

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

HEALING NATURALLY

A "one person" operation, Healing Naturally provides guidance and the tools needed for her customers to live a healthier lifestyle. She treats customers "from the inside out" and has a passion for healthy living and stress management. Owner, Abby Lewis, provided transportation to Fishes & Loaves for those in need. She also gave free massages to women at The Hiding Place this past Mother's Day.

LILLEY'S LANDING

A family owned resort and marina since 1983, Lilley's Landing offers guided fishing trips on Lake Taneycomo, and plays host to several fishing tournaments. As a family, they support many local not-for-profit organizations and church functions. Lilley's Landing is a member of the Branson Chamber/CVB, and is a past recipient of the Chamber's Community Spirit Award for their assistance to a neighboring resort during a difficult time.

LUIGI'S PIZZA KITCHEN

Founded in 1998, Luigi's opened with a mission to bring St. Louis style pizza to the Ozarks. It is an independent, family owned and operated restaurant. Luigi's owner, Chris Jordan, is highly involved in the community, offering Thanksgiving dinner to those in need. He also serves on the BLACC/CVB Board of Directors and supports many local charities and community programs. A good example of Luigi's caring for the community is their pizza eating contest benefiting the Breast Cancer foundation of the Ozarks.

LYNINA INN

Opened in 1997, the Lynina Inn was purchased by Henry & Ginger MacKiewicz in 2007. The new owners improved the occupancy rate by 21% since August of 2007. The extensively upgraded the property and added many amenities. Lynina Inn supports Christian Action Ministries and the Taney County Health Department, as well as participating in phone book recycling and the Branson Lakes Area Lodging Association.

NEWSOMCREATIVE

NewsomCreative has provided web services for many area organizations with a customer friendly approach, taking the time to teach a better understanding of operating and marketing websites. They recently added photography to their list of web services. Owners Mark and Pennie Newsom are very active in the community, particularly with the BLACC/CVB, including the Great American Pie Show and the recent 50th Anniversary of Table Rock Dam. Pennie is also a member of the BLACC/CVB's Small Business Development Advisory Council.

PURE SALON & SPA

Opened in 2008, Pure Salon & Spa marketed their new business just as the economy took a downturn. They offered monthly specials and used radio advertising to introduce the Branson market to their innovative services. Although they only hire highly qualified stylists, they continue to training them to keep up with trends. They are actively involved with the Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks.

TITANIC - BRANSON

A unique attraction that opened in Branson in 2006, Titanic provides an enjoyable as well as education experience for their guests. Owners, John & Mary Joslyn, pay attention to every detail of the Titanic experience, including the period attire of their employees. The Joslyns are very active in several community organizations including the BLACC/CVB, Skaggs Foundation, and individual events and festivals. Mary Kellog Joslyn was instrumental in the creation of the recent Great American Pie Show.

CHARITY OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

CHRISTIAN ACTION MINISTRIES

Christian Action Ministries (CAM) was organized in 1984 by eleven churches and various community members in order to provide a central location for food distribution. As a result of this coalition, the CAM Food Pantry opened its doors in March of 1985. Through the years, CAM has expanded services to include emergency rent and utilities assistance, and manages several programs to clothe children and provide career wear for those in need. In 2008, CAM provided food and resources to 4,376 families, totaling 11,686 individuals. CAM staff, headed by director Joan Westfall, is very active with BLACC/CVB and other community organizations.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF TABLE ROCK LAKE

Founded in 1975, Christian Associates' mission is to compassionately provide immediate and responsive assistance to those in crisis or need. The organization seeks to help those who have been victimized by domestic violence or other violent crime, as well as low-income families in Stone and Taney Counties. They operate Harbor House, a shelter to protect victims from further abuse and help them plan for a new life. Christian Associates also operates a thrift shop that provides clothing, furniture and household items at low cost. The organization supports, and coordinates services with, many organizations in Stone and Taney Counties.

JACOB'S HOUSE AT THUNDER RANCH

Operating since 2000, Jacob's House provides children with housing, meals, clothing, and educational supplies as well as medical, emotional, and developmental support. The organization is committed to rescuing abused and neglected children. Thunder Ranch, where Jacob's House operates, was founded by Tim Hill Ministries. Executive director, Penny Robichaux, first began her efforts to help abandoned children and adolescents 17 years ago in Texas. Recently, Jacob's House opened "Cowboy Kidz Kamp" for sleep-overs and a variety of activities including trail rides and campfire cooking.

OPTIONS PREGNANCY CLINIC

In 1993, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Services was founded in the Branson area. In 2003 after the ministry became a medical clinic offering ultrasound and other services, the organization's name changed to Options Pregnancy Clinic. The clinic has helped to reduce the number of children born with low birth weights, and reduce the number of children placed in foster care by providing parenting education. Men and women alike receive free and confidential services from the clinic. Area churches also benefit from their work to extend the church's ministry, working closely with 37 churches through a volunteer liaison program.

TANTONE INDUSTRIES

Tantone Industries was founded in 1977 to serve adult individuals with fundamental disabilities, and continues to provide meaningful work with the facility and in the community. In addition to providing productive work and social interaction for at least 56 adults with disabilities, Tantone provides valuable, affordable labor to many businesses in the community. An additional community services provided by the organization is the collecting of cardboard and paper for recycling. The only organization of its kind in Taney and Stone Counties, Tantone Industries advocates for the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.