



### ROCKFORD BUSINESS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS 2018

The Chamber's Business of Distinction Awards will be presented at the Annual meeting of the Membership of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce on January 18, 2019 beginning 5:30pm at Thousand Oaks - 4100 Thousand Oaks Drive- Grand Rapids, MI. This is our chance to recognize exceptional area businesses for going above and beyond the call of duty.

In addition to the recognitions at our Annual meeting, winning companies will also be featured in the Chamber's Rogue Review, Chamber Web site, Facebook page and local newspapers.

For 2018, we will honor the area business that best exemplifies the criteria listed below as "Business of the Year" and "New Business of the Year."

The Chamber's Annual Meeting Nomination Committee serves as the judging committee and will be looking at several areas of contribution including: Business operations, Chamber support, Economic development, Education, Humanitarian efforts or Quality of Life.

Chamber membership is a requirement and contributions of the nominees must have been in the current award year (calendar 2018). Nominations will be announced on the Chamber's Web site and Facebook page, Quick Hit and in the local papers.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, January 4, 2019

#### Award Nomination Criteria is as follows:

- Business Operations: Activity that exemplifies community leadership and/or exceptional customer service in a retail, service or manufacturing business.
- Civic Chamber Support: Activity or contribution which is above and beyond the call of Chamber membership and which helped the Rockford Chamber of Commerce in some significant way.
- Economic Development: Activity that resulted in the creation of jobs or an increase in wealth or capital investment in the Rockford Area.
- Education: Development or participation in training and education programs resulting in a better-trained workforce either currently or for the future.
- Humanitarian Efforts: Activities or significant contributions that resulted in the improvement of human conditions anywhere in the world.
- Quality of Life: Coordination of any local project or activity that improved the quality of life for residents of the Greater Rockford community.
- New Business: A business that has opened within the past 24 months.

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Byrne Industrial Specialists, Inc. ~ Wolverine World Wide, Inc.

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NOMINATION FORM

*Please check category below*

Category:  Business of the Year       New Business

Nominee's Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

On a single separate sheet of paper, please provide a detailed description of the nominee's contributions. Explain when and under what circumstances these contributions were made. Please provide as much detailed information as possible including volunteer commitments. Please provide as many incidents of contributions as you can. The judges' decision shall be final. Complete and return form to Linda Southwick, Rockford Chamber of Commerce, 17 S. Monroe St., Rockford MI 49341; fax at (616) 866-2141; or via email to [execdir@rockfordmichamber.com](mailto:execdir@rockfordmichamber.com).

Nomination forms must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday, January 4, 2019

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