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County Executive



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**Executive Award Winners & Keynote Speaker Announced**

WAUKESHA – County Executive Dan Vrakas is pleased to announce the 2008 County Executive Award winners for the excellence that they demonstrate as a successful organization in the community:

**MLG**

Business of the Year

**Frett/Barrington Ltd.**

Honorable Mention for Business of the Year

**Waukesha County Technical College**

Government Agency of the Year

**ProHealth Care**

Large Non-Profit of the Year (annual operating budget of \$500,001 or more)

**Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.**

Honorable Mention for Large Non-Profit of the Year

**Mukwonago Food Pantry**

Small Non-Profit of the Year (annual operating budget of \$500,000 or less)

An independent panel of judges, which includes business executives, community leaders and past award winners, selects award recipients each year. Due to the number of exceptional award applications that were received in 2008, these volunteers decided to give Frett/Barrington Ltd. and Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc. special recognition by providing them with “honorable mention” status for their commitment to excellence.

“Forbes just named Waukesha County as the eighth best county to raise a family in the U.S.,” says Vrakas. “It’s because of award winners such as these, and many others, that continue to make Waukesha County a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.”

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The winners will be honored at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual County Executive Awards Luncheon at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha on Thursday, October 16. Registration will start at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12 p.m.

Todd A. Berry, President of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance (WISTAX), will be the distinguished keynote speaker. Mr. Berry has been with this privately funded and widely respected nonpartisan organization dedicated to improving government through public policy research and citizen education since 1994. Prior to joining WISTAX, he combined private business experience with service in state and local government. For 10 years, he was a marketing executive for one of the state’s oldest food manufacturers. In the late seventies and early eighties, he was Wisconsin’s Assistant Secretary of Revenue and Executive Director of the Tax Reform Commission. An honors graduate of UW-Madison, Berry holds master’s degrees from Harvard University and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

This event would not be possible without the generous support from event sponsors US Bank and FOX6 News. US Bank provides the Large Non-Profit of the Year with a \$5,000 grant and the Small Non-Profit of the Year with a \$2,000 grant. FOX6 News makes it possible for Brad Hicks, news anchor/reporter, to preside over the event as master of ceremonies.

Reservations for the event are required and can be made for \$40.00 per person. Corporate tables of 10 are available for \$400.00. For more information about the luncheon or to make a reservation, please contact Shirlene Hazelberg in the County Executive’s Office at (262) 548-7902.

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