



NAIOP Northern Ohio Chapter announces Awards of Excellence: Business notebook

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Fifth Third Bank received a Gallup Great Workplace Award, which recognizes the best-performing work forces in the world.

The following companies won Awards of Excellence from the NAIOP Northern Ohio Chapter: **Allegro Real Advisors; CB Richard Ellis; city of Cleveland; Cohen & Co.; Crescendo Commercial Realty; Cresco Real Estate; First American National Commercial Services; Geis Cos.; Graystone Properties; JDN Properties LLC; Ostendorf-Morris Co.; Premier Development Partners; The Krill Co Inc.; Vocon; Weber Murphy Fox;** and **Wolstein Group**. The program recognizes the best projects, real estate transactions and individual performance in the commercial real estate industry in Northern Ohio.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Finalists are **Joseph Zeno**, ACS Industries, Inc.; **Joel Adelman**, Advance Payroll Funding Ltd.; **Jeffrey Friedman**, Associated Estates Realty Corp.; **James Pshock**, Bravo Wellness LLC; **Bernie Moreno**, Collection Auto Group; **Jonathan Ransom**, Environmental Management Specialists Inc.; **Scot Lowry**, Fathom Online Marketing; **Paul Greig**, FirstMerit Corp.; **John Palazzo**, Frontline International Inc.; **David Gilbert**, Greater Cleveland Sports Commission; **Dennis Allen**, Hattie Larlham; **David Simpson**, Hospice of the Western Reserve; **Dennis Nash** and **Carl Young**, Kenan Advantage Group; **Roy Church**, Lorain County Community College; **Scott Balogh** and **Steve Balogh**, Mar-Bal Inc.; **Dennis Stripe**, OrthoHelix Surgical Designs Inc.; **Robert Ruhlman**, Preformed Line Products; **C. Kevin McComas**, Remington Products Co.; **Barry Cik**, Safe for Home Products LLC; **Mark Sandridge**, Sandridge Food Corp.; **Frederick DiSanto**, the Ancora Group; **Jeffrey Evans**, the Will-Burt Co.; and **Kris Snyder**, Vox Mobile.

PHILANTHROPY

Eight Ohio egg farmers and the family farmers who grow for them will donate 1,004,400 eggs, an estimated retail value of more than \$116,000, to be provided to local hunger charities through the Ohio Association of

Second Harvest Foodbanks network of 12 regional foodbanks. Those participating in the donation program are **Ohio Fresh Eggs** of Croton; **Hillandale Farms** of Akron; **Ft. Recovery Equity** of Fort Recovery; **Hemmelgarn & Sons Inc.** of Coldwater; **Hertzfeld Poultry Farms** of Grand Rapids; **Weaver Brothers Inc.** of Versailles; **Rindler Poultry** of St. Henry; and **Cal-Maine Farms** of Rossburg.

FINANCING

Cuyahoga County awarded economic development loans to two businesses:

- **Audio Video Interiors Inc.**, \$500,000, 2 percent interest for 15 years, to move from Medina County to Middleburg Heights, bringing 28 jobs and adding five over three years.
- **MB&W Collections Inc.**, \$500,000, 2 percent interest for 15 years, to create 75 jobs in Middleburg Heights over three years.

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