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**Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches Announces
2007 Business Awards Winners**

West Palm Beach, FL — The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches is pleased to announce the Community Leader of the Year and the winners of its 2007 Business Awards, sponsored by Regions Bank. Each year, the Chamber recognizes individuals in four categories for their contributions and dedication to the business community. These categories include Small Business Person of the Year, Business of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, and Health Care Heroes®, sponsored by AXA Advisors. Winners were announced at the Business Awards Breakfast on May 17 at 7:45 a.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

The winner of the Small Business Person of the Year is Jane Bloom, Ink & Toner USA; Jane Bloom is President and Chief Executive Officer of INK & TONER USA, LLC, an ink and toner discount retail store headquartered in West Palm Beach, Florida. Since launching INK & TONER USA in April 2004 with her husband Bob, the company has grown to be among the most successful stores of its kind in the United States.



(Left to right) Val Perez, Regions Bank, Palm Beach County City President; Jane Bloom, Ink & Toner USA; Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches Chair Wendy Sartory Link, Ackerman Link & Sartory; Chuck Gerardi, General Manager, The Palm Beach Post

The winner of the Business of the Year Award is Schwarzberg Spector Duke & Rogers. Schwarzberg Spector Duke & Rogers is a litigation boutique focused on employment law defense and complex commercial litigation, having established one of the largest gatherings of employment law defense counsel in Palm Beach County. Several of the firm's attorneys serve in leadership roles on boards, committees and other charitable and civic organizations.

The winner of the Non-Profit of the Year is Quantum House. Quantum House provides a *caring place to call home* for families while their children are being treated for a serious medical condition, located on the St. Mary's Medical Center campus.

Quantum House relieves the stress and financial hardship that are often added to the trauma of illness. Guests staying at the House pay a nominal fee to help with operating costs – but no one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

The winner of the Health Care Heroes® award, presented by AXA Advisors, is Dr. David Kanter. The prospect of performing delicate procedures on extremely small patients is what first attracted David Kanter, MD, to the field of Neonatology 25 years ago. Since that time, he has made an enormous impact on thousands of tiny babies through St. Mary's Medical Center's Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) that he helped establish and develop.

As the NICU Medical Director, Dr. Kanter supervises the care of as many as 45 babies, some as small as one pound, on a daily basis. Dr. Kanter is considered a top resource in his field and he serves on the St. Mary's Quality Improvement Committee as well as the Palm Beach County and Florida Infant Mortality Review Committees. In addition, he was recently invited to join the Board of Directors for March of Dimes of Palm Beach County.

In addition to his leadership role at St. Mary's, Dr. Kanter is part of a national group of neonatologists, operated by Pediatrix Medical Group, in which he plays a significant role in newborn data studies that help enhance neonatal care on a global basis through the development of best practice guidelines.

The Community Leader of the Year for 2007 is Byron Russell, Cheney Brothers. The recipient of this award is chosen by the Chamber's Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. Criteria is based on demonstrated active participation in Chamber activities, economic impact to Palm Beach County, and commitment to community involvement.

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