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## **BBB Presents Community Honor To Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce**

DAYTON, OHIO, April 26, 2017 - Better Business Bureau serving Dayton and the Miami Valley is pleased to announce the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce will be the recipient of your BBB's seventh annual Community Honor Award. This highly-regarded organization will receive the distinguished honor at your BBB's Eclipse Integrity Awards on Tuesday, May 9 at David H. Ponitz Sinclair Center, 444 W. Third St., Bldg. 12, Dayton.

The Community Honor Award was established in 2011 to honor a community-based government, nonprofit or education organization with a proven commitment to improving all aspects of life in the Miami Valley. It spotlights the honoree's efforts to realize not only its own mission, but its role in making the Miami Valley a thriving community, taking care of its citizens – individuals and organizations. The honoree enhances the Miami Valley marketplace by offering its own tangible and intangible resources, making a positive impact on the evolution of the Miami Valley and the betterment of its people and industries. It demonstrates a passion for and progress towards improving the quality of life. This honor is reserved for an organization, which has shown stamina, steadfast determination and truly innovative ways of giving back to the community.

Since its founding in 1907 by John H. Patterson, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is a perfect reflection of the award's definition. Its mission is to strengthen, promote and advocate for its member businesses and the region's economy. Throughout its history, it's been a champion for the region as is evident in its involvement in building five new dams after the 1913 flood, its work in forming Wright State University and Sinclair Community College, completion of I-675, convincing Congress that Dayton would be ideal for the government's aeronautical research and development center or the formation of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park. The Chamber models excellence for others to follow as it succeeds in being a US Chamber of Commerce with Five Star Accreditation year after year. It helps develop our community's leaders through its Leadership Dayton and Generation Dayton programs. It also supports a wide variety of organizations philanthropically, such as the Dayton Metro Library, Culture Works, United Way of Greater Dayton and Miami Valley Military Affairs Association. It gives area businesses a central, unified voice.

John North, president and CEO of the BBB serving Dayton and the Miami Valley, shares, "The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce makes our region a better place to live, work and play. Its core values - Diversity, Advocacy, Collaboration and Courage - have driven it to bridge the gaps between our businesses, nonprofits and government entities. As the Chamber was instrumental in developing our local BBB, we are excited to recognize it with our Community Honor."

Phillip L. Parker, CAE, CCE, president and CEO of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, "The Chamber, during its 110th year of service, is honored to receive this year's Better Business Bureau's Community

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Honor. We were founded by John H. Patterson to serve our community and this award highlights our long-term community leadership and involvement.”

The public is invited to join us at the Eclipse Integrity Awards to celebrate the efforts of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. You can reserve a table of eight for \$999 or reserve individual tickets for \$99 per person. To make your reservations, call (937) 610-2277.

The Eclipse Integrity Awards are sponsored by many local organizations, including The Dayton Power and Light Company; WesBanco Bank, Inc.; Back To Business IT; WDTN-TV; Cox Media Group Ohio; and iHeart Radio.

***About Your BBB Serving Dayton and the Miami Valley***

For more than 100 years, Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust. In 2014, people turned to BBB more than 165 million times for BBB Business Reviews on more than 4.7 million businesses and Charity Reports on 11,000 charities, all available for free at [bbb.org](http://bbb.org). BBB serving Dayton and the Miami Valley is one of 113 local, independent BBBs across the United States, Canada and Mexico. BBB serving Dayton and the Miami Valley serves seven and half Ohio counties, including Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby and northern Warren counties. Your Dayton-based BBB is unique in that it provides business solutions and consumer services in specialized areas to other BBBs, businesses and consumers. It remains focused on the Miami Valley, but through these key products and services, it is an international organization.

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