



Press Release

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#### **NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR CLERMONT CHAMBER PACESETTER AWARDS**

Do you know an individual, business or former public official that was a "Pacesetter" in 2008? The Clermont Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that nominations are being accepted for the prestigious Edward J. Parish Individual Pacesetter Award, the Corporate Pacesetter Award and the Martha Dorsey Public Servant Pacesetter Award. Presented annually at the Chamber of Commerce Pacesetter Awards Dinner in November, the Pacesetters are selected from nominations submitted from the chamber membership and the community, on the basis of character, citizenship, leadership and a genuine concern for the welfare of Clermont County. Please review the qualifications for each award and take a moment to nominate a Chamber member for one of these prestigious awards.

#### **Award Criteria**

The Edward J. Parish Pacesetter shall be a living person who:

- Is a member of the business community, and whose business is a member of the Clermont Chamber of Commerce,
- Performs services for the county, which are voluntary, continued and devoted in nature and/or promotes a business culture in which community support is encouraged,
- Has attained professional, business or civic distinction at local, state, national or international levels,
- Has held multiple leadership positions within business and civic organizations,
- Has brought favorable attention to the community and/or business through his or her accomplishments.

The Corporate Pacesetter shall be a company that:

- Currently conducts business in and is physically located in the geographic borders of Clermont County, and is a member of the Clermont Chamber of Commerce,
- Has demonstrated a business culture that promotes volunteerism and continued community support that other companies can model for success,
- Has brought favorable attention to the community and/or business through its accomplishments.

The Martha Dorsey Public Servant Pacesetter shall be an elected or non-elected public official, not currently serving or a candidate to serve, whom:

- Represents Clermont County,
- Has demonstrated leadership that has improved the economic vitality of Clermont County,
- Has brought favorable attention to the community through his or her accomplishments.

To make a nomination contact the Clermont Chamber of Commerce via telephone at 576-5000 or download the nomination form from our website, [www.clermontchamber.com](http://www.clermontchamber.com). Nominations must be received no later than August 14, 2009. The Clermont Chamber Annual Pacesetter Awards Dinner will be held on November 5, 2009.

*Founded in 1969, the Clermont Chamber of Commerce promotes local and regional business through business attraction, retention & expansion, educational and networking opportunities, business consulting assistance and business advocacy for the over 1000 Clermont Chamber Members. Find us at [www.clermontchamber.com](http://www.clermontchamber.com). The President of the Clermont Chamber of Commerce is Matthew D. Van Sant, and the Chairman of the Board is Chip Gerhardt of Government Strategies Group, LLC.*