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do good Consulting Named Chamber Small Business of the Year

The Champaign County Chamber of Commerce named do good Consulting as its 2009 Small Business of the Year on Friday, October 2. The announcement was made at the Chamber Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign.

Under the direction of Laura Huth, do good Consulting specializes in helping to grow small to mid-sized not-for-profit organizations that serve the needs of the community, and has helped strengthen more than 40 local not-for-profits and small businesses in the region.

do good Consulting started in a tiny bedroom office in the owner's home in 2006. The company quickly outgrew that space and moved to a professional, public office in Urbana. Since its inception, do good's revenues have increased by 400 percent and the number of clients served has increased by 375 percent. In mid-2009, do good opened a Chicago regional office, making its Champaign County office the organization's Illinois headquarters.

"Not-for-profit organizations play a vital role in our community and Laura Huth, president and founder of do good Consulting recognized this," says Laura Weis, president and CEO of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. "She found a way to develop a business of her own that helps to enhance the services and products that not-for-profits offer their clients and customers. Her company helps to strengthen our not-for-profits and small businesses, and while her clients have grown, do good Consulting has grown right along with them through an increase in their client base, revenue and workforce. Given our recent economic environment, this is certainly an achievement worth recognizing."

Past recipients of the Small Business of the Year Award include: Opportunity Specialists, Inc. (1994), UpClose Printing (1995), Norrell Services (now Spherion) (1996), The Herriott Group (1997), Flightstar Corp. (1998), The Lewis Insurance Store (now Dimond Bros. Agency) (1999), Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates (2000), Twin City Tent & Awning (2001), Curtis Orchard, Ltd. (2002), Mettler Center, LLC (2003), Ragle Dental Laboratory (2004), Browne's Fine Jewelry (2005), Benefit Planning Consultants (2006), Chief/Bauer Heating and Air Conditioning (2007) and Common Ground Food Co-op (2008).

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