



BUSINESS AWARDS
& HALL OF FAME

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Recipients Announced for Greater Mankato Business Awards & Hall of Fame

MANKATO Minn. (October 26, 2010) – Many of our community's most outstanding organizations and individuals will be honored at the Greater Mankato Business Awards & Hall of Fame on Tuesday, **November 16** from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the Verizon Wireless Center.

The premier honorees at the event are the Greater Mankato Distinguished Business Award recipient and Greater Mankato Business Hall of Fame Inductees. The Distinguished Business Award honors vibrant organizations that have been in business in the Greater Mankato region for 3-10. The Greater Mankato Business Hall of Fame honors established organizations that have been contributing to Greater Mankato's vitality for 10 or more years. This year's honorees are:

Greater Mankato Distinguished Business Award Recipient:

LIV Aveda Salon & Spa

Greater Mankato Business Hall of Fame Inductees:

Abdo, Eick & Meyers LLP and Mankato Independent Originals.

Greater Mankato Growth, and its affiliates the Greater Mankato Convention & Visitors Bureau and City Center Partnership, will also be presenting other awards at the event:

Greater Mankato Growth Awards:

Brian Fazio Business Education Partnership Award: YWCA Girls on the Run

Young Professional of the Year: Nicole Schroeder

Greater Mankato Growth Volunteer of the Year: Joy Kelley

Greater Mankato Convention & Visitors Bureau Awards:

Hospitality Award: Wow! Zone

Bring it Home Award: Laurapalooza

Greater Mankato Convention & Visitors Bureau Volunteers of the Year: DeeDra Vosburg, Chris Schull and Chris Dehning

City Center Partnership CityDesign Awards of Excellence:

Renovation under \$1M: Number 4 American Bar & Kitchen (Owners: Christopher Person, Patrick Person & Natasha O'Hara; Architect: Paulsen Architects)

Renovation \$1-\$3M: The Graif Building (Owner: Neubau Holdings, LLC; Architect: Paulsen Architects)

New Construction \$2-5M: MinnStar Bank (Owner: MinnStar Bank; Architect: R.L. Engebretson Architects)

New Construction over \$5M: Hilton Garden Inn (Owners: Curt Fisher and Bruce Paradis; Architect: Paulsen Architects)

Facade Improvement: Two Rivers Place (Owners: Kim Schwickert and Kent Schwickert; Architect: Paulsen Architects)

Downtown Detail: Pita Pit (Owner: JoRae Galli; Architect: Brunton Architects)

Major sponsors of the 2010 Greater Mankato Business Awards & Hall of Fame on November 16 are Angie's Kettle Corn, Minnesota Pork Board, MTU Onsite Energy, Studio 12, United Prairie Bank and Voyager Bank. For more information on the event, including ticket information, visit greatermankato.com/businessawards.php.

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