



## Press Release

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### La Porte Chamber Salutes Area Businesses

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce awarded 18 area businesses with the Gold Salute to Business Award at a luncheon on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Keynote address was given by Hodge Patel, District Director to U.S. Congressman Joe Donnelly.

The event was developed five years ago as a way to honor Chamber member businesses that complete the Salute to Business survey and have had an increase in employment, reached a milestone in years of service, or made a capital investment in their business.

Businesses awarded were ATI Casting Service, B & B Manufacturing, Brentwood Assisted Living Community, Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad, Clear Stamp, Custom Cabinets and Woodwork, Grand Heritage Federal Credit Union, Golden LivingCenter – La Porte, Howes & Howes, La Porte Community Federal Credit Union, La Porte County Broadcasting, La Porte Insurance Agency, La Porte Regional Health System, La Porte Savings Bank, Larson-Danielson Construction Company, Outlook Cove, Packaging Logic, Inc., and Thermco Instrument Corporation.

The La Porte Family YMCA was awarded the prestigious Corporate Citizen of the Year Award for their continued support of the community. They participate each year in the Jaycees 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Sunflower Fair and Santa Parade. Many of their employees are involved in various service groups such as Kiwanis, Jaycees and Rotary. The La Porte Family YMCA, persistently, instills four core values into their organization which are: honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring. "This organization really believes strongly in community involvement and certainly has a strong presence in La Porte," stated Chamber President Michael Seitz.

Of the surveyed La Porte Chamber of Commerce members it was projected in 2009 there will be 232 new jobs added with an estimated \$37 million in capital investments being made to their businesses.

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce is a member driven, 501C6 non-profit business organization and represent nearly 400 members, approximately 19,000 employees. For further information contact the Chamber at (219) 362-3178 or visit online at [www.lpchamber.com](http://www.lpchamber.com).

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**Caption:** Chamber President Michael Seitz (left) and Chamber Chairman Jay Williams, Briar Leaf Golf Club (right) present Bonnie Miller, The La Porte Family YMCA, with the Salute to Business Corporate Citizen of the Year Award.