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## Winner of “Final Four” Announced

Sharonville, Ohio: The Sharonville Chamber of Commerce today announced the 2007 winners of its two most prestigious awards.

“We began soliciting nominees for the *2007 Business Person of the Year* and the *2007 Sharonville Chamber Award* about 2-months ago,” said Chamber President Rich Arnold “and we couldn’t have been more pleased with the quality and quantity of nominees we received. As difficult as it was to get to the “final Four,” the caliber of the nominees made it excruciatingly difficult to pick a winner.”

The *2007 Business Person of the Year* award was presented to Barbara Scull, President of the Alleen Company. “She deserves this award for her numerous contributions over many years to the benefit of her business, our Chamber, and the Sharonville community,” said Arnold. Following the ceremony Scull said “I’m still in shock. This is such an honor. I’m thrilled for our company and very proud to have been recognized by the Chamber.”

(See attached photo)

The Sharonville Fine Arts Council garnered the *2007 Sharonville Chamber Award*. “By implementing a comprehensive arts and cultural initiative,” said Arnold “they have made a significant contribution to the community. They have added appeal and improved the quality of life in Sharonville and the surrounding region – and we salute them.”

“This is the frosting on the cake,” said Gayla Price, Fine Arts Council Board member and PNC branch manager. She continued saying “we have worked hard. We experienced great days and a few difficult days, but we never lost our vision and zeal for this project. We are all very proud of what we accomplished in 2007, yet humbled by the Chamber’s recognition of our impact ... thank-you Sharonville Chamber!”

(See attached photo)

Winners were announced today during the Chamber’s Recognition and Annual Lunch Meeting. During the meeting Chamber sponsors and committee members were recognized for their volunteer contributions in 2007, and heard a presentation about

*Angel Flights*, a non-profit charitable organization of pilots, volunteers, and friends, who arrange free air transportation for any legitimate, charitable, medically related need (<http://www.angelflight.com>).

The *2007 Business Person of the Year* is presented to the Chamber member who has contributed significantly to a business breakthrough or outstanding achievement in the growth of sales, innovation, excellence in leadership, increased productivity, and has demonstrated good business citizenship.

**Barbara Scull** is the President of the Alleen Company, the largest tent and canopy selection in the Tri-State area. Alleen also offers an enormous selection of tables, chairs, linens, china, flatware, serving dishes, grills, cookers, and much more. Through Barbara's leadership the company has grown and serves as the sponsor of the Sharonville Holiday in Lights – an annual tradition drawing revelers from around the region. (<http://alleencompany.com>)

The *2007 Sharonville Chamber Award* is presented to the person or organization who has contributed significantly to Sharonville community, and as a result the businesses and people of Sharonville are better off; has added appeal and improved quality of life; has made Sharonville a more rounded, active, diverse, attractive community.

**Sharonville Fine Arts Council** mission is to implement a comprehensive arts and cultural initiative for the City of Sharonville and the surrounding region. They have a 5-prong program: 1) Art Gallery, 2) Artist Studios, 3) Art Education Center 4) Live Performance Theater, and 5) Children's Sculpture Garden is at the same time physically revitalizing to the area while leading the way culturally to a broader, diverse and contemporary community. (<http://sharonvillefinearts.com>)

The Sharonville Chamber is dedicated to helping its members grow and prosper. In October the Chamber announced its Grand Re-opening with the first professional staff to lead the organization forward and to announce a historic agreement between the Sharonville Chamber of Commerce, Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, and the City of Sharonville focusing their collective expertise on the Sharonville business community.