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# Athena Award

On January 20, 2011, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Lloyd Ganton Retirement Centers, Inc. will present the prestigious ATHENA Award to an individual who has attained and embodies the highest level of professional excellence in his/her profession, has devoted time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community and actively assists women in realizing their leadership potential. ATHENA is an international non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, developing and honoring women leaders, inspiring women to achieve their full potential. We need your help in identifying potential recipients. Within your organization there are undoubtedly individuals who are outstanding professional and community leaders. We encourage you to use this ATHENA Award nomination form to let us know who they are. **DEADLINE September 1, 2010**

Through this program, we hope to build awareness of and honor the valuable contributions being made by women and men in our business and professional community. Please call the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce office for more information at 517-782-8221.

## Criteria

The ATHENA Award actively supports and celebrates the ATHENA mission of supporting, developing and honoring women leaders, inspiring women to achieve their full potential, creating balance in leadership worldwide. The ATHENA Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and forge paths of leadership for women to follow.

### ATHENA Award Recipients are individuals who:

1. Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession
2. Provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in their community
3. Actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential



# The Process

Nominations for the ATHENA Award must be submitted using the nomination form below.

Nominations may include (1) one additional page of supporting documents. The information submitted should support the award criteria of achievement, leadership and service.

The process of awarding the ATHENA Recipient is done by a selection committee consisting of a diverse group of leaders from the Jackson community that will review all nomination forms and select the ATHENA Award Recipient.

The ATHENA Award Recipient will be announced: **January 20, 2011 at the Chamber's Annual Meeting at Jackson Community College Potter Center.**

# Nomination

**Complete the information below and return to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce office**

**141 S. Jackson St., Jackson, MI 49201 by September 1, 2010**

The Chamber will contact your nominee for further information. Please write a short paragraph on why your nomination deserves this honor and submit with this form.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Past ATHENA Award Recipients

2010 – Cheri Lyn Deary; 2009 - Patricia L. Anderson; 2008 - Kathryn Keersmaekers; 2007 - Nancy Cerqueira; 2006 - Faith F. Small; 2005 - Nancy Miller; 2004 - Many Otis; 2003 - Judith Ganton; 2002 - Margaret Eaton; 2001 - Carolyn Bloodworth; 2000 - Ila Smith; 1999 - Sandy Petykiewicz; 1998 - Connie Poisson; 1997 - Patricia Willis; 1996 - Sandra Austin; 1995 - Elaine Truman; 1994 - Audrey Vohlken; 1993 - Rosemarie Herbert; 1992 - Delores Jackson; 1991 - Carlene Walz-Lefere; 1990 - Carol F. Kobert; 1989 - Linda M. Furgason; 1988 - Carol Moss-Cash; 1987 - Shirley Zeller; 1986 - Elaine Lewis

\* **Year is when the recipient was given the award**