

Presenting the 2015 Corporate Caring Awards honorees

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Columbus Business First's 18th annual Corporate Caring Awards were announced June 18.

The honorees for *Columbus Business First's* 18th annual Corporate Caring Awards have been named. The program recognizes companies that are dedicating their resources to a variety of nonprofit organizations.

The honorees were announced today during a sold-out luncheon event at the Hilton Polaris. They were named in categories including: arts, education, environmental, health, human services and Benefactor of the Year.

As the keynote, Jeni Britton Bauer, founder of Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, participated in a Q&A with Columbus Foundation's Doug Kridler. You can find out what she said by reading reporter Dan Eaton's coverage.



To learn more about this year's honorees, [click here](#). And [click here to see photos](#) from the June 18 event.

Use the hashtag #CorporateCaring when discussing the event on social media.

The 2015 honorees are broken into three categories, determined by employee count:

Large Companies:

- Safelite AutoGlass
- Park National Bank
- Roosters and Roosters Foundation
- Covelli Enterprises/Panera Bread

Medium Companies:

- Advanced Drainage Systems Inc.
- Lake Shore Cryotronics Inc.
- Manheim Ohio
- GOSH Enterprises

Small Companies:

- Cybervation, Inc.
- GreenScapes Landscape Co. Inc.
- Rockbridge
- Champion Real Estate Services

The Benefactor of the Year award went to White Castle System Inc.

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Roosters doesn't hold a meeting at the beginning of the year to determine how much money it's going to donate to different causes.

The company and its namesake foundation prefer to see what needs surface and what causes move associates, said Nicole Cox, director of marketing and public relations.

"We just give as the opportunities arise and to the people that mean a lot to us," she said.



Roosters employees present \$75,000 to Buckeye Cruise for Cancer.

One constant in the giving program is the Roosters Charitable Golf Outing, which last year raised \$100,000 for Buckeye Cruise. Money donated to the cruise supports the Urban and Shelley Meyer Fund for Cancer Research that ultimately benefits the James Cancer Center and Solove Research Institute at Ohio State University, Cox said. Everyone in the organization feels good about supporting the James because so many people have been touched by cancer, she said.



Dan Ponton, Roosters

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The donations help researchers at the James look for cancer cures, wrote Dr. Michael Caligiuri, CEO of the hospital and research center director, in a letter thanking the foundation for its support.

“It enables us to research new ways to detect cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages,” he wrote. “It helps us develop more effective, targeted treatments, and best yet, ways to predict, pre-empt and prevent it from occurring in the first place.”

The organization’s other annual giving program is the Roosters Fun Card Program, which benefits local schools, youth sports teams and nonprofit organizations. Organizations sell the cards – which give holders a 10 percent discount at Roosters for an entire year – for \$10. The sellers keep all of the profits from the card sales. The effort in 2014 raised \$800,000 for area nonprofits.

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