Nominator Name/Title: _____

Day Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Tell us about your nominee in the space below and add up to a maximum of four pages of supporting materials, including at least one letter of support from a 501(c)(3) organization. Please address the following questions:

1. How has the nominee contributed to the Maryland non-profit community and to local non-profits in the past year (September 2014 through August 2015)? This can be through financial or in-kind donations, employee contributions, or corporate volunteering. Please be specific.

2. What critical community needs do the nominee's corporate contributions meet?

3. How long has the nominee been involved in corporate philanthropy? In what other lasting and meaningful ways has the organization been involved with the community?

4. What size is the company? Small (1-100 employees) Medium (101-500 employees) Large (501+ employees)

Industry Type: _____